



First 225-Foot Seagoing Buoy Tender Begins Midlife Maintenance Availability

The Coast Guard began a midlife maintenance availability on the 225-foot seagoing buoy tender Oak at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Maryland, July 1, 2015. The 225-foot seagoing buoy tenders were commissioned between 1996 and 2004 to service buoys offshore and in restricted waters; Oak is the first ship in the class to undergo an MMA as part of the In-Service Vessel Sustainment program. Work on the tenders will include a stability assessment; updates to the machinery control system, HVAC systems and propellers; an overhaul of the deck equipment and weight handling gear; and topside preservation. U.S. Coast Guard photo.