

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Typhoon	PC 5
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Cyclone-Class of United States Navy Coastal Patrol Ships	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bahrain	Transfer via Foreign Military Sale to Bahrain Navy

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	The second U.S. ship named Typhoon
Displacement	400 tons

Length	179 ft.
Beam	25 ft.
Draft	9 ft.
Speed	35 knots
Propulsion	Diesel Engines
Armament	2 Mk-38 MOD 2 25mm chain guns 2 .50 cal machine guns 2 Mk 19 automatic grenade launchers 6 Stinger missiles
Laid Down	15 May 1992
Launched	3 March 1993
Built By	Bollinger
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	03 August 1990
Commissioned	12 February 1994
Inactivated	28 February 2022
Decommissioned	28 February 2022
Stricken	28 February 2022

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>On 6 June 1995, Typhoon participated in BALTOPS 95.</p> <p>In August 2001, Typhoon visited Koper, Slovenia to participate in joint training with a Slovene patrol ship.</p> <p>On 9 May 2003, Typhoon completed a deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.</p> <p>On 7 November 2003 Typhoon lost a crewmember when Engineman 2nd Class Douglas Bolles was lost at sea after falling overboard from a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) off Cape Henry.</p> <p>At the end of April 2004, Typhoon and USS Sirocco (PC 6) departed Little Creek, Virginia for the Persian Gulf to relieve USS Firebolt (PC 10) and USS Chinook (PC 9).</p> <p>In June 2004, Typhoon and USS Sirocco (PC 6) arrived in the Persian Gulf to assist in maritime security operations and enforce a 2,000 meter exclusion zone around the Al Basrah (ABOT) and Khawr Al Amaya (KAAOT) oil terminals.</p> <p>In May 2005, Typhoon participated in the rescue of 89 people from a small dhow which capsized in the Gulf of Aden, 25 miles off the coast of Somalia.</p> <p>In April 2006, Typhoon performed maritime security operations with HNLMS AMSTERDAM (A836) and USCGC WRANGELL (WPB-1332) off the Horn of Africa and in the Arabian Sea.</p> <p>On September 7, 2007, sailors from "Typhoon" rescued seven mariners adrift on a raft in the Persian Gulf. At the time, "Typhoon" was based in Bahrain providing security for Iraqi oil platforms in the northern Persian Gulf and participating in Maritime Security Operations.</p> <p>On Friday, April 11, 2008, "Typhoon" was approached to within 200 yards by a small Iranian craft, outside Iranian territorial waters while transiting from the central to the northern Persian Gulf. According to reports, there were three speed boats of unidentified origin and "Typhoon" fired a flare as a warning after receiving no response from the boats on bridge-to-bridge maritime radio. "Typhoon" then continued on its course without further incident. This is the second such incident that has occurred between US Navy ships and Iranian craft this year.</p>
Awards	<p>None could be found.</p>

<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>On 7 November 2003 After completing a Coast Guard homeland security inspection of a liquid gas tanker, the sailors involved brought their rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) about, and returned to Typhoon. While they lay alongside the patrol vessel off Cape Henry, Va., swells knocked Typhoon's 42-year-old Engineman 2nd Class Douglas Bolles into the water. When the coxswain attempted to grab Bolles the RHIB capsized, throwing him into the water. Typhoon's crew rescued the coxswain, but despite an extensive search by guided missile destroyers USS Barry (DDG-52), Donald Cook (DDG-75), and USS Porter (DDG-78), patrol craft Shamal (PC-13), Sirocco (PC-6), Tempest (PC-2), and Thunderbolt (PC-12), Coast Guard cutter Albacore (WPB-87309), and aircraft, they failed to find the missing sailor.</p> <p>On 29 April 2005, a multinational force including USS Normandy (CG-60), with her embarked Sikorsky SH-60B Seahawk of HSL-42 Detachment 1, USS Firebolt (PC-10) and Typhoon, and German frigate KarlARLSRULE e (F.212), rescued 89 people from a dhow that had capsized in the Gulf of Aden off the Somali coast.</p> <p>In December 2004, Typhoon responded to a distress call from a dhow and rescued an unconscious fisherman knocked overboard by a winch handle while hauling in fishing nets. The fisherman was transferred to USS Essex (LHD-2).</p> <p>On September 2007, Typhoon rescued seven mariners from a merchant vessel sailing in the Arabian Gulf sighted a raft adrift and notified coalition forces, The Fifth Fleet dispatched Typhoon, which patrolled the region, to render assistance to the distressed mariners.</p> <p>On 30 March 2022, Typhoon was transferred to the Royal Bahrain Naval forces as the RBNS Damsah (PC-71).</p>
<p>DANFS* Entry</p>	

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Criteria Evaluation¹

<p>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation? (A</p>	<p>No</p>
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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.

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.)	
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/SHIPSDETAIL_PC_5_2252.HTML
	http://www.navsource.org/archives/12/0305.htm
	https://seapowermagazine.org/navy-patrol-ship-uss-typhoon-decommissioned/
	http://www.uscarriers.net/pc5.htm
	https://www.navysite.de/pboats/pc5.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

