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I. Command Composition, Organization and Technical Data

Built by: Bollinger Shipyard, Lockport, Louisiana

Maximum speed: 35+ knots

Cruising speed: 25 knots

Maximum range: 2000 nautical miles

Complement: 4 Officers, 1 Chief Petty Officer, 24 Enlisted

Endurance: 10 days

Length: 170 feet

Beam: 25 feet

Draft: 7.8 feet

Displacement: 328.5 tons

Propulsion: 4 Paxman diesels (3350 HP each)

4 Fixed pitch propellers

Generators: 2 Caterpillar generators (155KW)

Hull: Steel hull with aluminum superstructure

Armament: 1 MK38 25MM chain gun

1 MK96 25MM chain gun

- 4 Gun mounts supporting any combination of:
 - .50 caliber machine gun, M-60 machine gun,
 - MK 19 machine gun (40MM grenade)
 - Small arms
- 2 MK 52 MOD 0 Chaff Decoy Launching System
- 1 Stinger station (Shoulder fired)

Sensors: S and X band Radars, AN/APR-39 electronic warfare system, forward looking infrared radar, Wesmar sonar

Mission: Operate in low intensity conflict environments performing Naval Special Warfare missions such as long range SEAL insertion and extractions, tactical swimmer operations, intelligence collection, operational deception and support, vessel board and search, security operations

Keel laid: November 20, 1991

Launched: June 6, 1992

Christened: June 20, 1992

Commissioned: October 15, 1993

Commanding Officer: Robert Alistair Borchert

II.

1993 Chronology

15 OCT	SHIPS COMMISSIONING
16 OCT	ASSIGNED TO TASK UNIT 015.0.12
18 OCT	INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SO-CAL
19OCT-24OCT	UPKEEP PERIOD
25OCT-05NOV	COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT OF READINESS & TRAINING II
06NOV-21NOV	UPKEEP PERIOD
22NOV-23NOV	INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SO-CAL

24NOV-13DEC UPKEEP PERIOD
14DEC-15DEC INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SO-CAL
16DEC-31DEC HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD

1994 Chronology

01 JAN INPORT SAN DIEGO
01JAN-03JAN HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD
03JAN-21JAN TAILORED SHIPS TRAINING AVAILABILITY (TSTA) I
07FEB-06MAR INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY
10FEB-18FEB TAILORED SHIPS TRAINING AVAILABILITY II
22FEB-04MAR MICROSAP INSTALLATION
28FEB-18MAR TAILORED SHIPS TRAINING AVAILABILITY III
28FEB-04MAR NOISE TRIALS
22MAR-23MAR OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION
29MAR-31MAR FINAL EVALUATION PERIOD (FEP)
01 APR ASSIGNED TASK UNIT 802.1.1
18APR-20APR INSURV
02 MAY FLEET EXERCISE 94-2C
13MAY-14MAY TRANSIT TO MONTEREY, CA
14MAY-15MAY PORT VISIT MONTEREY, CA
16MAY-20MAY TRANSIT TO VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
18 MAY FUEL STOP, ASTORIA, OR
19 MAY FUEL STOP, ESQUILMALT, CANADA
21MAY-22MAY PORT VISIT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
23MAY-24MAY TRANSIT TO EUREKA, CA
25 MAY PORT VISIT EUREKA, CA
26MAY-27MAY TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO, CA
20JUN-30JUN TAILORED SHIPS TRAINING AVAILABILITY IV

