

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Squall	PC 7
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 Sales to Bahrain Navy

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First Navy ship named Squall
Displacement	400 tons
Length	179 ft.

Beam	25 ft.
Draft	9 ft.
Speed	35 knots
Propulsion	Diesels Engines
Armament	2 25mm Mk-38 machine guns; 2 .50 cal machine guns; 2 Mk-19 automatic grenade launchers; 6 stinger missiles
Laid Down	17 February 1993
Launched	28 August 1993
Built By	Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport, Louisiana
Sponsor	Mrs. Lea Ann Edwards, wife of Chet (Lea Ann) Edwards was a United States Representative from Texas, representing a district based in Waco, from 1991 to 2011.
Delivered	9 May 1994
Commissioned	4 July 1994
Inactivated	14 March 2022
Decommissioned	14 March 2022
Stricken	14 March 2022

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>On 13 May 1997, USS Hurricane (PC 3), Squall, USS Zephyr (PC 8) and USS Monsoon (PC 4) of Special Boat Squadron One, Special Boat Unit 12, Naval Base San Diego, cruised in formation off the coast of San Diego.</p> <p>In June 2000, Squall took part in Operation RIMPAC 2000</p> <p>On 26 May 2004, Squall went underway on a homeland security patrol around the U.S. Navy installations at Everett and Bangor (Puget Sound), Washington.</p> <p>On 8 April 2014, Patrol Coastal Squadron ONE, transited in formation alongside other patrol ships Tempest (PC 2), Squall, USS Whirlwind (PC 11), USS Firebolt (PC 10), USS Typhoon(PC 5) and Thunderbolt (PC 12)] during a maneuvering exercise. Squall was deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the Arabian Sea.</p> <p>On 10 September 2016, Squall conducted formation exercises in the Arabian Sea.</p>
Awards	<p>N/A</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>In 2013, Squall shifted homeport to Naval Support Activity Bahrain.</p> <p>On August 24, 2016, while operating in the northern end of the Persian Gulf, the Squall fired three .50 caliber machine gun warning shots at an Iranian Revolutionary Guards boat which had been harassing the Squall, the USS Tempest and a ship of the Kuwaiti Navy. During the encounter, the Iranian boat closed within 200 yards (180 m) of the Tempest and ignored earlier warnings to leave the area conveyed by radio and loud speaker and reinforced with the firing of flares. In accordance with standard maritime procedure, the warning shots were fired into the water. The Iranian boat then left the area.</p> <p>On 30 March 2022, Squall was transferred to the Royal Bahrain Naval forces as the RBNS Alfarooq (PC-72).</p>
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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
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	http://www.navsource.org/archives/12/0307.htm
	http://www.uscarriers.net/pc7.htm
	https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_PC_7_2254.HTML
	https://forum.navyadvancement.com/topic/7549-fy22-revised-projected-ship-inactivation-schedule/

Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

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.

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