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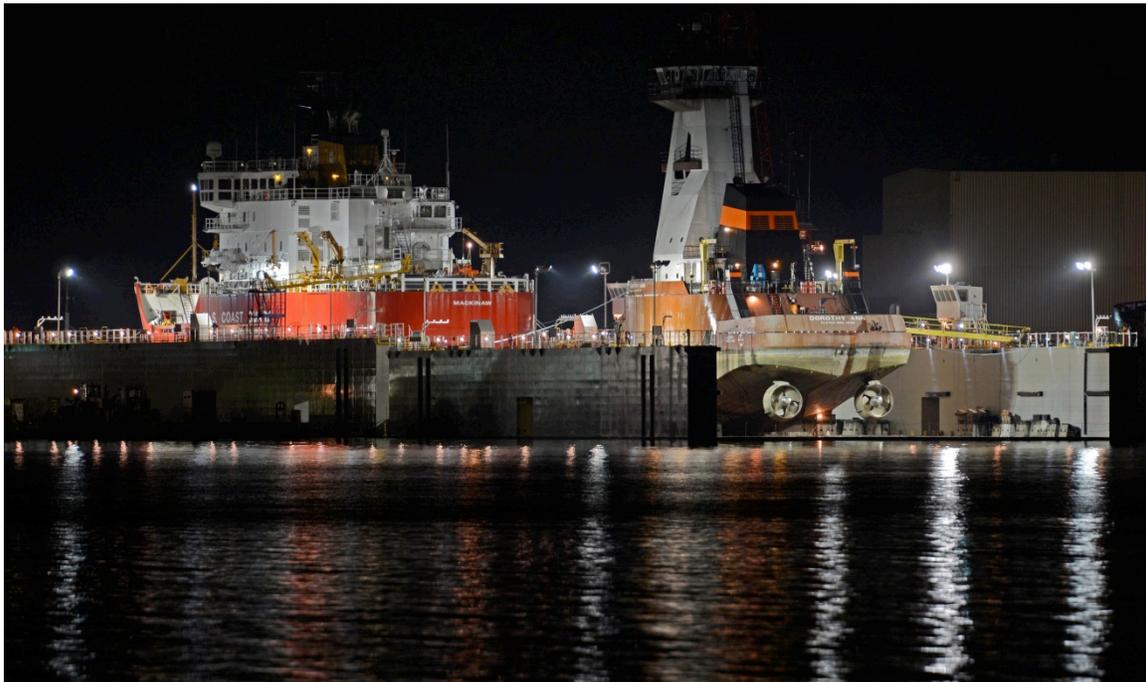
USCG ICEBREAKER MACKINAW GEARS UP FOR ICE SEASON

Sturgeon Bay, WI The United States Coast Guard Icebreaker MACKINAW (WLBB-30) recently completed repairs at **Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding (FBS)** to prepare for winter operations on the Great Lakes.

Winter Operations are especially hard on icebreakers and their endurance is paramount to shipping on the Great Lakes. Last winter, ice breaking started in December and lasted for 128 days, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The scope of work included repairs to the port-side azipod and air compressor overhaul; inspection of CO2 cylinders and the fire suppression system; inspection of the air receiver; deck renewal, door replacements and cleaning of ballast, waste and fuel tanks. The repairs are being performed in the FBS U.S. Navy-certified floating drydock.

The 240-foot vessel was built by Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM), sister company to FBS and member of the Fincantieri Marine Group, and delivered to the USCG in 2006.



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ABOUT FINCANTIERI BAY SHIPBUILDING

Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding traces its origins of building quality ships back to 1918. FBS is an industry leader in the construction of Articulated Tug/Barge units and OPA 90-compliant vessels, as well as Offshore Support Vessels, dredges and tugs. The company also specializes in the repair and sustainment of the Great Lakes Bulk Carrier fleet.

ABOUT FINCANTIERI

Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and presence in all high value-added market sectors, having built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of its maritime history. It is world leader in cruise ship construction and a reference player in other sectors, from naval vessels to cruise ferries, from mega-yachts to special high value-added vessels, from ship repairs and conversions to offshore vessels. Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), the Group has approximately 21,600 employees, of whom almost 7,800 in Italy, and 21 shipyards in 4 continents. In 2013 the Group acquired VARD, a company listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange that builds offshore support vessels for oil & gas exploration and production. Fincantieri has doubled in size to become the West's leading shipbuilder.

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary **Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG)**. This company, which serves important government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri Ace Marine), all located in the Great Lakes region.