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### **Fincantieri's Sturgeon Bay Shipyard Receives Wisconsin Safety Award**

Washington, DC: Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, a subsidiary of Fincantieri Marine Group, has been awarded the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wisconsin Corporate Safety Award, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Safety Council and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. More than 100 companies competed for the prestigious award.

Fincantieri Marine Group President and CEO, Francesco Valente, commented on the significance of the award. "It is gratifying to receive this distinguished honor, and it validates the daily hard work of our management team and the focus of our workforce in establishing a safety culture in our shipyards that filters through every level of each organization. This recognition follows suit with numerous other safety awards earned by our U.S. shipyards in the last five years," he said.

While this is the tenth safety award in three years for Fincantieri's Bay Shipbuilding, Fincantieri's Marinette shipyard has also been awarded for 'Excellence-in-Safety' for three years in a row by the Shipbuilders Council of America; and, Fincantieri's Green Bay-based Aluminum Center of Excellence has received the National Safety Council's 'Perfect Record Award' three times in the last five years.

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Todd Thayse, Vice President and General Manager of Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding, said that shipyard safety and worker situational awareness is given top priority. “We’ve strived to achieve the highest level of safety awareness and worked hard to foster this culture. Our safety program is a combination of classroom training, behavioral based learning, risk identification and pre-job planning. We have total buy-in from our workforce and this award is a result of their efforts,” he said.

The award will be presented in conjunction with the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Safety and Health Conference and Exposition in mid-April at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



**Photo: Recent aerial of Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding shows 17 vessels of the Great Lakes Bulk Carrier fleet in for Winter repairs.**

## **About Fincantieri**

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Headquartered in Trieste Italy, the Group has built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of maritime history. With around 19,000 employees, of whom more than 7,800 are in Italy, and 20 shipyards on four continents, today Fincantieri is the leading Western shipbuilder. It has among its clients the major cruise operators, the Italian and the U.S. Navy, in addition to several foreign navies, and it is partner of some of the main European defense companies within supranational programs. [www.fincantieri.com](http://www.fincantieri.com)

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG). This company, which serves 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: [www.fincantierimarinegroup.com](http://www.fincantierimarinegroup.com)

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