

PROJECT OVERVIEW

# A HISTORIC FINAL VOYAGE



**THE PROJECT:**

In 2014, Foss escorted the *USS Constellation* aircraft carrier on her historic final voyage. The *Kitty Hawk*-class supercarrier, nicknamed “Connie” by her crew, was successfully towed by ocean tug *Corbin Foss* from Bremerton Naval Shipyard to Brownsville, Texas to be retired and scrapped. The 16,000-mile journey took 160 days, with Foss guiding the massive vessel along Mexico and Central and South America, passing through the Straits of Magellan before heading north to Texas.

**SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- Harbor Services
- Ship Assist and Escort
- Project Logistics
- Voyage Planning
- Ocean Towing

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The *USS Constellation* is 1088 ft long, making it too large to travel through the Panama Canal, which is the traditional route to the Gulf Coast.
- Tug *Lindsey Foss* escorted the Connie from the Bremerton Naval Base to Blake Island where they handed the tow to the *Corbin Foss*.
- Completed the 16,000-mile journey in 160 days despite encountering gale force winds and massive seas.
- Orchestrated a global operations effort for fueling, pilots, assist tugs, and supplies in seven countries.
- Worked in a collaborative effort with a second tug company that assisted during the Pacific, South American portion of the tow.

