

## FIVE VESSELS DELIVERED TO THE COAST GUARD

**GASPÉ, (June 2, 2021)** – Forillon Shipyard is proud to announce the delivery of CCGS *Hare Bay*, the fifth search and rescue vessel it has built for the Canadian Coast Guard as part of a major contract. The first vessel was delivered in 2017, and the contract calls for a total of 10 vessels to be delivered by 2023.

The entire team is pleased to have contributed to vessels that will serve the Canadian Coast Guard throughout the country. Boat enthusiasts will be able to admire the vessels produced by Forillon Shipyard in rescue stations in British Columbia, Newfoundland, and the Magdalen Islands (QC). CCGS *Hare Bay* will be stationed in Nova Scotia, providing essential search and rescue services including on-water searches, response to marine distress calls, and assistance to vessels in distress.

The contract was awarded because of Forillon’s ability to meet stringent criteria, including the excellent organization of its shipyard, the company’s unrivalled expertise, and the outstanding value it provides. Over the years, the team at the helm of the company has sought and found ways to increase production without affecting the quality of the boats it builds.

As a result, the number of jobs has nearly doubled since the contract was confirmed. Some 34 year-round employees, mainly project managers and naval architects, were added to the existing team of 37. The company now has 70 employees on board; Jean-David Samuel, President and CEO of the shipyard, attributes this growth to the Coast Guard contract. “Clearly, this contract has strengthened our company. And we are pleased that it allows us to provide value-added jobs,” he said.

### About Forillon Shipyard

Founded in 1952, Forillon Shipyard specializes in manufacturing and repairing boats. Its advantageous location allows it to handle coastal and ocean-going vessels with displacements of up to 800 tons. It also serves multiple shipowners in Eastern Canada, and its facilities make it one of the best-equipped shipyards in the province for the construction and repair of ships.

### Quotes

*“Congratulations to the Forillon Shipyard team on the delivery of CCGS Hare Bay, the fifth search and rescue vessel built by Forillon and delivered to the Canadian Coast Guard. Your hard work is appreciated by all, especially the hard-working Coast Guard members who would not be able to do their critical work without top-of-the-line vessels.”*

*The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard*

*“CCGS Hare Bay is an important addition to Forillon Shipyard. I’m proud to see that our region is continuing to prosper and creating good jobs. We are working with our partners to keep ensuring local innovation and economic development.”*



*The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue and Member of Parliament for Gaspésie–Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine*

*“Search and rescue vessels are an essential part of the Canadian Coast Guard fleet. They are critical to marine safety and to supporting environmental response operations. Congratulations to the skilled workers of Forillon Shipyard for their exceptional work on CCGS Hare Bay.”*

*Mario Pelletier, Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard*

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