

## Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

### INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>		<b>Hull Number</b>	
Whirlwind		PC 11	
<b>Vessel Class</b>		<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>	
Cyclone Class Patrol Coastal		N/A	
<b>Vessel Location</b>		<b>Current Status</b>	
Bahrain		Transfer via Foreign Military Sale to Bahrain Navy	
<b>Initial Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Initial Finding</b>		
11 April 2023	Ineligible		
<b>Final Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places</b>		
	Ineligible		

## Vessel Snapshot

<b>Lineage</b>	N/A
<b>Displacement</b>	334 tons
<b>Length</b>	174 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	25 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	7.5 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	35 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	4 - Paxman Diesels Valenta 16RP200M
<b>Armament</b>	- 2 MK-38 MOD 2 25mm chain guns - 2 .50 cal machine guns - 2 MK-19 automatic grenade launchers - 6 stinger missiles
<b>Laid Down</b>	4 March 1994
<b>Launched</b>	9 September 1994
<b>Built By</b>	Bollinger Machine Shipyard, Lockport, Louisiana
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tanner, wife of Representative John S. Tanner of Tennessee
<b>Delivered</b>	11 April 1995
<b>Commissioned</b>	1 July 1995
<b>Inactivated</b>	21 March 2022
<b>Decommissioned</b>	21 March 2022

<b>Stricken</b>	21 March 2022
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### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	<p>On 19 May 1997, Whirlwind went underway on the Anacostia River after departing the Washington Navy Yard.</p> <p>On 12 September 2000, Whirlwind went on deployment to Genoa, Italy.</p> <p>The ship also helped secure New York City’s harbor immediately following terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.</p> <p>25 February 2003, Norfolk, Va., USS Whirlwind escorted the USS George Washington (CVN 73) by downtown Norfolk during her transit up the Elizabeth River from Norfolk Naval Station to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA</p> <p>On 14 April 2006, Whirlwind protects Iraq's oil terminals in the North Arabian Gulf. Attached to Commander Task Group 158.1, Whirlwind was deployed in support of Maritime Security Operations, which helped set the conditions for security and stability in the North Arabian Gulf and protect Iraq’s sea-based infrastructure.</p> <p>On 18 October 2006, Whirlwind steams along while escorting the Navy's new Joint Maritime Staging Terminal (JMAST) that will support multi-national commander with Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in the Persian Gulf.</p> <p>On 29 September 2011, Whirlwind transit to the Arabian Gulf.</p> <p>8 April 2014, Arabian Gulf, Patrol Coastal Squadron ONE, transited in formation alongside other patrol ships Tempest (PC 2), Squall (PC 7), Whirlwind, Firebolt (PC 10), Typhoon (PC 5) and Thunderbolt (PC 12) during a maneuvering exercise. Whirlwind is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.</p> <p>30 September 2017, docked in Manama, Bahrain</p>
<b>Awards</b>	Naval Surface Forces Battle “E” Winner 2019 and 2020

<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	<p>Whirlwind was stationed at Little Creek, Virginia and supported operations in U.S. 4th Fleet and 6th Fleet. The ship also helped secure New York City's harbor immediately following terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.</p> <p>On 21 March 2022, ex-Whirlwind (PC 11) was transferred to the Royal Bahrain Naval Forces as the RBNS AL-SAKEER (PC 74).</p>
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	<p><a href="https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/w/whirlwind-ii--pc-11-.html">https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/w/whirlwind-ii--pc-11-.html</a></p>

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<p><b>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.)</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><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></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><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></p>	<p>No</p>

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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>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="http://www.combatindex.com/hardware/detail/sea/pc11_data.html">http://www.combatindex.com/hardware/detail/sea/pc11_data.html</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 written comments.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>