



Coast Guard Station Washington crews conduct training aboard two 29-foot response boats-small II in the Potomac River near Alexandria, Virginia, April 6, 2016. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jasmine Mieszala.

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### **Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Orders 39 Response Boats**

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The Coast Guard placed a delivery order worth approximately \$15 million for 39 response boats-small II and associated equipment with Metal Shark Aluminum Boats of Jeanerette, Louisiana, July 14.

The delivery order brings the total number of RB-S IIs ordered to 263 and supports boat production and delivery through July 2017.

The 29-foot RB-S II is a high-speed platform deployed close to shore for missions including search and rescue, law enforcement, port security, environmental response, and drug and migrant interdiction. The boats can travel at a top speed of more than 40 knots and feature improvements to reduce crew fatigue. The RB-S IIs are gradually replacing the 25-foot RB-Ss as they reach the end of their planned 10-year service lives.

To date, 204 RB-S IIs have been delivered.