U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Interceptor Class Interim 39-Foot Midnight Express

FACT SHEET

U.S. Customs and Border Protection purchased 39-foot Midnight Express Interceptor vessels to provide interim maritime interdiction capabilities to the then-newly created Office of Air and Marine (OAM) marine units. These vessels will fill operational gaps at newly created units until the future Coastal Interceptor Vessel is identified and purchased.

This class of vessel is the most powerful vessel used in law enforcement anywhere in the world and is an integral part of OAM's efforts to stop maritime smuggling into the United States.

Working in conjunction with OAM aviation assets, the Midnight Express operates in offshore coastal waters to combat maritime smuggling and protect U.S. ports from acts of terrorism.

The Midnight Express carries three-person minimum) crews that work in conjunction with Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to accomplish the homeland security mission.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
  60 knots (69 mph)
- **Range**
  400 nautical miles (460 miles)
- **Endurance**
  10 hours
- **Length**
  39 feet
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
  16,350 pounds

Features:

- NavNet 3D with Marine Surface Radar
- 4 X 300 hp Mercury Outboard Engines
- Automated Identification System with vessel tracking capability