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1. Per reference (a), the following is submitted for 1996.

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Copy to: Commander Special Boat Squadron ONE

USS HURRICANE (PC 3)
COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Immediate Superior in Command: Commodore D. R. Kohler

Commanding Officer: LT D. S. Geidel

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

Engineering Officer: CW03 [REDACTED]

Command Chief: ENC(SW/CC) H. T. Sanchez

Ship's mission: To conduct coastal patrol and interdiction (CP&I) and surveillance operations; to operate primarily in Low Intense Conflict (LIC) environments with contingency scenarios ranging from permissive Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO's) to counterinsurgency and interdiction of coastal Sea Lines of Communication (SLOC's). The PC operates with allied forces, United States Coast Guard (USCG) Law Enforcement Detachments, other law enforcement agencies, and is capable of pursuit, interception, boarding, search and seizure operations.

Capable of embarkation and transport of nine-man Naval Special Warfare / Special Operations Force units and their equipment, providing insertion, extraction, seaward security, and secure communications with units ashore. The ship is also capable of engaging lightly armed surface threats, and it possesses a limited Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) self defense and limited electronic and infrared (IR) surveillance capabilities.

USS HURRICANE COMMAND HISTORY

12 Jan 96 End of second leave period.

29-31 Jan 96 Conducted Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase III (TSTA III).

07-08 Feb 96 Conducted Final Evaluation Problem (FEP).

20-29 Feb 96 Successfully completed SBU One ORE.

28 Mar 96 Enroute Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

31 Mar-02 Apr 96 Port visit in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

01-03 Apr 96 Enroute Salina Cruz, Mexico.

04 Apr 96 Arrived Salina Cruz for refueling.

04-06 Apr 96 Enroute Punta Caldera, Costa Rica.

07-09 Apr 96 Port visit in Punta Caldera.

09 Apr 96 Enroute NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

10 Apr 96 Arrived NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

16-17 Apr 96 Underway ISO SOF interoperability training.

18-22 Apr 96 Maintenance/Upkeep in Rodman, Panama.

19 Apr 96 Change of Command: LT D. S. Geidel relieved LT R. A. Borchert.

23-26 Apr 96 Underway ISO exercise Errant Spear.

26-30 Apr 96 Maintenance/Upkeep in Rodman, Panama.

01 May 96 Underway ISO Operation Speed Racer.

06-07 May 96 Refueled in Esmeraldas, Ecuador/port visit.

07-10 May 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

09 May 96 RAS with USS LEWIS B. PULLER (FFG 23).

10 May 96 "Crossing the line" ceremony.

11-14 May 96 Port visit New Guayquil, Ecuador.

15-19 May 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

19 May 96 RAS with Lewis B. Puller.

20 May 96 Hurricane struck by Colombian Naval ship, ARC Sebastian De Belal Cazar, while inport Bahia Malaga, CO.

20-22 May 96 Port visit Naval Base Bahia Malaga, Columbia. Conducted professional exchange with Colombian Naval Officers.

22-25 May 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

23 May 96 Provided at-sea weapons tech support to Colombian warship.

26 May 96 RTP NAVSTA Rodman, Panama for fuel.

28 May 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

31 May 96 RTP NAVSTA Rodman, Panama for fuel and maintenance/upkeep.

04 Jun 96 Enroute Punta Fijo, Venezuela JCET.

05 Jun 96 Transited Panama Canal.

08 Jun 96 RDVU with PATRIA (PC 15) Venezuelan Navy for escort to fuel pier and to Falcon Naval Base.

08-28 Jun 96 Conduct SOF JCET support to Punto Fijo, VE. Training included VBSS training, CRRC launch and recovery, damage control, and Medical training.

15-16 Jun 96 Port visit Curacao, NA.

22-24 Jun 96 Port visit Aruba.

28-02 Jun 96 Enroute NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

01 Jul 96 Transited the Panama Canal.

02-07 Jul 96 Maintenance/upkeep in Rodman, Panama.

08 Jul 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

12 Jul 96 BSF in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.

20 Jul 96 Moored NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

23 Jul 96 Underway enroute Cartagena, Colombia
ISO JCET. Transited Panama Canal.

25 Jul-07 Aug 96 Moored Cartagena, Colombia for JCET.
Training included VBSS training, CRRC
launch and recovery, damage control,
and hull inspection.

07 Aug 96 Underway enroute NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

08 Aug 96 Transited Panama Canal.

09-12 Aug 96 Maintenance/upkeep in Rodman, Panama.

12-25 Aug 96 Underway ISO operation Speed Racer.

