

General Dynamics NASSCO to Launch Largest Containership Ever Built in San Diego



The Lurline, the largest containership built in San Diego, at General Dynamics NASSCO.

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Dynamics NASSCO will hold an event on June 15 to christen and launch the

containership Lurline, the largest such ship ever built in San Diego, the

company announced.

Lurline, constructed

for Honolulu-based Matson Inc., is an 870-foot vessel that can hold 3,500 cargo

containers – 20-foot-equivalent units (TEUs).

She has

liquefied natural gas-capable engines and is designed for energy efficiency. Lurline

is the lead ship of a two-vessel contract being built for Matson.

Thousands

of people had roles in constructing the Lurline, which is designed to not only transport

containers but also automobiles and rolling stock, including trailers. The

construction and operation of the Lurline and its future sister ship are

aligned with the Jones Act, which requires that goods transported between U.S.

ports must go on ships that are built, owned and operated by U.S. citizens or

permanent residents.

NASSCO is the only major shipyard on the West Coast of the U.S. that is designing, constructing and repairing ships for the U.S. Navy and commercial customers.

Ceremony participants will include General Dynamics NASSCO President Kevin Graney and Matson CEO Matt Cox. Constance Lau, CEO and director of Hawaiian Electric Industries and a Matson board member, will christen the ship with the traditional breaking of a champagne bottle on the hull.

The christening will be streamed [live](#) on June 15 starting at 6:30 p.m.