



The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the service's newest fast response cutter, Winslow Griesser, in Key West, Fla., Dec. 23, 2015. The cutter will be the fourth stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Ensign Landon Elliott.

Acquisition Update: Sixteenth FRC Delivered To Coast Guard

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the 16th fast response cutter, Winslow Griesser, in Key West, Florida, Dec. 23.

The cutter's commissioning is scheduled for March 2016 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the ship will be stationed.

The cutter is named after Winslow Griesser, a keeper of the Buffalo, New York, lifesaving station who was awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal for his heroic actions to rescue the crewmembers of two large boats that had broken loose from their moorings in 1900.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace the 110-foot Island-class patrol boats. The FRCs are designed for missions including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; search and rescue; and national defense. They are 154 feet long with a top speed of more than 28 knots and a range of 2,950 miles, and they feature advanced sensors and communications equipment, improved seakeeping and habitability, and over the horizon-IV cutter boat deployment.

Fourteen FRCs are in service: six in Miami; six in Key West, Florida; and two in San Juan. The 15th FRC, the Joseph Napier, was delivered in October and is scheduled for commissioning in San Juan in January 2016.