



A team aboard Coast Guard Cutter Stratton's long range interceptor-II cutter boat participates in the interdiction of a self-propelled semi-submersible vessel in the Eastern Pacific Ocean July 18, 2015. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class LaNola Stone.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Orders 61 Boats

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The Coast Guard placed orders for 61 boats in August continuing the service's efforts to upgrade and standardize its cutter and shore-side boat fleet.

The Coast Guard placed one delivery order for a long range interceptor-II cutter boat with MetalCraft Marine U.S. of Cape Vincent, New York, and three delivery orders for a total of 12 over the horizon-IV cutter boats with SAFE Boats International LLC of Bremerton, Washington, Aug. 26. A delivery order for 48 response boats-small II was placed with Metal Shark Aluminum Boats of Jeanerette, Louisiana, Aug. 31.

The order for the LRI-II and associated equipment was worth approximately \$1.07 million. The boat is scheduled for delivery to the sixth national security cutter, Munro, in 2016.

The orders for the 12 OTH-IV cutter boats and associated equipment were worth a total of \$5.28 million. Of the 12 boats, two are for NSCs, five will be sent to fast response cutters currently in production, and five more will be used by various operational and training commands. The service anticipates deliveries will begin before the end of the year.

The order for the 48 RB-S IIs and associated equipment was worth approximately \$17.45 million. Deliveries from the RB-S II order are scheduled to begin later this year.

The LRI-II cutter boats are capable of extended operations away from the parent NSC. LRI-IIs are 35 feet long and have a top speed of 40 knots and a range of 240 nautical miles. The boats also feature shock-mitigating seats for 15 passengers and crew, some of which fold to facilitate crew movement and create extra storage. All five NSCs in service are outfitted with an LRI-II.

The OTH-IV cutter boats are 26 feet long, have a top speed of 40 knots and deploy from their cutters to deliver boarding teams to vessels of interest. A total of 29 OTH-IVs have been delivered, including boats for all five NSCs and 13 FRCs in service.

The 29-foot RB-S IIs are high-speed platforms that handle a wide range of Coast Guard missions close to shore, including search and rescue; law enforcement; ports, waterways and coastal security; drug and migrant interdiction; and environmental protection and response. They have a top speed of more than 40 knots and feature improvements to ergonomics and crew comfort over the Defender-class RB-S they are replacing. To date, 207 RB-IIs have been ordered, and 158 have been delivered.