



Lt. Ginny R. Nadolny, commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter Isaac Mayo, stands at the cutter's stern before its commissioning March 28, 2015, at Sector Key West, Florida. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Marilyn Fajardo.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Commissions 12th Fast Response Cutter

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The Coast Guard commissioned Isaac Mayo, the 12th fast response cutter and sixth to be based in Key West, Florida, March 28, 2015.

Lt. Ginny R. Nadolny, Isaac Mayo's commanding officer, said before the ceremony that she was excited to see the crew's hard work pay off and was looking forward to beginning operations. "It feels great knowing that we will be able to answer the call from such a capable platform: the advanced communications suite, small boat stern launch and seakeeping comforts are huge advantages for our mission set."

The cutter was named after Isaac Mayo, who received a Gold Lifesaving Medal in November 1879 for leading the rescue of four sailors from a wrecked schooner off the shore of Cape Cod that April. Audie Dodson, Mayo's great-great-great-granddaughter, served as the ship's sponsor. Cynthia Martin, also Mayo's great-great-great-granddaughter, presented a long glass to the crew as part of the tradition of setting the ship's first watch.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace its 1980s-era 110-foot patrol boats. The service has ordered 32 FRCs so far. In addition to the 12 now in service, 12 are under production.