

U.S. Navy Accepts Delivery of Future USS Nantucket (LCS 27)



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MARINETTE – Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), USS Nantucket (LCS 27), was delivered to the U.S. Navy, July 29.

Nantucket was accepted from Lockheed Martin at the Fincantieri Marinette Marine shipyard in Marinette, Wisconsin. Delivery follows the successful completion of Acceptance Trials in December 2023. Nantucket will commission later this year, and will be homeported in Mayport, Florida.

The LCS-class comprises fast, optimally manned, mission-tailored surface combatants that can operate in both near-shore and open-ocean waters to counter 21st-century coastal threats.

“The future USS Nantucket serves as a shining example of the perseverance of the United States maritime industrial base and shows that the partnership we have with industry is built to last,” said Capt. Matthew Lehmann, program manager of the Littoral Combat Ship program office.

Nantucket is a testament to the enduring connection between the ship’s namesake city in Massachusetts and the Navy, honoring the rich heritage of the people of Nantucket and the maritime legacy that the island represents. Nantucket is the fourth Navy ship to be named in honor of the island.

“Together, the Navy and industry will continue our work to prepare her for commissioning and Fleet operations, delivering

combat capability across the globe,” Lehmann added.

Following Nantucket, two more Freedom-variant ships are under construction at the Fincantieri Marinette Marine shipyard. The future USS Beloit (LCS 29) is scheduled for delivery in the summer of 2024. USS Cleveland (LCS 31), the final Freedom-variant LCS, is in its final stages of construction alongside Beloit.

The LCS-class supports forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence, and can operate independently or in high-threat environments as part of a networked battle force that includes larger, multi-mission surface combatants.

The LCS-class consists of two variants, Freedom and Independence, designed and built by two separate industry teams. The trimaran-hulled Independence-variant team is led by Austal USA (for the even-numbered ships). The monohull Freedom variant is built by a team led by Lockheed Martin (for the odd-numbered ships).

The Navy’s littoral combat ship program is a part of the Program Executive Office, Unmanned and Small Combatants portfolio, which designs, develops, builds, and delivers the Navy’s unmanned maritime systems; mine warfare systems; special warfare systems; expeditionary warfare systems; and small surface combatants.