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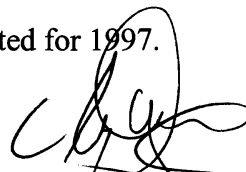
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Subj: SHIP'S HISTORY SUBMISSION FOR USS HURRICANE (PC-3)

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1. Per reference (a), the following is submitted for 1997.

  
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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: CWO4 [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

01-06 Jan	Holiday leave period.
07 Jan-03 Feb	Graving dock for overhaul.
4-6 Feb	Conducted Light-Off Assessment (LOA).
6 Feb	Conducted dock trials and fast cruise.
7 Feb	Underway for sea trials
10-23 Feb	Underway for Command Assessment of Resources and Training II (CART II) preps.
24 Feb-09 Mar	Inport for CART II training.
10-14 Mar	Conducted Command Assessment of Resources and Training.
16 Mar	Conducted diesel trends/noise survey/swing ship check.
20 Mar	Visit ship for Commander Naval Surface Warfare Center, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and Chinese visiting ships.
24 Mar-06Apr	Underway for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA I) preps.
27-30 Mar	Port Visit in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.
31 Mar-06 Apr	Underway for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA I) preps.
7-25 Apr	Conducted TSTA I.
28 Apr-09May	Inport San Diego for Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)
13-17 May	Underway for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA II) preps.
16-17 May	Dependents Cruise; Anchor at Santa Catalina Island. Port visit at Seal Beach, CA.
20-30 May	Conducted TSTA II.
02-03 Jun	Conducted Engineering Certification.
10 Jun-15 July	Entered drydock for fuel tank modification and propeller upgrade.

17-18 July	Underway for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA III) preparations.
21-24 July	Conducted TSTA III.
25-28 July	Inport for training.
29-30 July	Conducted Final Evaluation Period.
31 July-24 Aug	Leave and Upkeep in San Diego.
12 Aug	Conducted ammunition onload at North Island.
28 Aug-24 Sep	Underway in support of Fleet Battle Experiment Bravo.
03 Sep	Inport Pearl Harbor for refueling.
04 Sep	Conducted Reconnaissance exercise off Oahu.
05-07 Sep	Port visit at Lahaina, Maui.
08-09 Sep	Port visit at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
10 Sep	Underway for Stinger missile shoot off Barking Sands.
11 Sep	Port visit at Port Allen, Kauai.
12-15 Sep	Port visit at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
16-21 Sep	Enroute San Diego.
19 Sep	Conducted familiarization firing exercise.
22 Sep	Conducted Safety Standdown.
23 Sep-03 Oct	Inport for upkeep.
04 Oct-08 Nov	Underway in Support of MARCOT 97.
10 Nov-11 Dec	Inport for Intermediate Maintenance Availability.
12-31 Dec	Holiday leave period.

USS HURRICANE (PC 3)  
1997 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS HURRICANE started off 1997 with a holiday leave period with the ship in post-deployment overhaul. After successfully conducting a Light Off Assessment during the first week of February, Hurricane performed dock trials and fast cruise.

On 7 February, Hurricane exited the shipyard to conduct sea trials. Shortly following completion of sea trials, Hurricane conducted CART II.

On 20 March, during the Chinese Navy visit to San Diego, Hurricane provided a visit ship tour to high ranking dignitaries, both foreign and domestic, including the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. After hosting dignitaries, Hurricane was worked up for the next training evolution, Tailored Ship's Training Availability, phase I (TSTA I). During the workup, the crew was provided with a break in Cabo San Lucas from 27-30 March. Hurricane then returned to the States to continue TSTA I preparations.

From 7-25 April, Hurricane conducted TSTA I. For the next two weeks, Hurricane stood down from underway training to effect maintenance and repairs to the ship prior to training in TSTA II.

From 13 to 17 May, Hurricane was once again aggressively training underway, this time for TSTA II preparations. On the last day of TSTA II preparations, Hurricane conducted a Dependent's Cruise, anchoring at Santa Catalina before proceeding on to Seal Beach to offload dependents. For the following two weeks, Hurricane was at sea conducting TSTA II.

Without any break from TSTA II, Engineering Department conducted Engineering Certification (ECERT), satisfactorily completing the certification in under 2 days.

On 10 Jun, Hurricane entered drydock to receive a fuel tank modification to expand the fuel holding capacity. In addition, Hurricane received newly designed propellers, allowing greater speeds and greater fuel economy. On July 15, Hurricane exited the drydock and two days later began underway training for TSTA III.

From 21-24 July, Hurricane conducted TSTA III. The Final Evaluation Period (FEP) soon followed, on 29-30 July. The crew was provided a much-needed rest, as Hurricane entered a leave period for the next three weeks.

On 28 August, Hurricane was underway to Hawaii in support of Fleet Battle Experiment Bravo.

After arriving in Pearl Harbor on 3 September for a brief stop for fuel, Hurricane was underway conducting reconnaissance exercises off Oahu with the United States Marine Corps. At the completion of the exercise, Hurricane headed for Lahaina, Maui for a few days of rest and

relaxation. On 8 September, Hurricane was once again underway, briefly stopping Pearl Harbor before proceeding to Barking Sands for a Stinger missile shoot. At the completion of the shoot, Hurricane pulled into Kauai to pick up about 20 local children for a Tiger Cruise from Kauai to Pearl Harbor. Hurricane remained in Pearl Harbor for a port visit for three days prior to heading back to San Diego. On 16 September, Hurricane was underway for San Diego. On 21 September, Hurricane returned to San Diego. Hurricane was in an upkeep for the next ten days in preparation for MARCOT 97.

On 4 November, Hurricane was underway. After a three-day stop in San Francisco, Hurricane continued North, arriving in Comox, Canada after a brief stop for fuel in Port Everett. Three weeks were spent in Canada, conducting operations with Canadian Special Forces in support of MARCOT 97. During MARCOT, Hurricane conducted Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO), insertion and extraction operations, and combat operations. After completion of MARCOT, Hurricane headed for Victoria, Canada for two days of rest and relaxation, followed by another port visit, in Seattle for four days. Hurricane returned to San Diego on 8 November and immediately entered a maintenance availability for conducted maintenance and repairs.

On 12 December, Hurricane entered Christmas Standdown and remained in standdown through the remainder of the year.