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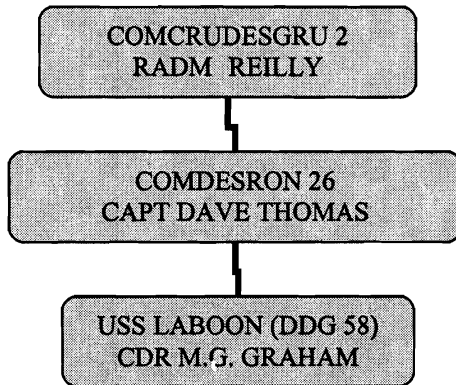
1. Per references (a) and (b), enclosure one through six are forwarded as the 2003 Command History for USS LABOON (DDG 58).


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS LABOON (DDG 58) COMMAND ORGANIZATION 2003

1. USS LABOON (DDG 58)
2. UIC: 21820
3. MISSION: POM, DRYDOCK AVAILABILTY, VACAPES OPERATIONS, IDRC, USS SCRANTON SEA TRIALS, CMTQ, CART II, I/A, U/D, SMI, FEP
4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:



5. COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR MICHAEL GRAHAM
6. HOMEPORT: NORFOLK NAVAL BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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USS LABOON (DDG 58) COMMAND STRUCTURE 2003

Commanding Officer: CDR Michael G. Graham

Executive Officer: LCDR George Capen (APR 2002-JUN 2003)
LCDR Timothy Steadman (JUN 2002-DEC 2003)

Command Master Chief: CMDCM Paul Ducharme

Combat Systems Officer: LCDR [REDACTED]

Fire Control Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Systems Test Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Electronics Material Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

Strike Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

Chief Engineer: LCDR [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]

Main Propulsion Assistant: CWO2 [REDACTED]

MP Divo: ENS [REDACTED]

R Divo: ENS [REDACTED]

Damage Control Assistant: LTJG [REDACTED]

Auxiliaries/Electrical Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Ships Material Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Combat Information Center Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Training Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Communications Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

OI Divo: LTJG [REDACTED]

Electronic Warfare Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

First LT: ENS [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Force Protection Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Ordnance Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

ASW Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

Navigator: LTJG [REDACTED]

Administrative Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Dibursing Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

USS LABOON (DDG 58) 2003 CHRONOLOGY

01-26 JAN	IPT NORFOLK, VA
27-31 JAN	U/W VACAPES
01-09 FEB	IPT NORFOLK, VA
10-12 FEB	U/W YORKTOWN, VA (AMMO OFFLOAD)
15-28 FEB	IPT NORFOLK, VA
01 - 10 MAR	IPT NORFOLK, VA
11 - 13 MAR	U/W TRANSIT TO PHILADELPHIA, PA
14- 18 MAR	PORT VISIT PHILADELPHIA
19 - 21 MAR	U/W RETURN TO NORFOLK, VA
22 -31 MAR	IPT NORFOLK, VA
1 -11 APR	U/W VACAPES (SINK-EX, MNME 03-01)
12-20 APR	IPT NORFOLK, VA
21 APR -08 JUL	DSRA NORSHIPCO, VA
8 JUL	DEADSTICK FROM NORSHIPCO TO NOB
9 JUL - 20 JUL	IPT NORFOLK, VA
21 - 22 JUL	U/W VACAPES (SEA TRIALS)
23 - 25 JUL	WEAPONS ONLOAD YORKTOWN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
26 - 27 JUL	IPT NORFOLK, VA
28 JUL - 01 AUG	U/W VACAPES (WSN-7 CALIBRATION)
02 AUG - 14 SEP	IPT NORFOLK, VA (FMAV)
15-19 SEP	U/W HURRICANE ISABEL SORTIE
19 SEP - 15 OCT	IPT NORFOLK, VA
16-17 OCT	U/W VACAPES (CART II, NAV CHECK RIDE)
18-21 OCT	IPT NORFOLK, VA
22-24 OCT	U/W SEA TRIALS ESCORT FOR USS SCRANTON
25-27 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
27-31 OCT	U/W VACAPES (NIGHT HARBOR PACKAGE, USW/ENG TSTA)
01-09 NOV	IPT NORVA (CMTQ)
10-15 NOV	U/W VACAPES
16-23 NOV	IPT NORFOLK, VA
24-26 NOV	U/W VACAPES
27-30 NOV	IPT NORFOLK, VA
01-05 DEC	U/W VACAPES (TOW-EX, HELO DAY)
09-11 DEC	U/W VACAPES (U/D)
15-18 DEC	U/W VACAPES FEP)
19-31 DEC	IPT NORFOLK, VA

