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Marinette Marine Corporation's USCGC *Mackinaw* Designated SNAME June 2010 Ship of the Month

SNAME is proud to announce that the USCGC *Mackinaw* (WLBB-30), a 240-foot vessel designed and built by [Marinette Marine Corporation](http://www.marinette-marine.com) (a FINCANTIERI company), has been designated the SNAME Ship of the Month for June, 2010.

The USCGC *Mackinaw* is a heavy icebreaker operating in the North American Great Lakes for the United States Coast Guard. She should not be confused with her predecessor, USCGC *Mackinaw* (WAGB-83), which was decommissioned on June 10, 2006.

Mackinaw was delivered to the Coast Guard on November 18, 2005 and commissioned on June 10, 2006. In addition to her ice-breaking duties, the *Mackinaw* also serves as an Aids to Navigation platform, performing the same duties as the Seagoing Buoy Tenders (WLB) of the Coast Guard fleet. *Mackinaw's* other roles include Marine Environmental Protection and Search and Rescue.



The USCGC *Mackinaw* (WLBB-30)

One of the *Mackinaw's* many unique features is the use of two azimuthing ABB Azipods for main propulsion. These podded propulsor units coupled with a bow thruster make the ship exceptionally maneuverable.

Numerous SNAME members contributed to the Design and Construction of the USCGC *Mackinaw*, WLBB-30. Marinette Marine employs well over a dozen SNAME Members.

SNAME features the Picture of the Month on every page of www.SNAME.org and in the SNAME e-newsletter. It is rotated on a monthly basis. SNAME Members are encouraged to submit digital photos of the vessels, platforms and other craft resulting from member work for inclusion on SNAME.org main banner. Only high-quality, horizontally oriented digital images of content with an obvious connection to SNAME members will be considered for inclusion. For consideration, members should submit photos with a short description to SNAME Communications & Web Strategist Mark Eichler at meichler@sname.org.

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