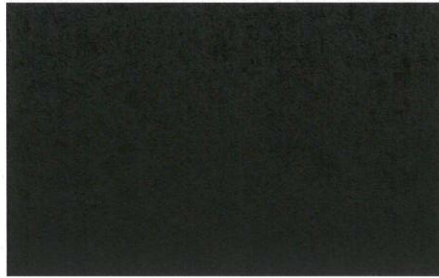




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Dear

Release of Information

Thank your correspondence of 6 June 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'When was the 1st Patrol Boat Squadron renamed as the Coastal Forces Squadron?

Which Royal Navy ships does the squadron now command?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to part one of your request, I can confirm that Ministerial approval for the change in name from 1st Patrol Boat Squadron to Coastal Forces Squadron was given on 21 May 2020.

With regard to part two of your request, a list of vessels that come under Coastal Forces Squadron are detailed within Annex A to this letter.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

Royal Navy Coastal Forces Squadron (CFS).

The CFS consists of 2 divisions: The In-Shore Division and the Off-shore Division.

The Inshore Division contains 14 P2000 Patrol Boat vessels:

- HMS ARCHER
- HMS BITER
- HMS BLAZER
- HMS CHARGE
- HMS DASHER
- HMS EXAMPLE
- HMS EXPLOIT
- HMS EXPLORER
- HMS EXPRESS
- HMS PUNCHER
- HMS PURSUER
- HMS RANGER
- HMS SMITER
- HMS TRUMPETER

The Offshore Division contains the three Batch 1 Offshore Patrol vessels:

- HMS TYNE
- HMS MERSEY
- HMS SEVERN

