

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
ZEPHYR	PC 8
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
PC 1	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia, PA	Inactive ship inventory as a logistics support asset

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
3 Mar 2021	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
	No

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First ship named ZEPHYR
Displacement	335 ton (light)
Length	179 ft

Beam	25 ft
Draft	9 ft
Speed	32 knots
Propulsion	Diesel Engines
Armament	2 25 millimeter, 2 40 millimeter grenade launchers, 2 .50 caliber machine guns, and 2 7.62 millimeter machine guns
Laid Down	6 Mar 1993
Launched	3 Dec 1993
Built By	Bollinger Machine Shop & Shipyard
Sponsor	Mrs. Barbara A. Andrews, state office manager for Senator Theodore F. Stevens of Alaska.
Delivered	16 Aug 1994
Commissioned	15 Oct 1994
Inactivated	27 Feb 2021
Decommissioned	27 Feb 2021
Stricken	27 Feb 2021

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Operation Northern Edge 96, Social Sinkex 97, UNITAS 38-97, RIMPAC 98, Caribbean Operation, Blue Privateer, Frontier Shield, East PAC Counter Narcotic Operation, JIATF-East Operations/ Exercise Fox Catcher, Operation Chokehold 01-1, Operation Juventud Sana, Operation
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	Noble Eagle (5), Pacific North West (5), Operation Leviathan, Operation Neptune Shield
Awards	Navy “E” Ribbon (4), Navy Unit Commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal
Noteworthy Events	<p>ZEPHYR was the first PC to participate in RIMPAC, the joint surface, sub-surface, and air exercise.</p> <p>During Blue Privateer, confiscated 4,000 lbs cocaine and 200 lbs of marijuana on Freighter Casper, ninth largest drug bust in the US history.</p> <p>30 Sep 2004: ZEPHYR was decommissioned and transferred to US Coast Guard.</p> <p>18 Sep 2013: ZEPHYR was returned to US Navy.</p> <p>Completed 30 high value unit escorts during 2004 maritime security patrols.</p>
DANFS* Entry	ZEPHYR (PC 8)

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation? (A Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to military units that have performed an extremely meritorious or heroic act, usually in the face of an armed enemy.)	No
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? (The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in action against	No

¹ 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.

an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)	
iii. Was a President of the United States was assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?	No
iv. Was the vessel the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	No
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	

Sources	Naval Vessel Register - https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_PC_8.HTML
	Naval History and Naval History and Heritage Command - https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhnc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/z/zephyr--pc-8-.html
	Researched the CORs at Naval History and Heritage Command
	U.S. Navy Awards - <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ZEPHYR PC 8</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ZEPHYR PC 8</UName><sort>1</sort> <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ZEPHYR PC 8</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ZEPHYR PC 8</UName><sort>1</sort>

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 __ written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition