

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Zephyr	PC 8
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Cyclone (PC1)	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-site Maintenance Office, Philadelphia, PA	Decommissioned

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
19 March 2023	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
14 Nov 2023	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	N/A
<b>Displacement</b>	335 tons

<b>Length</b>	179 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	25 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	9 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	35 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Four Paxman Diesel Engines four shafts
<b>Armament</b>	Two Mk.38 25mm mounts; two .50 cal. machine guns, six Stinger missiles, two Mk19 automatic grenade launcher and one Mk 52 Mod 0 chaff launcher
<b>Laid Down</b>	6 March 1993
<b>Launched</b>	3 December 1993
<b>Built By</b>	Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, Louisiana
<b>Sponsor</b>	Barbara A. Andrews-Mee, state office manager for Senator Theodore Stevens of Alaska
<b>Delivered</b>	3 August 1990
<b>Commissioned</b>	15 October 1994
<b>Inactivated</b>	27 February 2021
<b>Decommissioned</b>	27 February 2021
<b>Stricken</b>	27 February 2021

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	<p>Zephyr embarked a 56 day patrol with U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) in the 4th fleet area of operations conducting Operation Martillo.</p> <p>8 June 2012, Zephyr took part in OPSAIL (Harborfest) parade in Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA. ‘</p> <p>Zephyr completed 45 days patrolling the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility. U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F) employ maritime forces in cooperative maritime security operations in order to enhance interoperability, build enduring partnerships that foster regional security, and maintain access in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility</p> <p>17 January 2017, Zephyr completed a 64-day patrol in the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations.</p> <p>17 April 2017, Zephyr at U.S. Coast Guard Station San Juan in support of Operation Martillo, a joint operation with the U.S. Coast Guard and partner nations within the U.S. 4th Fleet in San Juan, Puerto Rico.</p> <p>21 April 2017, Zephyr transitioned to the Caribbean Sea. Zephyr is underway in support of Operation Martillo, a joint operation with the U.S Coast Guard and partner nations within the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations.</p> <p>10 November 2017, Zephyr completed a 76-day patrol in support of U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations. Working with partner nations participating in Operation Martillo, a partnership to target illicit drug trafficking routes in the waters off Central America, Zephyr seized 726 kilograms of cocaine valued at approximately \$17-26 million in street value</p> <p>14 May 2018, Zephyr completed a four-month deployment partnering with the Colombian navy and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the crew and an embarked U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment intercepted a suspected drug smuggling boat with 1,080 pounds of cocaine during a routine patrol in the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations</p> <p>15 March 2019, Zephyr and LEDET conducted three scheduled port visits in the territory of St. Thomas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Montego Bay, Jamaica.</p> <p>16 Nov 2020 Zephyr completed a deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South’s mission, which included counter illicit drug trafficking in the Caribbean.</p>
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<b>Awards</b>	Battle “E” Excellence Award (2)
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	<p>Zephyr with the Karel Doorman-class multi-purpose frigate HNLMS Van Amstel of the Royal Netherlands Navy, pursued and boarded a small fishing boat in the Caribbean Sea found and confiscated 750 kilograms of cocaine — a total street value of \$22.5 million. This conclude its fourth counter illicit trade patrol.</p> <p>Zephyr and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) were conducting routine counter-illicit trafficking operations when a “go-fast” boat was identified as a possible drug smuggler. Zephyr approached the vessel, allowing the LEDET’s Over-the-Horizon (OTH) Rigid-hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) to quickly board and gain control of the vessel. A search of the vessel revealed 17 bales, which all tested positive for cocaine. 18 additional bales that were spotted by Zephyr sailors were retrieved from the water near where the go-fast vessel was stopped.</p> <p>Zephyr was the first Coast Guard cutter deployed to respond to the Deep water Horizon oil fire.</p>
<b><i>DANFS</i>* Entry</b>	

*\*Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

### Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation? (A</b>	No
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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>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.)</b>	
<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? (The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in action against an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States was assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	
<b>Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.navysite.de/pboats/pc8.htm">https://www.navysite.de/pboats/pc8.htm</a>
	<a href="https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_PC_8.HTML">https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_PC_8.HTML</a>
	<a href="https://www.navsource.org/archives/12/0308.htm">https://www.navsource.org/archives/12/0308.htm</a>

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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 zero (0) written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition

