



## 378-foot High Endurance Cutter (WHEC)

**Crew:** 167 personnel  
**Length:** 378 feet  
**Beam:** 43 feet  
**Draft:** 15 feet  
**Power Plant:** Two diesel engines/two gas turbine engines

**Displacement:** 3,250 metric tons  
**Speed:** 29 knots  
**Range:** 14,000 nm  
**Endurance:** 45

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**Primary missions:** The missions of the 378-foot Hamilton Class cutters include law enforcement, defense operations, and search and rescue. The 378-foot high endurance cutters are powered by diesel engines and gas turbines, and have controllable-pitch propellers. They're equipped with one Mark 75 76-mm gun (anti-air capable), two 25-mm machine guns, one 20-mm Phalanx close-in weapons system (CIWS), a helicopter flight deck, retractable hangar, and the facilities to support helicopter deployments. These cutters were introduced to the Coast Guard inventory in the 1960s. Beginning in the 1980s and ending in 1992, the entire class was modernized through the Fleet Renovation and Modernization (FRAM) program. The first of the class was the Hamilton (WHEC-715) commissioned in 1967. Highly versatile and capable of performing a variety of missions, these cutters operate throughout the world's oceans.

13th District 378-foot cutters are in the following cities:

MELLON (WHEC 717), Seattle, WA  
MIDGETT (WHEC 726), Seattle, WA



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