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United States Coast Guard
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The information presented below fulfills the directive in Senate Report 114-68 accompanying the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 114-113):

“[T]he Coast Guard shall report to the Committee…detailing planned small boat purchases, leases, repairs, and service life replacements…for fiscal year 2017, such information shall be included in the congressional budget justification.”

The Coast Guard continues to purchase, lease, repair, and replace small boats to maintain a capable inventory of assets. The Coast Guard anticipates expending approximately $23.8 million in FY 2017 for the purchase of 33 small response boats, 21 over-the-horizon cutter boats, and other cutter boat replacements as necessary to continue operations.

Response Boat – Small (RB-S): The RB-S is manufactured by Metal Shark Aluminum Boats and cost an estimated $365,000 per boat. The RB-S procurements are intended to replace RB-S boats that have surpassed their design service lives.

Cutter Boat – Over the Horizon (CB-OTH): The CB-OTH is manufactured by SAFE Boats International, LLC, and costs an estimated $434,000 per boat. The CB-OTH procurements are being procured to replace existing CB-OTH boats that are beyond their service lives.