

HII Launches Virginia-class Submarine Massachusetts at Newport News Shipbuilding



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NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 23, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – HII (NYSE: HII) announced today that *Virginia*-class submarine *Massachusetts* (SSN 798) was recently launched into the James River at the company's Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) division.

Shipbuilders transferred the submarine from a construction facility to the floating dry dock, where it was later submerged and moved by tugboats to a submarine pier at the shipyard for final outfitting, testing and crew certification.

"Following the christening of this mighty submarine in May, witnessing *Massachusetts* launch into the river is a source of immense pride for our shipbuilding team," said Jason Ward, NNS vice president of *Virginia*-class submarine construction. "We understand the importance of *Massachusetts*, and we will continue to execute with purpose to bring this important

national security asset to life and deliver it to the Navy.”

Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarines are built for a broad spectrum of open-ocean and littoral missions to replace the Navy’s *Los Angeles*-class submarines as they are retired. *Virginia*-class submarines incorporate dozens of new technologies and innovations that increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth to significantly enhance their warfighting capabilities. These submarines are capable of supporting multiple mission areas and can operate at speeds of more than 25 knots.

Photos and video accompanying this release are available at: <https://hii.com/news/hii-launches-virginia-class-submarine-massachusetts-ssn-798-newport-news-shipbuilding/>.

Massachusetts is the 25th *Virginia*-class submarine and will be the 12th delivered by NNS, which is one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines for the U.S. Navy.