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NEW CUTTER HAMILTON VISITS NATION'S CAPITAL

U. S. Coast Guard's ship of the future, the new 378 foot Cutter HAMILTON (WHEC-715), glides up the Anacostia River toward Washington, D. C., the evening of May 8, 1967, to pay a visit here of five days. During her stay at the Naval Station, the nation's capital is invited to see the newest, largest, and best multi-purpose cutter ever designed by the Coast Guard.

Built at Avondale Shipyards, New Orleans, and commissioned on March 18, 1967, the 3,050 ton HAMILTON is the forerunner of an entire class of approximately 34 similar cutters to be constructed by 1975. She is the first major U. S. ship to have a combined diesel and gas turbine propulsion plant. The twin screw cutter uses 7,000 diesel shaft horsepower to make 20 knots, and 36,000 gas turbine shaft horsepower to make 29 knots.

One of her new features that immediately catches the eye is the bright orange-red slash mark with Coast Guard emblem, bordered by a narrow blue slash, across the bow for visual identification purposes.

Homeport of the HAMILTON is Boston, Mass.

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The cutter *Point Carrow*, boats from Station Los Angeles/Long Beach and Auxiliary vessels escort the former-East Coast cutter *Hamilton* into Long Beach Harbor on July 25.

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