

# FAST RESPONSE CUTTER



## Acquisition Directorate

### CHARACTERISTICS

Length:	154 feet
Beam:	25 feet
Draft:	9 feet 6 inches
Displacement:	353 long tons
Maximum Speed:	28+ knots
Range:	2,500 nautical miles
Base Endurance:	five days



Coast Guard Cutter Angela McShan



### FEATURES

- Enhanced response time with a top speed of at least 28 knots
- Stabilized 25-mm machine gun mount and four crew-served .50-caliber machine guns
- Fully interoperable command and control systems with Coast Guard existing and future assets and with the departments of Homeland Security and Defense
- Standardized over the horizon IV cutter boat with stern launch capabilities

*“The fast response cutters are the mainstay of the Coast Guard’s coastal patrol fleet, providing multi-mission capabilities and interagency interoperability.”*

– Adm. Karl Schultz,  
commandant of the Coast Guard

For updates on the FRC, visit the program’s website at [www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/Fast-Response-Cutters/](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/Fast-Response-Cutters/)

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is designed for multiple missions, including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The Coast Guard has ordered 60 FRCs to date and plans to acquire a fleet of 64 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The total value of Phase 2 of the contract is currently approximately \$1.48 billion; it has a total potential value of \$1.74 billion if all options are exercised. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; over the horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved

habitability and seakeeping. Thirty-eight FRCs are stationed throughout the United States: Six each are in Miami and Key West, Florida; seven in San Juan, Puerto Rico; four in San Pedro, California; two in Ketchikan, Alaska; three in Cape May, New Jersey; three in Honolulu, Hawaii; three in Pascagoula, Mississippi; three in Galveston, Texas; and two in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Two FRCs will be commissioned later this year in their homeport of Guam. Future FRC homeports include Astoria, Oregon; St Petersburg, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Kodiak, Seward and Sitka, Alaska; and Manama, Bahrain.

Mission execution begins *here*.