01JUL-08AUG POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY
09AUG-15AUG PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT (POM) PERIOD
16AUG-25AUG TRANSIT SOUTHEAST PACIFIC
16 AUG DEPLOY TO CARIBBEAN
19 AUG VISIT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
19AUG-23AUG TRANSIT TO PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA
23 AUG VISIT PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA
23AUG-26AUG TRANSIT TO RODMAN, PANAMA
26AUG-28AUG UPKEEP RODMAN, PANAMA
29AUG-31AUG TRANSIT TO CARIBBEAN SEA
29 AUG TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL
01SEP-02SEP VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
01 SEP ASSIGNED TASK GROUP 125.1
03SEP-05SEP TURNOVER WITH USS CYCLONE (PC-1)
03SEP-05SEP EMBARK SPECBOATU 20 RIB DET G
03SEP-05SEP EMBARK SEAL TEAM 8 PLATOON B (1 SQUAD)
06SEP-09SEP UPKEEP GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
06SEP-09SEP MK 96 GUNMOUNT INSTALLATION
10SEP-14SEP INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CARIBBEAN SEA
10SEP-21SEP EMBARK SPECBOATU 20 RIB DET G
10SEP-21SEP EMBARK SEAL TEAM 8 PLATOON B (1 SQUAD)
13SEP-14SEP ASSIGNED TASK GROUP 185.1
13 SEP UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT (UNREP) WITH USS COMTE DE
GRASSE
14SEP-15SEP RECONNAISSANCE EXERCISE GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
15 SEP ASSIGNED TASK GROUP 185.2
15 SEP VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

15 SEP TRANSIT WINDWARD PASSAGE TO CAPE HAITIAN
16SEP-20SEP SPECIAL OPERATIONS, CAPE HAITIAN
17 SEP UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY
21-24 SEP UPKEEP GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
22 SEP ASSIGNED TASK GROUP 185.1
24 SEP TRANSIT CARIBBEAN SEA
25SEP-29SEP INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, CARIBBEAN SEA
25SEP-30SEP EMBARK SEAL TEAM 8 PLATOON B (1 SQUAD)
25SEP-30SEP EMBARK SPECBOATU 20 RIB DET G
26 SEP UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY
28 SEP UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS COMTE DE GRASSE
30 SEP TRANSIT WINDWARD PASSAGE TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
01 OCT ASSIGNED TASK FORCE 185
01OCT-04OCT PORT VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
04OCT-05OCT LOCAL OPERATIONS PORT AU PRINCE
05OCT-09OCT VISIT PORT AU PRINCE
09 OCT TRANSIT TO MONTEGO BAY
10OCT-12OCT VISIT MONTEGO BAY
12 OCT TRANSIT TO PORT AU PRINCE
13OCT-17OCT PATROL PORT AU PRINCE
14 OCT REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
15 OCT REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
17 OCT TRANSIT TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
18-21 OCT VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
21 OCT TRANSIT TO PORT AU PRINCE
22OCT-25OCT PATROL PORT AU PRINCE
25 OCT TRANSIT TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

25OCT-26OCT	VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
26 OCT	ASSIGNED TASK UNIT 802.1.1
26 OCT	TRANSIT TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA
27OCT-29OCT	VISIT KEY WEST, FLORIDA
29OCT-31OCT	TRANSIT TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
31OCT-13NOV	VISIT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
13NOV-16NOV	TRANSIT TO MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA
16 NOV	FUEL STOP MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA
16NOV-18NOV	TRANSIT TO COLON, PANAMA
18 NOV	TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL
19NOV-21NOV	VISIT RODMAN, PANAMA
21NOV-24NOV	TRANSIT TO PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA
24NOV-25NOV	VISIT PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA
25NOV-28NOV	TRANSIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
28 NOV	VISIT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
28NOV-02DEC	TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO, CA
02 DEC	ARRIVE HOMEPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
02DEC-31DEC	POST DEPLOYMENT LEAVE PERIOD
15 DEC	CHANGE OF COMMAND. LT R.A. BORCHERT, USN, ASSUMES COMMAND

III. Narrative

The first ship to bear the name HURRICANE (PC 3) was laid down on November 20, 1991 at Lockport, La, by Bollinger Shipyard and launched on June 6, 1992 sponsored by Mrs. Betsy Cantrell. Commissioned as the third Patrol Coastal ship of the Cyclone class on October 15, 1993 with LT John P. Gelinne in command.