15 Aug 96 BSF Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. Underway

15-19 Aug 96 Enroute Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

19-21 Aug 96 Port Visit Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

22 Aug 96 Enroute San Diego, California.

25 Aug 96 Arrived homeport San Diego, California.

25 Aug-13 Sep 96 Post deployment standown period.

21 Sep 96 Offloaded ammo at NAS North Island in
preparation for DPMA.

15-18 Oct 96 Conducted successful PLOT Phase II
training.

04-08 Nov 96 Conducted 3-M assist.

13 Nov 96 Entered the Graving Dock at NAVSTA San
Diego.

13-31 Dec 96 Holiday leave period.

USS HURRICANE (PC 3)
1996 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS HURRICANE started the year of 1996 with a holiday leave period. The first operation the year was TSTA III from 29-31 Jan. FEP was completed on 07-08 Feb, comments from Commander Afloat Training Group Pacific are included in COMAFLOATRAGRUPAC 141515Z FEB 96. 20-29 Feb HURRICANE conducted SBU One ORE, training in SEAL insertion and extraction, 10 meter RHIB tow, over the horizon rendezvous, and Command and Control for embarked SEAL teams was held. On 28 Mar, HURRICANE departed on a 5 month deployment to SOUTHCOM AOR. From 30 Mar-04 Apr HURRICANE participated in Operation Cobra which was to block the northern route of fishing vessel Calypso 82, a suspect vessel, until USNS STALWART was able to board the vessel. HURRICANE had a port visit to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 31 Mar-02 Apr and was underway again to NAVSTA Rodman, Panama, via Salina Cruz, Mexico for fuel on 04 Apr and Punta Caldera, Costa Rica on 06 Apr. On 10 Apr, HURRICANE arrived at NAVSTA Rodman, Panama with a welcome ceremony held for the first PC class ship to be stationed in the SOUTHCOM AOR. Between 16-17 Apr HURRICANE supported SEAL Team 4 Platoon B in the Gulf of Panama followed by support for Seal team 4 Platoon E operations in the Gulf of Panama from 24-26 Apr. In between these operations, LT Borchert turned over command to LT Donald S. Geidel. On 01 May HURRICANE was once again underway--this time for Operation Speed Racer. The crew was provided a port visit in Esmeraldas, Ecuador from 05-07 May. On 09 May, HURRICANE RAS with USS LEWIS B. PULLER, the second PC/FFG astern refueling ever conducted. A day later, HURRICANE held the second PC "crossing the line ceremony". HURRICANE transited to Guayquil, Ecuador for an 11-14 May port visit. From 20-22 May, HURRICANE visited Naval Base, Bahia Malaga, Colombia. 31 May HURRICANE Returned to NAVSTA Rodman for stores onload in preparation for JCET at Punta Fijo, Venezuela. On 04 Jun HURRICANE began the track southward for the JCET exercise transiting the Panama Canal on 05 Jun and arriving in Punta Fijo on 08 Jun. 08-28 Jun was spent on JCET, which provided valuable training in areas of VBSS, multi ship SAR exercise, weapons repair and safety, first aid, damage control and firefighting, outboard motor maintenance and repair, and CRRC launch/recovery. HURRICANE visited Aruba and Curacao, NA for port visit upon completion of training each week. On 28 Jun HURRICANE departed for NAVSTA Rodman for upkeep and maintenance. On 08-20 Jul supported operation Speed Racer in the eastern Pacific Ocean. On 23 Jul HURRICANE departed NAVSTA Rodman

following areas; VBSS, CRRS launch and recovery, damage control, and hull inspection. VBSS was the primary exercise during the JCET, numerous boarding were held on HURRICANE and Colombian Coast Guard vessels for training on search and seizure, boarding procedures, safety of boarding team members, weapon and narcotic searches, and document verification. On 07 Aug HURRICANE was enroute NAVSTA Rodman for a port visit. On 12 Aug HURRICANE departed NAVSTA Rodman for Puerto Vallarta, Mx. On 19 Aug HURRICANE arrived Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for port visit and received tigers for the return to San Diego. On 22 Aug HURRICANE departed for San Diego. On 25 Aug HURRICANE arrived in NAVSTA San Diego, after a very successful deployment, to our family and friends. A post-deployment leave period from 25 Aug-13 Sep. On 21 Sep HURRICANE offloaded ammo at NAS North Island in preparation for upcoming DPMA. 15-18 Oct held PLOT Phase II. Conducted 3-M assist on 04-08 Nov. On 13 Nov 96 entered the Graving Dock at NAVSTA San Diego for dry dock portion of DPMA. 13-31 Dec HURRICANE enjoyed a well-earned Holiday leave period.