

Royal Navy confirms two new fast patrol boats

News story

HMS Ships Dagger and Cutlass confirmed as the new fast patrol boats.



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The Royal Navy can confirm the Her Majesty the Queen has approved the names of two new fast patrol boats, which will be based in Gibraltar, as HM Ships Dagger and Cutlass.

Dagger is a name new to the Royal Navy. It was due to have been assigned to a weapon-class anti-submarine escort in late World War 2. But, the conflict ended and the ship was cancelled.

Only one previous HMS Cutlass has served under the White Ensign. During the 1970s with her sisters Scimitar and Sabre, not the same vessels which later served in Gibraltar. She was used to train Royal Navy and NATO warships to deal with the threat of fast missile/torpedo craft as part of the First Fast Training Boat Squadron.

Gibraltar Squadron Fast Patrol Craft

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The Gibraltar Squadron Fast Patrol Craft is supporting British operations and patrolling HMNB Gibraltar and British Gibraltar Territorial Waters.

- Powered by 3x Volvo D13-1000 engines (each producing 1,000hp) and 3x MJP350X water jets
- 6 crew (plus 6 passengers)
- up to 40 knots
- initially will carry 3x purpose machine gun (1 on fore deck, 2 off

deck), will be fitted for (but not with) the 0.50cal heavy machine guns

- Length: 19.0m.

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