



HMNZS MANAWANUI - A09

OUR NAVY'S DIVING AND MINE COUNTER-MEASURES SUPPORT SHIP



MANAWANUI SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD DISPLACEMENT

991
TONNES

BEAM

9.5 metres

LENGTH OVERALL

43 metres

SPEED

11 knots

RANGE

5,000
nautical miles
@ 11 knots

MAX. COMPLEMENT

24 OFFICERS AND RATINGS

HMNZS MANAWANUI crest is a diver's dry suit helmet (with the helmet surrounded by the four stars of the Southern Cross).

The name **MANAWANUI** translates as 'Big Heart'.

MANAWANUI SPECIFICATIONS



SMALL ARMS:

Numerous small arms ranging from 50 calibre machine guns to 9 mm pistols.



Vertical replenishment (no flight deck)

LITTORAL WARFARE FORCE:

HMNZS MANAWANUI is the Navy's diving and mine counter-measures support ship. The ship is designed for diving and support operations and the Littoral Warfare Unit (LWU) frequently work on board MANAWANUI.

The LWU is a collective name for a group of units that operates primarily within the littoral or coastal waters comprising of divers, hydrographers and a mine counter-measures unit.

MANAWANUI was delivered to the Ministry of Defence and commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1988. Originally she was built as a diving support vessel, the Star Perseus, for the North Sea oil rig operations.

MANAWANUI is the third ship of this name to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

MANAWANUI was built in the UK in 1979 as an oil rig tender. Designed for operations in the North Sea, she has a long low working deck aft with her superstructure forward and bluff bows for good sea keeping.

MANAWANUI is fitted with modern systems including a triple lock compression chamber (to 250ft), a wet diving bell, a 15 ton crane and workshop facilities including electric and gas welding equipment and a lathe. She has a four-point anchoring system to keep the ship in position when undertaking diving operations, very handy when asked to anchor directly over a wreck for the divers.

With a range of 5000 nautical miles, MANAWANUI can also undertake peacekeeping and maritime security missions around the New Zealand coast and in the South Pacific or across to South East Asia, to protect the security and prosperity of New Zealanders.

MANAWANUI regularly work with government agencies such as Primary Industries (fisheries), Customs, Police and the Department of Conservation and are frequent visitors to ports throughout the country.

MANAWANUI is a busy ship and its company is highly skilled in all aspects of its operation from maintaining high-powered diesel engines to using the modern electronic systems. As well as having a specialist skill (such as diver, combat specialist, chef or medic) each member of the ship's company is part of the larger unit and might drive the ships boats, operate the guns or be a member of the boarding team.

OPERATIONS

- Mine counter-measures
- Navy diving operations
- Search, rescue and recovery operations
- Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief
- Support for other government agencies, including Police, Primary Industries, Customs and Department of Conservation
- Vertical replenishment by helicopter
- Sea training for the Navy

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