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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our correspondence of 23 August 2021, I am now able to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'Dear Royal Navy, I understand the RN is currently undergoing the Royal Navy Transformation Programme so this information may change. However, if available could you share the following information:

- A) Current standing flotillas of the RN
- B) Current squadrons of the RN (and which flotillas they report to, or commander)
- C) Current status of the following:
 - C1) Surface Flotilla (and the sub-flotillas (West) and (East))
 - C2) Submarine Flotilla
- D) and Finally regarding officer's posts, which do the following report to (and if you could advise I the star ratings are correct?) * COMUKSTRKFOR (2 star) * Fleet Commander (2 star) * Commander Maritime Operations (2 star) * COMSURFLOT (2 star) * MCMFLOT (1 star) * Hydrographic Surveying Flotilla (1 star) * Commandant General Royal Marines (since [REDACTED] appointment as a 3-star) * Rear Admiral Fleet Air Arm (2 star?) * Commodore, Maritime Reserves * University Royal Naval Unit Commander? * Commander Royal Fleet Auxiliary Flotilla (1 star?)'

You further clarified you required the following information in respect of Part C of your original request:

'With regard to your question, I'm referring to the following: formation date, disestablishment date, and its HQ location.'

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

As explained in our interim response, a search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and it was confirmed that some information in scope of your request is held. However, In the same correspondence, it was also explained that it was considered that some of the information may fall within the scope of section 26 (Defence) of the Act.

Under section 26(1)(b) of the Act, information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces.

As this is a qualified exemption, it was necessary for the Department to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosure. The Public Interest Test has now been completed and I can advise that after careful consideration of the information, the balance of public interest was found to be in favour of disclosing the information to answer all parts of your request.

The information to answer Parts A to D of your request 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 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

ANNEX A
to FOI2021/08063
dated 25 January 2022

A) Current standing flotillas of the Royal Navy (RN):

- SURFACE FLOTILLA
- SUBMARINE FLOTILLA

B) Current squadrons of the RN:

SURFACE FLOTILLA	SUBMARINE FLOTILLA
1 st Mine Counter Measures Squadron 2 nd Mine Counter Measures Squadron Overseas Patrol Squadron Coastal Forces Squadron Fleet Diving Squadron	Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron Gibraltar Patrol Boat Squadron

C) Current status of the following:

C1) Surface Flotilla – Established 1 April 2020.
Based in HM Naval Base Portsmouth and HM Naval Base Devonport.

C2) Submarine Flotilla – Established 1 April 2020.
Based in HM Naval Base Clyde

D) Senior Officers Posts:

APPOINTMENT	RANK	REPORTS TO
COMUKSTRIKEFOR	2-Star	Fleet Commander (3-Star)
FLEET COMMANDER	3-Star	First Sea Lord (4-Star)
COMMANDER MARITIME OPERATIONS	2-Star	Fleet Commander
COMMODORE SURFACE FLOTILLA	1-Star	Director Force Generation (2-Star)
COMMANDER MINE COUNTER MEASURE FLOTILLA	OF4	Captain Patrol Underwater, Exploitation & Diving
COMMANDER HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY FLOTILLA	OF4	Captain Patrol Underwater, Exploitation & Diving
COMMANDANT GENERAL ROYAL MARINES	3-Star	First Sea Lord
COMMODORE FLEET AIR ARM	1-Star	Director Force Generation
COMMODORE MARITIME RESERVES	1-Star	Director People & Training (2-Star)
UNIVERSITY ROYAL NAVY UNIT COMMANDER	OF4	Commanding Officer – Britannia Royal Naval College
COMMODORE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY	1-Star	Director Force Generation (2-Star)