



Crewmembers from Coast Guard Station Honolulu conduct tactical boat training on a response boat-small II in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Oct. 21, 2015. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Tara Molle.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Orders 14 Response Boats

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The Coast Guard placed a delivery order for 14 response boats-small II worth approximately \$5.08 million with Metal Shark Aluminum Boats of Jeanerette, Louisiana, Feb. 2, 2016, bringing the total number of boats ordered to 224.

The RB-S II is a high-speed platform used for missions including search and rescue, law enforcement, port security, environmental response operations, and drug and migrant interdiction. Each boat is 29 feet long and can travel at a top speed of more than 40 knots. The RB-S II features improvements to reduce crew fatigue and is gradually replacing the 25-foot response boats-small as they reach the end of their planned 10-year service lives.

To date, 178 RB-S IIs have been delivered.