



Coast Guard Team Observes Icebreaking Technology In Finland

Rear Adm. Joseph Vojvodich, the Coast Guard's director of acquisition programs and program executive officer, and polar icebreaker acquisition program staff visited Helsinki March 26-27, 2015, to gain firsthand knowledge of Finnish icebreaker design, construction and modeling that will facilitate decision-making after the Coast Guard finishes assessing its options to meet its polar icebreaking mission needs. The visit included a tour of the ice-capable Finnish Border Guard offshore patrol vessel Turva. Polar icebreaker acquisition program staff also attended the Arctic Technology Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, to build relationships with international experts in polar engineering and operations March 23-25. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Capt. Matthew Stanley.