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**MOOSE BOATS AWARDED NEW NAVY CONTRACT  
FOR 12 HARBOR SECURITY PATROL BOATS**



**PETALUMA, CA. – May 19, 2006** – Moose Boats, a boat designer and manufacturer in the San Francisco Bay Area, has been awarded a new contract from the U.S. Navy for the construction of twelve M2-35 Catamaran Patrol Boats. The contract totals approximately \$5,180,000 with vessels to be delivered over a 20-month time period beginning in December 2006.

The M2-35 is a 35'-6" aluminum catamaran powered by twin Cummins 380HP turbo diesels and is propelled by Hamilton 292 water jets. These vessels will be assigned to the U.S. Navy's Kings Bay, Georgia and Kitsap, Washington SUBASEs and are specifically designed to meet emergent Anti-terrorism/Force Protection requirements. The M2-35 crafts will be used to detect, identify, warn, disable or defeat potential threats in the vicinity of vulnerable U.S. Naval assets. The wide stable hull along with an all-weather cabin will accommodate a crew of five. Its shallow 21" draft allows for a great deal of maneuverability within depths of less than 3' of water. The boats will have a service speed of 28 knots and a top speed of over 34 knots. This series of vessels features a total of (4) .50 cal weapons mounts.

Moose Boats has constructed 14 patrol boats for the U.S. Navy under four separate contracts. The newest U.S. Navy order represents Moose Boats' largest single contract to date. Similar vessels have been built for the United States Park Police for security and patrol at the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, New York Harbor along with multiple vessels, of similar design, for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet located in Benicia, California.

Moose Boats will be demonstrating the capabilities of the M2-37 Patrol Boat (in-the-water) to the government maritime community at the upcoming 2006 MACC (Multi Agency Craft Conference), in June 2006, Norfolk, Virginia. Visit <http://www.boats.dt.navy.mil/MACC/> for more information about the conference.

### **About Moose Boats**

Moose Boats ([www.mooseboats.com](http://www.mooseboats.com)), headquartered in Petaluma, CA, builds unique, functional, good-looking, rugged boats ranging in sizes 33ft. up to 44ft. for a wide range of uses including commercial, law enforcement, government, recreational, and sport fishing markets. Moose Boats are constructed from all welded aluminum, which makes them enormously strong, lightweight, as well as corrosion and impact resistant. The catamaran hull has exceptional stability, superior sea handling capabilities, and improved efficiency over a conventional mono-hull.

**Note to the Editor:** Digital photos are available upon request.