

The 2002 Surface Ship Safety Award Winners

The Chief of Naval Operations recently announced the winners of the Navy Afloat Safety Awards for the 2002 cycle. Ships receiving the award are chosen for their outstanding contributions to fleet readiness, increased morale, and efficient, economical use of resources through safety. Complimenting their outstanding safety records, ships selected must also have aggressive safety programs that contribute significantly to mishap prevention and setting the highest standards of safety.

Category

Winner

Submarine Repair (AS)

USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40)

Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Cruiser (CG)

USS *Vicksburg* (CG 69)

Destroyer (DD, DDG)

USS *Cole* (DDG 67)

Frigate (FFG, FFG (NRF))

USS *Elrod* (FFG 55)

Amphibious (medium or small)

USS *Wasp* (LHD 1)

Combat Logistics (large)

USS *Carter Hall* (LSD 50)

Support (ARS)

USS *Grapple* (ARS 53)

Mine Countermeasures (MCM/MHC)

USS *Defender* (MCM 2)

Patrol Craft (PC)

USS *Firebolt* (PC 10)

Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Cruiser (CG)

USS *Vincennes* (CG 49)

Destroyer (DD, DDG)

USS *Fitzgerald* (DDG 62)

Frigate (FFG, FFG (NRF))

USS *Rodney M. Davis* (FFG 60)

Amphibious (large)

USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6)

Amphibious (medium or small)

USS *Pearl Harbor* (LSD 52)

Combat Logistics (large)

USS *Sacramento* (AOE 1)

Support (ARS)

USS *Salvor* (ARS 52)

Patrol Craft (PC)

USS *Hurricane* (PC 3)

USS *Sacramento* won her 5th consecutive CNO award, USS *Bonhomme Richard* her 4th consecutive CNO award, and USS *Salvor* won her 3rd consecutive CNO award. USS *Grapple* and USS *Firebolt* each won their 2nd consecutive CNO award.

The Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC) also recognized three MSC ships as winners of the MSC Surface Ship Safety Award for the Oct. 1, 2001, to March 31, 2003, competitive period. MSC ships and crews earning the award exhibit consistently excellent safety records, and employ proactive accident prevention programs.

Fleet oiler USNS *Leroy Grumman* (T-AO 195), combat stores ship USNS *San Jose* (T-AFS 7), and fleet ocean tug USNS *Navajo* (T-ATF 169) have been selected from 37 eligible ships as the command's leaders in safety.

MSC also recognized three other ships, fleet oiler USNS *John Ericsson* (T-AO 194), ammunition ship USNS *Mount Baker* (T-AE 34) and hospital ship USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20) as runners-up for the Surface Ship Safety Award. ☺