



USCGC Mellon (WHEC 717)

The USCGC Mellon is a High Endurance Cutter homeported in Seattle, Washington. The cutter Mellon was designed to perform each of the Coast Guard's missions, which include search and rescue, defense operations, law enforcement, and environmental protection.

The Mellon conducts Alaskan fishery patrols, enforcing international and domestic fishing requirements. Mellon patrols the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea, the Eastern Pacific down to South America.

CGC Mellon was originally homeported in Honolulu, HI. When she arrived in Honolulu, she earned the nickname "Mellon No Ka Oi," or "Mellon best of all." She received

the Safety Award on August 1, 1968 by Rear Admiral B. F. Engel, Commander, 14th Coast Guard District.

The Mellon was named after Andrew W. Mellon 49th Secretary of the Treasury from 1921-1932. Mellon is the third in her class of seven high endurance cutters built by Avondale Shipyards.

USCGC Mellon Specifications

Homeport:	Seattle, Washington
Length:	378 feet (115 m)
Beam:	43 feet (13 meters)
Draft:	15 feet (4.6meters)
Displacement:	3,250 tons
Speed:	29 knots (60 km/h)
Propulsion:	Two diesel engines and two gas turbine engines
Range:	14,000 nautical miles (25,900 km)
Crew:	167 personnel
Armament:	Otobreda 76 mm, Phalanx CIWS
Namesake:	49th Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon
Motto:	Primus Inter Pares (FirstAmong Equals)
Laid Down:	July 25, 1966
Launched:	Feb. 11, 1967
Commissioned:	Jan. 9, 1968