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Silver Ships Conducts Training With New Guatemalan Navy Patrol Boats

Mobile, Ala. (September 2, 2025) – [Silver Ships](#), a leading manufacturer of aluminum workboats, has recently completed reactivation and crew familiarization training of three Coastal Fast Response Boats (CFRBs) that were recently delivered to the Guatemalan Navy. Training took place for two weeks and culminated with a graduation ceremony attended by officials from the Guatemalan Navy.

The three custom-designed, 43-foot military CFRBs will be used for coastal and harbor patrol along with law enforcement duties involving patrol of Guatemala's coastline along the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

New to the Silver Ships' product line, CFRBs are large, fast cabin vessels that amplify the features of Silver Ships' popular [Endeavor](#) and [Ambar](#) series vessels. The CFRB platform is versatile and can be tailored to specific mission needs.

The CFRB vessels were procured under a contract award worth \$6.12 million from the Naval Sea Systems Command. There are two variants in this project - the [Montenegro](#) and Guatemala variants - which differ mainly in their electrical systems which need to be compatible with in-country electrical grids. The vessels were designed and constructed as a part of the U.S. Navy Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program.

"It has been very rewarding to get these vessels reactivated for the highly professional Guatemalan Navy," said Shawn Lobree, Silver Ships Director of Federal Programs and retired U.S. Navy captain. "They hand-selected their CFRB crews based on experience and ability to work together as a team. This Navy is small but very capable and these boats will serve as workhorses as they fulfill their diverse coastal patrol missions."

The vessels feature specialized communications and navigation equipment, enclosed cabin and WING collar system. They are powered by twin Caterpillar C7.1 500hp marine diesel engines and Hamilton HJX-29 waterjets. The C7.1 diesels provide efficient fuel combustion, quieter

operation and no visible smoke when running. The engines were supplied by Silver Ships' partner [Thompson Marine](#), located in Spanish Fort, Ala.

Another key partner is Anchor Innovation, headquartered in Virginia Beach, Va. ANCHOR provided two highly experienced mariners to spearhead the training sessions on Silver Ships' behalf, U.S. Coast Guard veteran Captain Royce Potter and U.S. Navy veteran Michael Hoar.

"ANCHOR Innovation is proud to partner with the Guatemala Navy in strengthening maritime security and operational readiness," said Robert Kress, ANCHOR Innovation Chief Financial Officer. "This collaboration reflects our commitment to supporting allies with the tools, training and expertise needed to protect vital waterways and ensure regional stability."

As CFRB project manager for Silver Ships, Lobree helped plan the reactivation and training and worked closely with ANCHOR to support the Guatemalan Navy's needs throughout. According to Potter and Hoar, the sailors caught on quickly, were eager to learn and showed great morale during the two weeks of training.

For more than 35 years Silver Ships has worked with the U.S. Military in creating mission-specific boats. [Silver Ships](#) takes pride in its support of the U.S. Military and its allies and remains dedicated to meeting all operational needs while offering maximum crew safety and outstanding performance.

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About Silver Ships

Silver Ships, Inc. produces high-quality aluminum boats for military, federal, state and municipal government as well as commercial applications through collaboration with highly skilled design, engineering and production resources. With corporate headquarters located in Theodore, Ala., Silver Ships' production facilities are situated on a 25-acre plant site and utilize state-of-the-art boatbuilding equipment. The company's vision is to provide customers with a boat designed, built, outfitted and best suited to meet their operational needs while offering the maximum in crew safety and outstanding performance. In 2025, Silver Ships is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Learn more at silverships.com.

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