Vigor Will Feature Its State-of-the-Art Fast Patrol Craft at NAVDEX 2019

SEATTLE, Wash. – Vigor, the builder of the US Navy's Combatant Craft Medium and Combatant Craft Heavy as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Response Boat – Medium (RB-M) will feature its new 21-meter patrol boat, the Vigor Fast Inceptor (VFI) at NAVDEX 2019, the company said in a Jan. 30 release. VFI is the next evolution of a proven hull form based on thousands of hours of successful operation. Engineered for superior seakeeping in challenging environments, high-speed interdiction, addressing swarm threats, UAV launch and retrievals, the craft delivers powerful multimission capabilities with sprint speed of 70 knots.

"The design of VFI is a response to the needs of governmental agencies around the world to achieve the critical missions facing today's maritime security agencies," said Bill Blount, Vigor International business development manager. "Our teams have been perfecting performance for the applications and we're excited to share the result at NAVDEX." Vigor partnered with Michael Peters Yacht Design (MPYD), known for its pioneering work in high-speed hull forms including offshore racing and patrol craft to deliver a high-performance patrol boat with unequaled control and maneuverability and specifically tailored to the unique environment of the Middle East. The company is already in discussion with multiple government organizations for orders of the VFI and will display a model of the vessel at NAVDEX.

The craft features a hybrid aluminum/composite design, multiple options for remote controlled weapons systems, crewed served weapons mounts and a FLIR night vision system. Suspension seats keep crew and passenger's mission-ready, and

drive-by-wire propulsion and steering controls deliver unequaled control and maneuverability.