

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Firebolt	PC 10
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
United States Navy Cyclone-Class Patrol Ship	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bahrain	Transfer via Foreign Military Sale to Bahrain Navy

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	None
Displacement	400 tons

Length	179 ft.
Beam	25 ft.
Draft	9 ft.
Speed	35 knots
Propulsion	Diesel Engines
Armament	Two Mk38 25mm mounts, two .50 cal. machine guns, six Stinger missiles, two Mk19 automatic grenade launcher and one Mk52 Mod 0 chaff launcher
Laid Down	17 September 1993
Launched	10 June 1994
Built By	Bollinger Shipyard, Lockport, LA
Sponsor	Mrs. Andrea Danzig, wife of Richard J. Danzig as the 71st Secretary of the Navy
Delivered	7 February 1995
Commissioned	10 July 1995
Inactivated	23 February 2022
Decommissioned	23 February 2022
Stricken	23 February 2022

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>On 1 November 1996, Firebolt returned from a Mediterranean deployment. This deployment marked the second Mediterranean cruise.</p> <p>On 10 March 2003, Firebolt forward deployed to Kuwait and conducted missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.</p> <p>16 February 2004, Firebolt suffered a 3- to 4-inch gash in her hull and experienced minor flooding, after the ship collided with a buoy off the Iraqi coast. Nobody was injured in the accident.</p> <p>On 24 April 2004, two Firebolt Sailors and a Coast Guardsman were killed as Firebolt provided security for the Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal in the Northern Arabian Gulf. After spotting a suspicious vessel, Firebolt deployed a rigid-hull inflatable boat and the suspicious vessel exploded in an apparent suicide attack.</p> <p>“We thank the hundreds who served on this great ship and honor the brave Sailors and Coast Guardsman killed in the 2004 terrorist attack at sea. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten,” said Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces.</p> <p>In April 2005, Firebolt rescued survivors from the Gulf of Aden after their small craft capsized off the coast of Somalia.</p> <p>On 29 April 2005, Firebolt tended to some of the 89 survivors rescued from the Gulf of Aden after the small vessel they were traveling in capsized 25 miles off the coast of Somalia. The guided missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60), coastal patrol ship USS Typhoon (PC-5), and German frigate FGS KARLSRUHE (F 212) assisted in the rescue effort.</p> <p>On 20 October 2005, Firebolt deployed in the Persian Gulf conducting scheduled Maritime Security Operations (MSO) setting the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment.</p> <p>On 7 March 2007, Firebolt was underway with Combined Task Group 158.1 performing Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in the North Arabian Gulf (NAG). MSO helped set conditions for security and stability in the NAG and protected Iraq’s sea-based infrastructure, which provided the Iraqi people the opportunity for self-determination.</p> <p>On 13 August 2008, Firebolt arrived at the port of Umm Qasr making the port visit as part of Iraq Navy Day celebrations, marking the first visit by a U.S. ship to Iraq in more than 15 months.</p>
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	<p>On 1 October 2011, Firebolt performed an exercise in the Arabian Gulf.</p> <p>On 21 May 2013, Firebolt and the Royal Navy destroyer HMS DRAGON (D 35) were underway during International Mine Countermeasures Exercise (IMCMEX) 2013. IMCMEX 13 included navies from more than 40 countries whose focus was to promote regional security through mine countermeasure operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.</p> <p>On 28 April 2021, Firebolt fired warning shots when vessels of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard came too close to a patrol in the Persian Gulf.</p>
Awards	Navy Battle "E"01-JAN-1999 31-DEC-1999
Noteworthy Events	<p>Prior to operating from Bahrain, the ship helped secure New York City's harbor immediately following the terrorist attacks in the United States on 11 September 2001. Months later Firebolt conducted coastal patrols in the Arabian Gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom.</p> <p>Firebolt conducted several major rescue operations during its storied service. In 2005, the ship's crew rescued 89 people off the coast of Somalia after their boat sank. Additionally, Firebolt rescued an Iranian mariner from a capsized fishing vessel in 2012.</p> <p>On 30 March 2022, Firebolt was transferred to the Royal Bahrain Naval forces as the RBNS Jenan (PC-73).</p>
DANFS* Entry	N/A

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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
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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.

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.)	No
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	
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	Ineligible

Sources	https://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvr/shipdetails/shipdetail_PC_10_2257.html
	http://www.navsource.org/archives/12/0310.htm
	http://www.uscarriers.net/pc10.htm
	https://www.navaltoady.com/2022/02/25/us-navy-retires-cyclone-class-coastal-patrol-ship-after-almost-three-decades-of-service/
	https://www.navysite.de/pboats/pc10.htm

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