



# RHUMB LINES

*Straight Lines to Navigate By*



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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"Building partner capacity is a core element of our efforts at Naval Forces Europe and Africa. When we collaborate with our partners, a wide array of mariners benefit from our actions. We have seen tremendous growth in the capabilities of our partners and allies in understanding maritime safety and security. If we help others build their skills, there is less likelihood we will need to respond with ours."*

**- Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa**

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

### Forward Presence

- [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) completed 127 days in the North Arabian Sea, launching 502 combat sorties and flying more than 4,300 cumulative hours in the month of May in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, [providing aerial support for U.S. and Coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan](#).
- [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#) [conducted carrier landing qualifications](#) and equipment testing with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, following a 121-day routine maintenance period and four days of sea trials.

### Deterrence

- USS Milius (DDG 69) departed for an independent deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) on May 17. The primary focus of her deployment is providing ballistic missile defense.

### Maritime Security

- [USS Elrod \(FFG 55\)](#) intercepted suspected [drug smugglers in the Mediterranean](#), off the coast of Morocco in international waters, while conducting routine operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR.
- [USS San Jacinto \(CG 56\)](#) [rescued five Yemeni mariners](#) from 13 suspected pirates while conducting routine counter-narcotics operations 68 miles southeast of Ras Fartak, Yemen, in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR. The suspected pirates were turned over to Yemeni Naval Forces.

### Building Partnerships Through Maritime Security Cooperation

- [Military Sealift Command-chartered High Speed Vessel Swift \(HSV 2\)](#) deployed for Southern Partnership Station 2010, a mission in the U.S. Southern Command AOR aimed to [strengthen regional partnerships](#) and maritime security through [training and subject matter expert exchanges](#) with partner nation defense forces, police departments and coast guards. In May, Swift visited Haiti, Jamaica and Panama.
- [USNS Mercy \(T-AH 19\)](#) departed for [Pacific Partnership 2010](#), the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance endeavors. The deployment, which is scheduled to take place through late September, is designed to enhance relationships through medical, dental, and [engineering outreach projects](#) that reinforce the mutually supporting roles between participants.
- [USS Gunston Hall \(LSD 44\)](#), USS John L. Hall (FFG 32), and [USNS LCpl. Roy M. Wheat \(T-AK 3016\)](#) took part in Phoenix Express 2010 (PE10), a two-week, two-phase, multinational, maritime exercise among regional partners from Africa, Europe, and the United States. PE10 is the fifth annual exercise in a long-term effort to improve regional cooperation and [maritime security](#), increase interoperability between participating countries, and promote friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation.

## Status of the Navy (as of 1 June)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	330,218	Total deployable ships/subs	286	NAVCENT/C5F	9,715
Total Reserve Component	65,314	Ships underway	157 (55%)	PACFLT	15,070
DoN Civilians	197,166	Attack Subs underway	38 (70%)	NAVSOUTH/C4F	1,413
		Ships deployed	121 (42%)	C2F	3,794
		Subs deployed	24 (44%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	3,950
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	14,001	Expeditionary units deployed	71 (39.2%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
		Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+		