

NEWS RELEASE

Seaspan Shipyards Momentum Continues as Sea Trials Begin Today for the Second Offshore Fisheries Science Vessel for the Canadian Coast Guard

Major milestone for the future CCGS Capt. Jacques Cartier follows its launch, along with delivery of the first Offshore Fisheries Science Vessel, the CCGS Sir John Franklin, in June

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The future Capt. Jacques Cartier, the second of three Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels (OFSV) to be designed and built by Seaspan at its Vancouver Shipyards (VSY), began sea trials today as scheduled from Seaspan's Vancouver Drydock where final outfitting, set to work and commissioning has taken place since her launch at VSY in June.

This milestone on the second OFSV follows her launch on June 5 and the delivery of the first OFSV, the CCGS Sir John Franklin, on June 27. The CCGS Sir John Franklin is the first large vessel to be built and delivered under the National Shipbuilding Strategy.

Sea Trials marks the final major phase in a shipbuilding project before Delivery. Sea Trials are conducted to ensure that the ship operates as she was designed to and that all systems are fully operational. This includes mechanical, electrical, hydraulics, fishing and laboratory, communications, navigation, as well as fire and safety systems.

The three Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels are equipped with the latest equipment to support vital science and research work for the Department and Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Canadian Coast Guard, including monitoring Canada's marine ecosystems and supporting search and rescue missions along Canada's coasts.

Given the important scientific work to be performed by the OFSV Class, specific attention is also given during Sea Trials to the extensive array of ship sensors that are embedded in the ship's Drop Keel and to the quietness with which the ship's engines perform at cruising and at fishing speeds and when in idle.

Sea Trials will be largely conducted in the Strait of Georgia as part of a continuous 15-day exercise. Upon completion of Sea Trials, the future Capt. Jacques Cartier will be moored at Ogden Point on Vancouver Island to prepare the vessel for Delivery to the Canadian Coast Guard, which is scheduled for later this year.

QUOTE

“With the future Capt. Jacques Cartier headed out to sea today, excitement in our NSS program is growing. I want to thank all our employees, partners and most especially our Coast Guard community for your teamwork and dedication in achieving this major milestone. We are looking forward to delivering this second vessel to the Coast Guard later this year, which will enable them to do their critical work focused on the protection, preservation and conservation of Canada’s coastal waters.”

– Mark Lamarre, Chief Executive Officer, Seaspan Shipyards

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Seaspan Shipyards is Canada’s non-combat shipbuilding partner under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). In this capacity, the company is building state-of-the-art ships in Canada for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS-related work, Seaspan Shipyards is creating jobs, generating economic benefits and rebuilding Canada’s shipbuilding and marine industries.

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