

New Island Class Cutter Joins Alaska Fleet

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There's another Coast Guard cutter patrolling Alaska waters. The "Chandeleur" will be welcomed during a ceremony Friday afternoon in Juneau, where the 110-foot ship will be homeported.

It will be the seventh Island Class Patrol Boat stationed in Alaska. Others are in Petersburg, Auke Bay, Valdez, Seward, Ketchikan and Homer.

The Chandeleur, which has a crew of 18, was transferred from Miami, Florida, after undergoing a significant refit at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland. Those upgrades and repairs include a refurbished deck, replaced hull plating and some prototype switchboards and generators.

Captain Scott Bornemann, the commander of Coast Guard Sector Juneau, said the Chandeleur will patrol southeast waters. The ship was commissioned in 1988.