

ACE Marine Completes Final RB-M

July 24, 2014 – During a ceremony at ACE Marine, Green Bay, Wisconsin facility, the final contracted Response Boat-Medium (RB-M) for the United States Coast Guard (USCG) completed production.

The October delivery of this boat marked the end of a very successful contract milestone for Fincantieri Marine Group, that began in the fall of 2008. Marinette Marine Corporation (MMC) acted as the prime contractor on all the 174 boats, 85 of which were built at ACE.

FMG received high praises from the USCG for the quality of the workmanship and the ability to meet and exceed commitments.



Witnessing the RB-M celebration were; from left to right, Lt Toby Kilbourn (USCG), Hank Matthews, CDR Frank Pierce (USCG) Francesco Valente, Jeff Frank, Jan Allman and Tom Buske.



Throughout the life of the program we were able to improve on performance and extract efficiencies, while simultaneously maintaining an exceptional safety record, thanks to the unwavering commitment and dedication of the workforce; supported and encouraged by a focused management team, and the ability to work as a team across the FMG group.

“The ACE workforce listened to each other and implemented change to improve safety, processes and performance,” **Jeff Frank**, ACE Marine Production Manager continued, “The first boat through the ACE production line took roughly 9000 hours; 84 boats later we completed the last boat in about 4000 hours. At times it was not easy, but we accomplished it.”

For those who have been directly involved with the RB-M program, it’s time to reflect and take pride in your individual efforts, and the efforts of the entire team; job well done!



A handful of MMC employees had a **chance-of-a-lifetime to ride an RB-M** on the beautiful bay of Green Bay in mid-July during testing of the generator system. The generator underwent multiple required test procedures before its delivery to the US Coast Guard station in Key West, Florida. This boat was the 3rd-to-final RB-M to be completed by ACE Marine and is currently scheduled to deliver to Key West in early October.

