



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

43-Foot Fast Coastal Interceptor

Number: 43501 through 43505
Completed: April 1987
Remarks: Used primarily for LE; stationed at Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Islamorada

Cost: N/A

Hull

Displacement (lbs): N/A
Length: 43' 6" (oa)
Beam: 9' 6" max
Draft: 3' 3" max

Machinery

Main Engines: 2 Caterpillar diesels
BHP: 750
Propellers: twin

Performance

Max Sustained: 39+ knots

Logistics

Diesel: 340 gallons
Complement: 4-6

Electronics

Radar: navigation type

Design

The 43-foot FCI was designed and constructed by Tempest Marine for the USCG. The craft is based upon a 25-degree V-bottom monohull, designed and developed to be a large offshore boat capable of operating in heavy seas at high speeds.

Images



43-footer in a high-speed turn



43-Foot FCI underway

Sources

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