USS LABOON (DDG 58) 2003 COMMAND NARRATIVE

During 2003, LABOON set forth to accomplish one main goal, to successfully complete a demanding Interdeployment Readiness Cycle in order to support national surge requirements. Following a return from deployment in December 2002 and a POM standdown, LABOON continued to maintain a high level of readiness through several underway periods early in the year. The ship conducted a highly successful port visit to Philadelphia, PA for St. Patrick's Day. LABOON's operational ASW excellence was demonstrated in April during the Multi National Maritime Exercise where a Peruvian diesel submarine was successfully tracked by LABOON's ASW and CIC teams. Over the summer, LABOON conducted extensive material preservation efforts while in a three month drydock yard period at NORSHIPCO. Following the yard period, LABOON conducted a sea trials U/W during which newly installed systems such as the WSN-7 Ring Laser Gyro were successfully tested. A notable unexpected event of 2003 was the Atlantic Fleet sortie for Hurricane Isabel in September. Following return from sortie, LABOON excelled in all Basic Phase Assessments including CART II, Final Evaluation Problem, and the Engineering Underway Demonstration. Successful performance in these events allowed LABOON to distinguish herself as the only ship in DESRON 26 to certify all basic phase requirements during 2003. Through solid planning and total commitment, LABOON met and overcame all challenges inherent to the training cycle. The dedication of her crew during this challenging period was in keeping true to the ship's motto, always ready and always "Without Fear!"

• SPECIFIC 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Operational and Exercise Performance.

- Ready to answer the call. After demonstrating the highest OPTEMPO in DESRON 26 successful Persian Gulf/MED Deployment, LABOON was part of the Surge ready George Washington Battle Group.
- Demonstrating involved leadership and an aggressive training program, LABOON underwent the 3M Baseline Assessment. Meticulous adherence to program directives was evident as LABOON scored over 96 % -overall on the assessment, upgrading the assessment to a full 3M certification.
- Maintenance. Through coordination with shipyard managers, Port Engineer, and AIT Teams, LABOON sharply executed a 13 week Depot-level Selected Restricted Availability while maintaining robust training using innovative techniques. In addition, LABOON successfully completed a three month

Phased Maintenance Availability where over 150 depot level jobs were completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Despite serious issues with the port and starboard hub, LABOON undocked on time CASREP free and ready to support real world operations.

- Participated in MNME 03-1 (Multi-National Maritime Exercise). LABOON conducted ASW Passive tracking of USS OKLAHOMA CITY in both scripted and free-play events. LABOON also conducted a successful Opposed RAS with a Peruvian Type 209 Submarine.
- Ready to answer all force protection needs. Qualified over 400 personnel on the 9MM, M14, shotgun and M60 to ensure force protection needs of the ship and crew were met during Operation Noble Eagle.
- Seamanship. LABOON was the only DESRON 26 ship to successfully moor to a buoy and complete a towing exercise. In addition, the ship safely completed 44 restricted waters transits totaling over 1500 nm.
- Ambassadors of goodwill. The crew of LABOON continually exhibited the highest standards as ambassadors of goodwill for the Navy. Whether conducting VIP tours for the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, Christopher Wren Society, Tin Can Sailors, or participating in a COMREL project cleaning up Hampton Roads highways, the crew maintained a high state of standards and never missed a beat. LABOON hosted several foreign officers from over half a dozen countries.

Sailor Programs.

- Re-enlisted 29 Sailors during 2003, awarding over \$161,365 in SRB.
- Surpassed the Navy-wide advancement averages for the March 2003 and September 2003 exam with astonishing 47% rate overall and a 76% advancement rate to E-4.
- 100% Officer retention and timely SWO qualification - 5 in CY03.
- 20 Sailors graduated from PACE courses with no failures during FY03.
- Awarded the SURFLANT Retention Excellence Award for 2003.

Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control)

- Successfully passed Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) on 5 November 2003 by demonstrating proficient performance in administration, material readiness, tomahawk employment and harpoon engagements. The team also scored an average 91.4% on the Level of Knowledge Exam propelling

it to receive an "A" status for watch stander and CSTT proficiency by Afloat Training Group.

- LABOON safely expended over 23,000 rounds of ordnance including 209 rounds of 5-inch and 7000 CIWS rounds.
- Conducted two successful AAW-12-SF and AAW-21-SF TDU firings destroying both targets.
- LABOON hit the deck running by preparing for and conducting the AVCERT Tech Assist and ARQ just weeks after departing the shipyard. LABOON went on to set the standard for aviation excellence by conducting numerous mishap-free fleet operations and refueling evolutions.
- LABOON is the only DESRON 26 scheduled to complete the Final Evaluation Problem during CY 2003.
- Conducted a safe and efficient on-load of ordnance, which including 28 missiles.
- COMDESRON TWO SIX ASW Center of Excellence! Coordinated and executed three comprehensive and in-depth ASW Syndicates for CCDG2 and DESRON TWO SIX ships covering timely and pertinent subject areas, including: IDRC ASW Requirements, ASW Bloodhound Award Criteria, CNSL TADTAR Funding for ASW SFTM Required Schools, PCO Ops Lessons Learned, Multi-National Maritime Exercise ASW Lessons Learned, USS SCRANTON Escort Ship Lessons Learned, New ASWO COI offered by SUBTRAFAC, and OBT Integration Concerns.
- Planned and executed over 944 simulated Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) during forty separate exercises in 5th, 6th, and 2nd Fleet Area of Operations (AORs).
- Successfully completed all operational tasking and training events which included over 1000 hours of real and simulated passive contact time, over 200 hours of real and simulated active contact time as well as conducting three REXTORP firings and five EMATT expenditures.
- Exceptional performance during a compressed Basic Phase training cycle by successfully accomplishing SVTT Loading, SONAR Casualty, Own Ship Acoustic Signature, Active Tracking, Unidentified Contact Reporting, Submarine Familiarization, SVTT Firing, Passive ASW Operations, Mission Planning, Command & Control, Acoustic Data Collection, Attack Operations (simulated), Torpedo Countermeasures, Shallow Water ASW, Small Object Avoidance, and Proficiency Maintenance exercises.
- Executed an extensive and demanding DSRA which included major work to the SONAR Dome Rubber Window. This job comprised of replacing sixteen AN/SQS-53C transducer elements, replacing both AN/WQC-2 high and low frequency transducers, and replacing multiple SDRW valves.

- Handpicked by SURFLANT as the most-capable surface ASW asset to provide emergent post-availability escort services for USS SCRANTON. During these critical post-availability sea trials, LABOON maintained constant communication with SCRANTON utilizing the WQC-2 providing the submarine with a comprehensive and coherent maritime picture prior to surfacing.
- During USW TSTA III, LABOON was noted as having the "The best TACTAS...on the Waterfront" by the lead USW Afloat Training Group representative.
- Demonstrated exceptional resourcefulness by saving \$169,691 dollars by performing extensive micro-miniature (2M) maintenance on numerous pieces of electronic equipment on board LABOON.

Safety

USS LABOON performed well above minimum requirements and consistently executing safety management as evidenced by the following:

- All significant operational evolutions (e.g. ordnance firing/handling, sea and anchor, casualty control drills, underway replenishments, flight ops, boat ops, etc) were prepared with an in-depth safety and ORM brief prior to execution and a comprehensive debrief.
- Safely completed over 180 flight deck evolutions, 128 landings and over 20 underway replenishments. LABOON routinely requested training rigs above and beyond operational needs, thereby ensuring the highest levels of safety readiness for these demanding evolutions.
- Safely fired 209 rounds of 5 inch shells and 7,000 rounds of CIWS ammunition without incident. In-depth briefings and rehearsals were key to LABOON's ordnance safety.
- Safely conducted small arms firing evolutions involving 8,489 9mm rounds, 575 12 gauge shotgun rounds, 2,000 M60 rounds, 600 50 caliber rounds, and 5,311 rounds of M-14 ammunition. These small arms training exercises were executed using pre-event training and ORM, directly contributing to the safe increase in firearms/ammunition handling and the qualification of 400 personnel, all associated with higher force protection postures.