

FIRE DEPARTMENT * CITY OF NEW YORK
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND * MARINE OPERATIONS

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

FIREBOAT

THREE FORTY THREE



NEWEST MEMBER OF FDNY'S MARINE FLEET
Named in honor of the 343 FDNY Members lost at the World Trade Center



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PROGRAM

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Welcome: Battalion Chief Michael Gala, *Master of Ceremonies*

Presentation of the Colors: FDNY Color Guard

Star Spangled Banner: Firefighter Regina Wilson

Invocation: Rabbi Joseph Potasnik

Remarks: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, *Mayor, City of New York*
Salvatore J. Cassano, *Fire Commissioner*

Command for Crew to Man Ship: Chief of Department Edward S. Kilduff

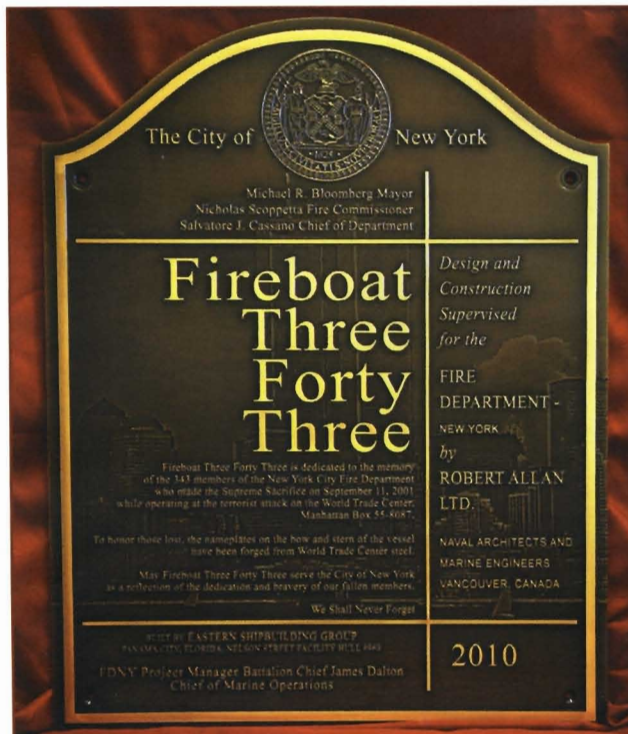
Reading of Command Orders: Captain Richard Johnson, *Commanding Officer, Marine Company One*

Benediction & Blessing of the 343 Plaque: Monsignor John Delendick, *FDNY Chaplain*

Musical Selections:

You Raise Me Up Firefighter Frank Pizarro
God Bless America Assembly

Conclusion: BC Michael Gala



Plaque Inscription:

Fireboat Three Forty Three
*is dedicated to the memory of the 343 members
of the New York City Fire Department who made
the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001
while operating at the terrorist attack on the
World Trade Center, Manhattan Box 55-8087.*

*To honor those lost, the nameplates on the bow
and stern of the vessel have been forged
from World Trade Center steel.*

*May Fireboat Three Forty Three serve the
City of New York as a reflection of the
dedication and bravery of our fallen members.*

We Shall Never Forget.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (SOC) - MARINE OPERATIONS
MARINE ONE: FIREBOAT *THREE FORTY THREE*



FDNY Marine Operations is charged with protecting New York City's 560 miles of waterfront. The FDNY Marine fleet consists of more than 30 vessels. In 2008-2009 Marine Operations celebrated its centennial anniversary of 100 years of service.

Under the direction of the Special Operations Command, Marine Operations currently operates three large fireboats and a number of Boston whalers and fast motorboats for rescue operations. In 2010 and 2011, the FDNY will launch two new fireboats that will support the ever-increasing volume of commuter, recreational and commercial traffic passing through local waterways.

FDNY's newest fireboat, *Three Forty Three*, is today commissioned into service and will be assigned to Marine 1, replacing the 56-year-old *John D. McKean*.



The new 140-foot, 500-ton, \$27 million dollar Fireboat *Three Forty Three* is the country's largest fireboat with a maximum speed of 18 knots. The *Three Forty Three* will provide the FDNY with the latest technology available for Marine vessels, including the capability of pumping 50,000 gallons of water per minute; nearly 30,000 gallons more than its predecessor. The *Three Forty Three* has been designed, with the assistance of U.S. Navy engineers from the U.S. military's Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense and Naval Sea Systems Command, to detect and protect firefighters from chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents. The ship contains a pressurized area that filters the air supply using special charcoal and high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, allowing the crew members to operate when needed in hostile environments. Decontamination and first aid can be handled aboard the ship as well by means of a de-con shower area that leads to a triage and first-aid station.

Other innovative designs make this ship extremely useful to the FDNY. The *Three Forty Three* features a forward ballast tank which lowers the boat in the water to match its deck with larger ferries that operate in the waters around New York City. This feature will allow the fireboat to safely transfer and evacuate people in an emergency. The ship's pilot house is configured to allow the Captain a 360-degree view of an operation, which can assist with maneuvering the vessel in tight quarters. In addition, the *Three Forty Three* has a command and control area where the ship's officers will be able to monitor and direct fire operations with the aid of remote cameras and state-of-the-art communication equipment.

The *Three Forty Three*, and her sister ship *Firefighter II* (currently undergoing sea trials in Panama City, Florida), were paid for in large part by \$54 million in grants from the Department of Homeland Security. The *Three Forty Three*'s original design is from naval architectural firm Robert Allan Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C. The *Three Forty Three* was constructed by Eastern Shipbuilding Group of Panama City, Florida.

**MARINE ONE FIREBOAT
THREE FORTY THREE**



BOAT OFFICERS

Captain
Richard Johnson

Lieutenants
Thomas J. Nealon, Jr.
Thomas Piambino
James T. Zodkovic

MARINE PILOTS

James R. Campanelli
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Frederick J. Roberts
Charles J. Stauder

MARINE WIPERS

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