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L. A. WALSH

USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS BOONE (FFG-28) is a member of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigates. Her mission is to provide local area protection to battle groups, underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping, and to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces to ensure use of essential sea lanes of communications.

Along with her sister ships of the class, BOONE represents a break with tradition in many ways: a gas turbine powered propulsion plant with variable pitch propeller; austere manning accompanied by a high degree of computerized automation; a fully integrated combat system; two SH-60B helicopter hangers; auxiliary propulsion units (placed to maximize maneuverability); and a ship control console that provides speed and steering control directly from the bridge via a single Helmsman/ Lee Helmsman.

The assets that BOONE has to call upon to accomplish her mission include a missile launcher capable of firing both anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles; the rapid-fire dual purpose 76mm gun; a Close-in Weapons System, 20mm, six barrel "gatling" gun (capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target; anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60B Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE (FFG-28) is a member of Destroyer Squadron EIGHT based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is W.A. Walsh, CDR, USN.

**USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1993
CHRONOLOGY**

06	JAN-31	JAN	Tailored Ship Training Availability I
02	FEB-21	FEB	Tailored Ship Training Availability II
22	FEB-26	FEB	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (failed)
24	MAR-26	MAR	Underway JAXOA
30	MAR-01	APR	Underway JAXOA
07	APR-09	APR	Underway JAXOA
14	APR-15	APR	Underway JAXOA
20	APR-23	APR	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (passed)
24	APR-06	MAY	Underway Puerto Rico Operational Area for COMPTUEX 3-93
07	MAY-09	MAY	Port Visit St. Martin
09	MAY-13	MAY	Underway enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
13	MAY-18	MAY	Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
18	MAY-21	MAY	Underway enroute Mayport, FL
28	MAY-01	JUN	Tour Ship, Jacksonville, FL
08	JUN		CDR W. M. DUNAWAY relieved of command. LCDR E.V. SWAUGER, XO, assumes temporary command.
14	JUN		CDR W. A. WALSH assumes duty as BOONE's Commanding Officer.
15	JUN-17	JUN	Combat Systems Assessment
09	JUL-20	JUL	FLEETEX USS AMERICA Battle Group
16	JUL		Inport Morehead City, NC
20	JUL-22	JUL	Underway enroute Mayport, FL
23	JUL-10	AUG	PreOverseas Movement
11	AUG		Underway Med/Red Deployment 3-93, USS AMERICA Battle Group

28 AUG-29 AUG	Inport Augusta Bay, Italy
04 SEP	Begin Maritime Interdiction Force Operations in Red Sea
07 SEP	Transit Suez Canal
11 DEC	End Maritime Interdiction Force Operations
12 DEC	Transit Suez Canal
13 DEC-17 DEC	Port Visit Haifa, Israel
18 DEC-22 DEC	Underway Carrier Operations in Mediterranean
23 DEC-31 DEC	Port Visit, Villefranche, France

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1993 for BOONE began with Tailored Ship training periods from 6 January until 21 February.

In late February, 22-26 Feb, BOONE participated in an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination which she failed. BOONE was underway in the Jacksonville Operational Area for much of March and April preparing for a second Operational Propulsion Plant Examination on 20-23 April, which she passed.

On 24 April BOONE departed for the Puerto Rico Operational Area where she participated in COMPTUEX 3-93, followed by a port visit in St. Martin. From St. Martin BOONE sailed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a brief inport period from 13-18 May before returning to Mayport on 21 May.

On 28 May BOONE sailed up the St. John's river to Jacksonville, Florida where she moored and held visit ship tours for two days. She returned to Mayport, Florida on 1 June.

On 8 June Commander W.M. Dunaway, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer of BOONE.

On 14 June, Commander W.A. Walsh assumed duty as BOONE's Commanding Officer.

BOONE successfully completed Combat Systems Assessment on 15-17 June and participated in USS AMERICA Battle Group Fleet Exercises between 9 July and 20 July. BOONE was forced to pull in to Morehead City, North Carolina on 16 July for emergency engineering repairs.

BOONE returned to Mayport, Florida on 22 July to begin her Pre-Overseas Movement period prior to deployment. BOONE deployed on 11 August, as part of the USS AMERICA Battle Group, on Med/Red deployment 3-93. Following a port stop in Augusta Bay, Italy on 28-29 August, BOONE transit the Mediterranean enroute to the Red Sea. She transit the Suez Canal, southbound, on 7 September and joined Maritime Interdiction Force operations in the north Red Sea as part of United Nations sanctions against Iraq. In over three months of boarding operations, with intermittent port visits in Hurghada, Egypt and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, BOONE boarded two hundred and ten merchant vessels. All boardings were completed safely and efficiently. In late October BOONE was visited by the KDFW TV film crew, who made a five part news/human interest segment about BOONE and her crew. The segment is titled "Raiders of the Red Sea" and aired in Dallas/ Fort Worth in November and December of 1993. BOONE detached from Maritime Interdiction Force on 11 December and transit the Suez Canal, northbound, on 12 December enroute to Haifa, Israel. BOONE spent four days, 13-17 December, in Haifa. From 18-22 December BOONE participated in carrier operations with USS AMERICA while enroute to Villefranche, France. BOONE arrived in Villefranche on 23 December and remained inport through 31 December.