

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
KINGFISHER	MHC 56
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OSPREY (MHC 51)-class coastal minehunter	none
Vessel Location	Current Status
Beaumont (TX) Reserve Fleet	Stricken, to be disposed of

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
29 February 2012	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
29 May 2012	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Fourth U.S. Navy ship to be named KINGFISHER
<b>Displacement</b>	955 tons (full load)
<b>Length</b>	188 ft (overall)
<b>Beam</b>	38 ft (extreme)
<b>Draft</b>	11 ft
<b>Speed</b>	10 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Diesel engines, twin screws
<b>Armament</b>	Mine neutralization system and two .50 caliber machine guns. Sensor/Navigation Systems: AN/SYQ-13 Navigation, Command and Control System, An/SPS-64 (V)j9 surface search radar. AN/SPA-25G radar display, AN/UQN-4A sonar sounding set. AN/WSN-2 stabilized gyrocompass. Hyper-fix radio navigation system. Mine Countermeasures Systems AN/SLQ-48(V)2mine neutralization system (MNS), AN/SQQ-32 mine hunting sonar

<b>Laid Down</b>	1February 1993
<b>Launched</b>	23 April 1994
<b>Built By</b>	Avondale Shipyards, New Orleans, LA
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, wife of Zachary Fisher of the INTREPID Museum Foundation, New York.
<b>Delivered</b>	24 July 1996
<b>Commissioned</b>	26 October 1996
<b>Inactivated</b>	1 December 2007
<b>Decommissioned</b>	1 December 2007
<b>Stricken</b>	1 December 2007

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	<p>Ship's mission was to clear harbor, coastal, and ocean waters of acoustical, magnetic, and pressure/contact type mines utilizing reconnaissance, classification and neutralization tactics.</p> <p>Highlander Exodus Deployment - Participated in the first ever group deployment of a Force Package of MHC class ships, visiting such ports as Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Jamaica, Grand Caymans, and Isla Mujeres, Mexico (1998); MIWRG 1 Deployment (2004); Operation Khaliji – Maritime Security Operations (MSO) and Arabian Gulf Survey Operations (2006).</p>
<b>Awards</b>	Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation (2000)
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	None found.

<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	None.
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\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place aboard the vessel such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>iv. Was the vessel was the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible
<b>Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)</b>	n/a

<b>Sources</b>	Naval Vessel Register
	<a href="http://www.navsource.org">www.navsource.org</a>
	NHHC Ship History Files
	<a href="https://awards.navy.mil">https://awards.navy.mil</a>
	“Welcome Aboard – KINGFISHER” (n.d.)

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**Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment**

Historic preservation stakeholder comments received are considered when preparing final determinations. The initial determination for this vessel was made available for comment by historic preservation stakeholders for 60 days. During that time, the Navy received no written comments.

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<sup>1</sup> Evaluation conducted using triggers established for naval vessels in *Program Comment for the Department of Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels*, issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 15 March 2010.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>