



Coast Guard Cutter Margaret Norvell, the Miami-based FRC shown above, recently interdicted a go-fast vessel carrying 18 bales of cocaine in waters south of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Exercises Contract Option For Fast Response Cutters 31 And 32

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The Coast Guard today exercised a contract option with Bollinger Shipyards LLC of Lockport, Louisiana, for the procurement of two Sentinel-class fast response cutters. This brings the total number of FRCs ordered to 32 and completes phase I of the FRC acquisition strategy. The value of the option is \$79.21 million, bringing the total value of the contract to \$1.48 billion.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace its 1980s-era 110-foot patrol boats and upgrade its capabilities necessary for missions such as drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. Each FRC is 154 feet long, can travel at speeds of at least 28 knots, and has a range of 2,950 nautical miles and endurance for five days. Each ship features improved seakeeping and habitability as well as new command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment.

Twelve FRCs have been delivered to the Coast Guard. Six FRCs are in service in Miami; five are in service in Key West, Florida. The 12th FRC, Isaac Mayo, is scheduled for commissioning on March 28, 2015, at its homeport of Key West.