

Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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Coast Guard Reopens Bid on New Class of Cutters



The U.S. Coast Guard has reopened competitive bidding to build a new class of cutters potentially giving a Maine shipyard a second chance after it lost the bid two years ago.

BATH, Maine (AP) — The Coast Guard has reopened competitive bidding to build a new class of cutters potentially giving a Maine shipyard another shot at the project after it lost on the bid two years ago. The Coast Guard made the announcement Friday. Portland Press Herald reports that in 2016 Bath Iron Works lost an estimated \$10.5 billion bid to build 25 off-shore cutters. But the company that won the bid, Florida's Eastern Shipbuilding Group, suffered serious facility and infrastructure damage when Hurricane Michael hit in October 2018. The Florida company was granted an "extraordinary relief" contract modification for four of the cutters, but the Coast Guard is re-opening the bid on the other 21. Bath Iron Works declined to comment on the announcement.

TEXTRON holds Sea Trials for new class of LCAC's



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LCAC 100, Textron's first-in-class Ship-to-Shore Connector (SSC), conducts its first on-water test outside of the company's facility in Louisiana on April 10, 2018.

ex-USS HIGH POINT PCH 1 - USCGC HIGH POINT WMEH 1 for sale



USN configuration

For the low-low price of a loaded Chevy Tahoe Premier (\$75,000), you could be the proud owner of the Navy's first operational hydrofoil — the former *USS High Point (PCH-1)*. The 115-foot *High Point* comes with a 450 horsepower Detroit Diesel in need of new hydraulics and three hydrofoils reportedly neatly tucked away under the ship which is sitting pier side in Astoria, Ore. Hal Palmer, the broker handling the sale, told USNI News *High Point* needs a lot of work before once again appearing to fly across the water.

Launched in 1962, *Hight Point* is not for the faint of heart (or wallet) but potential owners would be in possession of a unique piece of Navy anti-submarine warfare history.



U S Coast Guard configuration

In 1975, the Navy transferred *High Point* to the U.S. Coast Guard, which evaluated hydrofoil technology for use as a coastal patrol vessel. *USCGC High Point's* turn as a patrol vessel, though, was almost cut short from the start due to significant maintenance periods and budget constraints. *High Point* was deactivated in May 1985 and was used by Boeing as a test vessel before passing among private owners, arriving at its current location in Oregon.

Perhaps USS Oregon Chapter should consider purchasing her for their chapter meetings? I'll make the trip for the ribbon cutting ☺