



HMNZS OTAGO - P148

OUR NAVY'S OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL



OTAGO SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD DISPLACEMENT



BEAM



LENGTH OVERALL



SPEED



RANGE



MAX. COMPLEMENT



HMNZS OTAGO's The ship's badge features a claymore (Scottish broadsword) and a shepherd's crook crossed over blue and white lines representing the sea. The ship's motto is He Kaitiaki no nga tai ki te tonga (Southern Guardian).

HMNZS OTAGO was named by Launch Lady, Dame Silvia Cartwright and is affiliated to the Dunedin (Otago) region.

OTAGO ARMAMENT



MAIN GUN:

25mm Rafael Typhoon stabilised Naval Gun

SMALL ARMS:

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



One Kaman Super Seasprite SH-2G(I)

PATROL FORCE

HMNZS OTAGO is a Protector-class offshore patrol vessel of the Royal New Zealand Navy. It is one of the Navy's two Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs). The ships are designed for maritime surveillance, supply and support and patrol missions around New Zealand's 15,000-kilometre coast, the southern ocean and into the Pacific.

OTAGO operates throughout New Zealand's 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the southern ocean and the Pacific. She undertakes a range of roles including patrolling, surveillance, search and rescue, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, support to peacekeeping operations and sea training for the Navy.

Conceived as part of Project Protector, the ships were built in Williamstown, Australia by Tenix Shipbuilding (now BAE Systems Australia). OTAGO was the first Offshore Patrol Vessel to be built for New Zealand. Modules of the ship were built separately, including some in Whangarei, to be assembled at the Tenix shipyard.

The ship is based on a design already in service with the Irish Navy and Maritius Coastguard.

OTAGO was delivered to the Ministry of Defence and commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Navy on 18 February 2010. OTAGO is the second ship of this name to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

The OPVs' are designed to undertake patrols in the southern ocean where ice may be encountered. The ship is not designed as an icebreaker or to enter Antarctic ice packs but has a strengthened hull that enables her to enter southern waters where ice may be encountered. The ship also has the range and other cold-climate capability to undertake operations in the freezing conditions of the southern oceans.

The OPVs' conducts maritime patrols in conjunction with the RNZAF P-3K2 Orion maritime patrol aircraft in the New Zealand EEZ, southern ocean and South Pacific. The surveillance tasks are primarily non-military in support of civilian agencies and involve specialist staff from government agencies such as Foreign Affairs, Customs and Fisheries.

The OPVs' have a complement of 42 naval personnel and also have the capacity to host 36 additional personnel onboard for general naval training or other duties, including Government agency officers.

The OPVs' are capable of many roles including maritime patrol, surveillance and response. They have the ability to conduct helicopter operations using a Super Seasprite SH-2G(I) helicopter, boarding operations using the ships Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats, or Military Support Operations with embarked forces.

The two ships 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 and the Pacific.

The OPVs' regularly support the operations of other government agencies.

OPERATIONS

- Long range patrols
- Surveillance and reconnaissance
- Counter-terrorism
- Search and Rescue
- Interception and boarding
- Apprehension and escort of vessels
- Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief.
- Support for other government agencies, including Police, Primary Industries, Customs and Department of Conservation
- Helicopter operations
- Pollution patrol
- Sea training for the Navy
- VIP Transport
- Defence Diplomacy and Representational activities in NZ and foreign ports

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