



USCGC Osprey (WPB 87307)

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Established: The 13th Coast Guard District commissioned the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Osprey, the first 87-foot cutter for the District, on June 19, 1999, at Union Warf Pier in Port Townsend, Wash. The 87-foot cutter, built by Bollinger Shipyard, in Lockport, La., is the first to arrive in the Northwest, replacing the 82-foot Point Class Patrol Boats. The cutter brings with it money and time-saving technology such as updated bridge radar and controls, and more safety features including the rear-deploying small boat. The Osprey also has the capability to support a co-ed crew. The aluminum superstructure and steel hull and main deck are designed for a 25-year service life. The new design has several enhancements over the aging 82-foot patrol boats that it is replacing. Improvements include a stability in open ocean (up to 8-foot seas), significantly upgraded habitability (allowing for a mixed-gender, 10-person crew with 11 berths max), 25-knot maximum speed, and compliance with all current and projected environmental protection laws. The 87-footer employs an innovative stern launch and recovery system using an aluminum-hulled inboard diesel-powered water jet small boat.

The ship's vastly larger pilothouse is equipped with an integrated bridge system including an electronic chart display information system, which interfaces with the Coast Guard's new surface search radar.

Accomplished Operations: Law enforcement, search and rescue, marine environmental response, recreational boating safety enforcement and military readiness. The Osprey was the lead Coast Guard asset in a recent cocaine seizure from the motor vessel Western Wind in February 2000. This was the largest seizure of cocaine in the Northwest, 2.5 tons with a street value of more than \$200 million.



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