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Winter Fleet Departs Bay Shipbuilding

Sturgeon Bay, WI. Bay Shipbuilding Company (BSC), a Fincantieri company, has recently completed another successful Winter Repair season for the Great Lakes fleet at its Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin shipyard. Fourteen vessels wintered at BSC and underwent a wide range of repairs including repowering, hull repairs and structural steel renewal, generator replacement and electrical automation enhancements, as well as ABS and USCG inspections.

Parent company, Fincantieri, has recently completed a \$25 million capital expansion program for BSC designed to streamline workflow and reduce cost. BSC Vice President and General Manager Todd Thayse discussed the time-sensitive nature of the winter fleet repairs, "These vessels need to return to work when the ice breaks around mid-to-late-March, so there is a great deal of planning and scheduling that go into meeting each ship's critical deadline. We employ all of our assets--expansive facilities, computer-aided manufacturing equipment, heavy-lift capabilities, engineering expertise, and the industry's finest master craftsmen--to make it happen," he said.

Bay Shipbuilding Company is an operating division of the Fincantieri Marine Group, the United States subsidiary of Fincantieri-Cantieri Navali Italiani SpA, one of the world's most prominent shipbuilding groups, employing more than 20,000 people in 21 shipyards on four different continents, and with a track record of producing more than 7,000 ships.

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