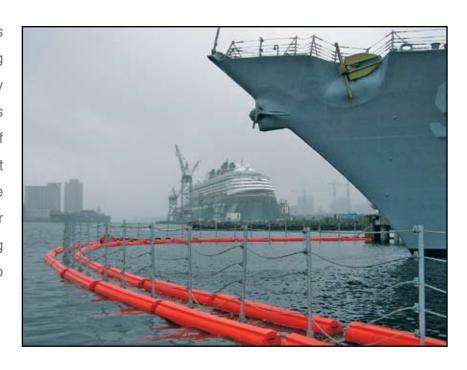


Tuffboom

Worldwide

For a long time, Worthington Products has relied on the strength of the galvanized coating to provide longevity to the steel products they fabricate. One new product, the Tuffboom, is a floating barrier used worldwide to cordon off waterways. They are commonly used to protect dams from debris and to keep boaters safe and out of spillways and hydro-electric water intakes. However, in addition to protecting the casual boater, they are also used to keep terrorists away from potential targets.





Since the attack on the USS Cole, thousands of feet of these barriers have been installed at US naval bases worldwide. The systems require a tough coating as they are in corrosive marine environments and are designed to stop a 15,000 pound speedboat going 50 knots. With the proven track record Worthington Products has had with galvanized steel, the choice was simple. Hot-dip galvanized steel's superior corrosion protection in marine environments will help keep US Naval personnel, and leisure boaters safe well into the future.