Coast Guard Begins Renovation Of Fifth 140-foot Icebreaking Tug

Coast Guard Cutter Sturgeon Bay arrived at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Maryland, Oct. 3, 2016, to start its service life extension project as part of the In-Service Vessel Sustainment (ISVS) Program. Sturgeon Bay is the fifth of nine 140-foot icebreaking tugs to undergo service life extension work through ISVS. Planned work will extend each cutter’s service life by 15 years and includes replacement of the boat-launching davit, habitability improvements and upgrades to propulsion and electrical systems. The tugs entered service in the 1970s. U.S. Coast Guard photo.