In September of 1993, HURRICANE departed Naval Support Activity New Orleans for her new homeport of Naval Station San Diego, Ca. During that month she made stops at Naval Station Pascagoula, Ms, Grand Cayman, Naval Station Rodman, Panama and Pureta Vallarta, Mexico. During this transit HURRICANE performed the first underway refueling of a PC class ship with USS PEORIA (LST 1183).

During the same month she became the first PC to transit the Panama Canal. Arriving in San Diego on September 24 her crew went through a much needed standown and commissioned her at North Island Naval Air Station Carrier Piers.

Beginning in October and running through April of 1994, HURRICANE successfully completed all phases of the surface ship Tactical Training Strategy which included Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, Total Ship Training Availabilities (TSTA's) I, II, and III, and Afloat Training Groups Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). HURRICANE distinguished herself in all phases and earned high marks for her performance. At the end of April an Inspection and Survey Board (INSURV) was conducted as part of final acceptance by the Navy.

After her initial qualifying certifications, HURRICANE traveled north to show the flag and perform some public relations work. She arrived in Monterey, Ca in May and was greeted by enthusiastic supporters while in port. After conducting numerous tours and participating in numerous activities sponsored by the Monterey

Surface Navy Association she departed for a port visit in Vancouver, Canada. After this port visit HURRICANE headed again for San Diego.

Just outside of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, enroute to Eureka, Ca HURRICANE responded to a mayday from a small fishing boat taking on water in increasing seas. As the first surface platform on scene she directed efforts to save the fishing boat from sinking. After turning over escort of the fishing boat to Coast Guard assets she proceeded south and arrived in Eureka, Ca to much fanfare and welcome. The crew was entertained to sightseeing and dinner by the Eureka chapter of the Navy League.

Upon arrival in homeport, HURRICANE began her Special Warfare workups and was totally certified Fully Mission Capable by the end of June. Beginning in July, she went into an accelerated Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) and prepared to deploy to Haiti in support of International Forces in the region.

She completed her PSA during the first week in August and deployed a scant two weeks later to Operation Support Democracy in the waters surrounding Haiti. HURRICANE deployed with USS MONSOON (PC 4) and relieved USS CYCLONE (PC 1) and USS TEMPEST (PC 2) on station during the first part of September. During this time she worked in and out of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

During Operations Uphold, Support and Maintain Democracy in Haiti,

HURRICANE participated in many aspects. In the early stages she was an aggressive participant in Maritime Intercept Operations (MIO) in support of United Nations resolutions/embargo against Haiti. She conducted numerous boardings of suspected embargo violators. In addition, HURRICANE stood by as fire support vessel in combination with Army OH-58's in the vicinity of Port Au Prince Harbor and Cape Haitian.

Later HURRICANE proved her worth by successfully integrating detachment KILO from SBU-20 and various SEAL platoons into a formidable total force package for the Battle Group Commander (TF 125/120). This package performed near shore real time intelligence collection to advance/occupation forces while verifying location of navigational hazards and conducting waterborne landing zone surveys. These were the first real-world Special Warfare missions performed from a PC.

On the morning of 27 September, HURRICANE led the occupation Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) into and was the first US ship to enter Cape Haitian where she provided security and search and rescue (SAR) assistance to both Special Warfare and Amphibious forces. HURRICANE spent the rest of her time in Haiti providing security in Port Au Prince for COMSECONDFLT embarked on USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20).

When HURRICANE detached from the Haiti operations at the end of October she immediately set sail for Key West, Fl where she enjoyed

some much needed rest. From Key West she headed back to New Orleans, La where she received some minor repairs and modifications. Upon completion of this port visit during the middle of November she sailed for Montego Bay, Jamaica. Once again HURRICANE departed for the Panama Canal for her third trip through in fourteen months. Once back on the west coast of North America she and USS MONSOON made their way back to San Diego arriving to large numbers of media, dependents, and well wishers on the morning of December 2, 1994. Stops on the way back included Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala and Pureta Vallarta.

IV. Supporting Documents

Enclosure 1: Commanding Officer's biography and photograph

Enclosure 2: Commissioning Program