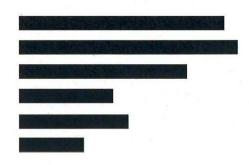


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Dear \_\_\_

## Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 July 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'I would like to know the movements and activities of HMS Southampton for the following dates if at all possible.

JAN 1996 - NOVEMBER 1996

SEPTEMBER 1997 - DECEMBER 1997

JANUARY 2002 - OCTOBER 2002

JUNE 2003 - AUGUST 2004'

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. With the exception of HMS SOUTHAMPTON's movements for the period January to August 1996 and January to October 2002 for which no recorded information is held, details of their movements for the other specified dates can be found at 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). 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

## **HMS SOUTHAMPTON Ship Movements**

9 September 1996: Change of command 10-12 September: Recovery trials period

13-16 September: Plymouth

20-26 September: Preparations in Plymouth Sound

27-28 September: Passage

28-29 September: Sea Dart High Seas Firing in company with HMS Liverpool

29-30 September: Passage

30 September – 10 October: Plymouth

11 October – 8 November: Portsmouth for maintenance period

11-15 November: Recovery training period

18 November: Deployed on Operation ARMILLA

18-22 November: Passage, including Passex with French and Portuguese Air Forces

22-23 November: Gibraltar

24-28 November: Passage to Souda Bay

1-8 September 1997: Main Summer Leave alongside in Portsmouth

10-12 September: Recovery training period

12-16 September: Port visit Southampton

16-19 September: Recovery training period

19-29 September: Alongside Portsmouth for maintenance

29 September – 2 October: Staff College Sea Days

3-6 October: Port visit to Guernsey for HMS Charybdis commemorative weekend

6-9 October: Weapon training

9-13 October: Port visit to Amsterdam

14-22 October: Autumn Exercise North Sea

17-20 October: Port visit to Kristiansand

22-24 October: Passage

24 October - 10 November: Joint Maritime Course exercise

9-13 November: Faslane

14-16 November: Support to Submarine Command Course

17-19 November: Support to HMS Spartan operational sea training

19-21 November: Passage

22 November – 15 December: Alongside Portsmouth whilst assigned as the Fleet Read

18 December: De-ammunitioning

19 December – 5 January 1998: Christmas leave

1-2 June 2003: Alongside in Glasgow

3-6 June: Support to Submarine Command Course

7-9 June: Transit

9-11 June: Aberdeen for RN in the Public Eye

10-12 June: Passage

12-13 June: Dundee for RN in the Public Eye

15-18 June: Passage

19-24 June: Alongside in Portsmouth

23-25 June: De-ammunition

26-30 June: Alongside in Portsmouth

1 July - 31 January 2004: Portsmouth, Docking Period

1-4 February: Alongside in Portsmouth5 February: Ready for Sea Date Inspection6-8 February: Safety trials, defect rectification9-11 February: Engineering trials at sea

12-13 February: Ammunitioning 14-19 February: Trials at sea

20-22 February: Alongside Portsmouth

23-27 February: Sea trials

28 February - 1 March: Portsmouth

1-4 March: Sea trials 5-7 March: Portsmouth 8-11 March: Sea trials 11-20 March: Portsmouth

21-25 March: Shakedown and trials period

24 March – 6 May: South Coast Exercise areas and Devonport for Basic Operational Sea

Fraining

6 -7 May: Weapon engineering trials

7-31 May: Portsmouth for Easter leave and self-maintenance period

1-4 June: Passage 4-7 June: Faslane

7-11 June: Support to Submarine Command Course

11-14 June: Liverpool 14-18 June: Belfast

18-20 June: Support to Submarine Command Course

21 June – 2 Jul: Joint Maritime Course exercise 3-4 July: Support to Submarine Command Course

5-6 July: Passage

6 July - 10 September: Portsmouth, maintenance and summer leave