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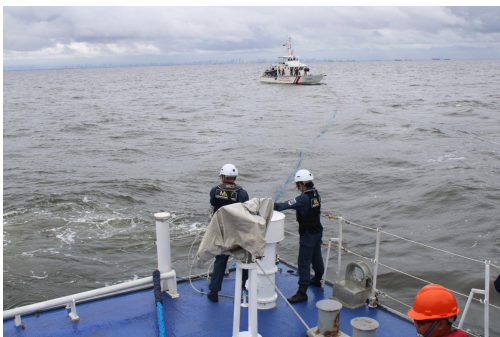
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GENERAL DYNAMICS
Bath Iron Works

BIW closed its ship repair yard in Portland in 2001, but some of that equipment is still in use today, like its former drydock. The World War II-era drydock was built in nine sections at four different American shipyards and commissioned in October 1944 for use in Guam. After the war, it was decommissioned. In 1982, the now-surplus drydock was transferred to Bath Iron Works. BIW moved it from Norfolk, Virginia to Maine and paid for its overhaul.

When the Portland yard closed, the drydock was sold to Victor Lenac Shipyard in Croatia, where it remains in use to this day. The picture of the drydock (below right) was taken in Rijeka, Croatia last month by former BIW Dockmaster Nathan Power.



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