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Dear Mr Zacchi,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 April 2021, in which you requested the following information:

‘Could you provide a list of the vessels of the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary with their current home ports (as of 1 March 2021).

With regard to my request, can I also ask if the Overseas Patrol Squadron is the same as the Coastal Forces Squadron? If not, could you advise when this squadron was formed, and which overhead command do both these squadrons sit under?’

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

A search has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information relating to part one of your request is at Annex A to this letter.

With regard to part two of your request, Overseas Patrol Squadron (OPS) and Coastal Forces Squadron (CFS) are separate squadrons. Both squadrons are under the command of Commander Surface Flotilla (COMSURFLOT).

OPS used to be called the Fishery Protection Squadron. They control the fishery protection Offshore Patrol Vessels Batch One, they also control the Forward Deployed Units around the world such as the Falkland and Caribbean supporting British dependant territories.

CFS used to be called First Patrol Boat Squadron. Their focus is to provide training and support to front line units and the training platform for navigation and other sea serials that

can be consolidated on an Archer class patrol vessel before being used within the wider fleet ships and submarines.

Both squadrons were renamed under the Naval Transformation programme on 1 April 2020.

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

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

List of Royal Navy Vessels and Current Base Ports

Queen Elizabeth Carrier Class

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Queen Elizabeth HMS Prince of Wales	HM Naval Base Portsmouth

Type 45 Destroyer Class

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Dauntless HMS Duncan HMS Daring HMS Diamond HMS Dragon HMS Defender	HM Naval Base Portsmouth

Landing Platform Dock Class

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Bulwark HMS Albion	HM Naval Base Devonport

Ice Patrol Ship

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Protector	HM Naval Base Devonport

Type 23 Frigate Class

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Sutherland HMS Somerset HMS St Albans HMS Kent HMS Northumberland HMS Portland HMS Richmond	HM Naval Base Devonport

HMS Argyll HMS Lancaster HMS Iron Duke HMS Monmouth HMS Montrose HMS Westminster*	HM Naval Base Portsmouth
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Survey Ships

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Echo HMS Enterprise HMS Scott HMS Magpie	HM Naval Base Devonport

1st Mine Counter Measures Squadron

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Grimsby HMS Blyth HMS Bangor HMS Ramsey HMS Shoreham HMS Pembroke HMS Penzance	HM Naval Base Clyde

2nd Mine Counter Measures Squadron

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Chiddingfold HMS Ledbury HMS Brocklesbury HMS Cattistock HMS Hurworth HMS Middleton	HM Naval Base Portsmouth

Overseas Patrol Squadron

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Tyne HMS Severn HMS Mersey HMS Forth HMS Medway HMS Trent HMS Tamar HMS Spey	HM Naval Base Portsmouth

Coastal Forces Squadron

Ships in Class	Base Port
HMS Biter HMS Charger	Liverpool
HMS Example	Newcastle
HMS Trumpeter	Ipswich
HMS Express	Cardiff
HMS Archer	Leith
HMS Explorer	Hull
HMS Ranger HMS Smiter HMS Blazer HMS Puncher HMS Exploit HMS Scimitar HMS Sabre	Portsmouth

SSBNs

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Vigilant HMS Vanguard HMS Victorious HMS Vengeance	HM Naval Base Clyde

SSNs

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Trenchant HMS Talent HMS Triumph	HM Naval Base Devonport
HMS Astute HMS Ambush HMS Artful HMS Audacious	HM Naval Base Clyde
<u>In build</u> HMS Anson HMS Agamemnon	HM Naval Base Clyde

Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Tracker HMS Raider	HM Naval Base Clyde

Gibraltar Patrol Boat Squadron

Ships In Class	Base Port
HMS Pursuer HMS Dasher	Gibraltar

Royal Fleet Auxiliary

Ships In Class	Base Port
RFA Argus	HM Naval Base Devonport
RFA Fort Victoria RFA Fort Austin RFA Fort Rosalie	Marchwood
RFA Lyme Bay RFA Mounts Bay RFA Cardigan Bay	Falmouth
RFA Wave Knight RFA Wave Ruler	HM Naval Base Devonport
RFA Tideforce RFA Tiderace RFA Tidespring RFA Tidesurge	Marchwood

*HMS Westminster is currently based at HMNB Portsmouth pending transfer to HMNB Devonport