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ONR built Ship Is Up For Sale

Designed and constructed in 2010 by the Office of Naval Research (ONR), the *MV Sustina* was to be a ferry that was owned by the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough in Alaska. Built at a cost in excess of \$80mil, the vessel never entered into service.



The design for the "expeditionary craft" was created by Guido Perla & Associates, Inc (GPA) and is based on a concept created by Lockheed Martin.



It is a ABS-certified "E-Craft" that measures 59 meters in length and is capable of carrying 129 passengers, plus 20 vehicles or one tractor-trailer rig. The vessel also incorporates lift technology that will allow the ferry to change from the Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull (SWATH) mode to barge mode by lowering or raising its center deck. The vessel was also built with an ice strengthened hull (the first-ever for a SWATH hull) and is beachable. The reason she never entered service; no

ferry terminals were never built thus the vessel never saw her intended service. *Ed. note: Your tax dollars at work.*

Coast Guard Cutter Key Largo sinks fishing vessel

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Key Largo* collided with the 42-foot commercial fishing vessel *Sea Shepherd* earlier today, sinking the vessel approximately nine nautical miles east northeast of Vieques, Puerto Rico according to a USCG report.



The *Key Largo* was on a routine patrol when the collision happened at 6:38am. The *Sea Shepherd* sank to a depth of more than 100 feet, but the two crewmembers onboard were recovered by the crew of the *Key Largo*. The crewmembers were identified as Winston Ledee, 57, and Kenneth Turbe, 30, both residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands. There were no injuries or pollution reported.

Greenpeace MV Arctic Sunrise "arrested" by Spanish



After environmental activists tried to board the drillship *Rowan*

Renaissance their mother-ship *MV Arctic Sunrise* was detained. Activists were driven off by Spanish authorities near the Canary Islands. The vessel was detained but the captain and crew were released.



The environmental activists approached too close to the drill-ship for its safe operation and efforts by Spanish naval forces to ward them off ended with one activist getting a broken leg when their small boat was rammed by Spanish security personnel.

William Trump delivered to US Coast Guard



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Bollinger Shipyards delivered the 11th Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter (FRC) to the United States Coast Guard today named *WILLIAM TRUMP*. Her commissioning is planned for mid January in Key West, Florida. Bollinger notes, each FRC is named for an enlisted Coast Guard hero who distinguished him or herself in the line of duty. This vessel is named after U.S. Coast Guard Motor Machinist's Mate First Class William Trump who earned a silver star for valor in action during the assault phase of the landing at Normandy during WWII.

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: CGCOVERGUY

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