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Surface Targets Team

• Mission:

- To provide seaborne target services to the Fleet ,DoD, and Foreign Military Customers in support of weapon system T&E and Fleet Training
- Cognizant Field Activity to NAVSEA for Seaborne Targets and augmentation systems
 - Development
 - T&E
 - In Service Engineering/depot
 - Integrated Logistics Support
 - Support To Other Operating Activities
- Tri-Service Lead for Seaborne Targets







Surface Targets Team



Customer Base

- SEABORNE TARGETS (PMS325/OPNAV)
 - RDT&E
 - LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT
 - IN-SERVICE ENGINEERING
 - ACQUISITION
 - MAINTENANCE SUPPORT
- OPERATIONS
 - THIRD FLEET
 - HARPOON
 - SLAM
 - HARM
 - Other Field Activities/Services
- OSD SUPPORT
 - MOBILE SHIP TARGET (MST)
 - AERIAL TARGET LAUNCH SHIP (ATLS)
 - COMMON DIGITAL ARCHITECTURE
- SELF-DEFENSE TEST SHIP
- FMS (VARIOUS)









Surface Targets Team

ASSETS

- QST-35 SEPTAR (56 FT POWERED TARGET)
- HSMST (7m, 35+kt. Target)
- Mobile Ship Target (MST)
- Aerial Target Launch Ship (ATLS)
- Target Augmentation Systems
 - RADAR SIGNATURE ENHANCEMENT
 - IR SIGNATURE ENHANCEMENT
 - RADAR SIMULATORS
 - ECM SIMULATORS
- Tow Targets
- HARM platform
- SDST (PWC)
- Support Vessels







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Seaborne Target Overview

Midsize, midspeed vessels

QST-35A SEPTAR

- 17m x 4.5m x 14 LT Disp.
- 15-20 kts
- 10 ton payload
- fully remote controlled
- Varied augmentation
 - radar simulators
 - RF/IR
 - ECM/Chaff
 - scoring
- Represents threats to 40m+
- Demonstrated OTH capable
- Mine countermeasure potential











QST-35 Evolution

Fast Attack Craft Target



QST-35 Deficiencies

- Slightly undersized
 - 56 ft vice 65 ft
 - Marginal IR and RF signature representation
- Inadequate speed in developed seaway
 - 15 knot capability
 - 50 knots required
- Survivability
 - Amortized cost/impact is \$550K

Proposed Solution

- Open-ocean performance craft
 - 50+ feet
 - 50+ Knots
- Survivability
 - \$500K estimated production cost (vs. \$900K)
- Also enables hi-speed towing







Small, high speed vessels

- High speed maneuvering surface target (HSMST)
 - 7m LOA, 3m Beam
 - 2 LT Displacement
 - Aluminum hull w/foam sponson
 - 45+ kts speed capability (35 kt. SS3)
 - LOS to 25 km., OTH capable
 - operates from fixed Range or mobile via PCCU
 - COTS platform w/ Govt. owned onboard C²
- Realistic littoral target for GUNEX and target acquisition
- SWARMEX
- Can be used in Minehunting/clearing











Ship Deployable Surface Target

- Remotely Controlled Personal Water Craft
- Potential to be deployed from aboard ship
- Utilizes Portable
 Command and Control
 Unit (PCCU) for deployed
 ops











Ship-sized Platforms

- Use of ex-combatants now limited
 - extremely costly
 - environmentally unfriendly
- Lack of threat realism
 - no mobility
 - fixed configuration
- Poor survivability
 - age
 - lack of watertight integrity
 - limited maintenance











Mobile Ship Target

- Fully mobile to 15 kts
- Unmanned operation
 - OTH capable
- highly survivable
- hardened ship systems
- very low life-cycle cost
- low repair cost
- built to commercial standards











Mobile Ship Target



- Configurable superstructure
- > 50 ton deck payload







Mobile Ship Target (MST)



MOBILE SHIP TARGET (MST)









Aerial Target Launch Ship (ATLS)

- Unmanned Operation
- Built to commercial standards
- Verified low life cycle cost
- Suitable for multiple systems
 - VANDAL (MQM 8EER)
 - BQM-34/74
 - others
- Operation within hazard patterns
- TBM testing
- Manned ops/HVBSS









Vandal Target Launch from ATLS

- First launch 18 Sept 03
- Vandal blast-test vehicle
- Ship unmanned and under remote control
- Ship speed 10 knots
- Successful launch
- No damage to ship
- GQM-163A next

















Command and Control

- Common on-board Command & Control System- SeaCAN
 - Utilizes a Common Digital Architecture
 - Can interface with all Navy range control systems
 - TM of ship motions
 - Designed and fabricated at NAWCWD
 Pt. Mugu
 - OTH capable









Tow Targets

- Used to simulate threats
- May be more cost effective
- Can be mobile or freely floating
- Survivable HARM/IR target
- Utilizes wide range of augmentation
- Can simulate multiple targets
 - **Continued development**





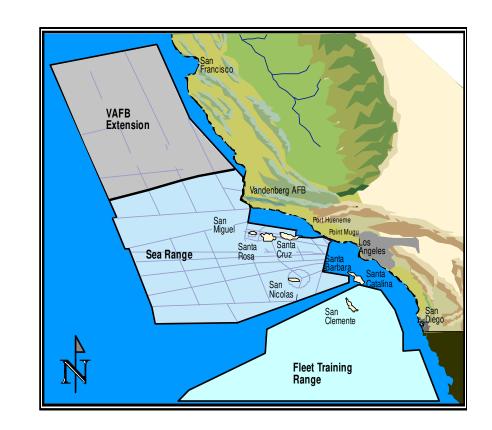






NAWCWD Point Mugu Environment

- 36000 sq. mi. (92000 Km²) adjacent sea range
- Offshore islands
- Adjacent onshore peaks to 500m
- Fully instrumented for surface and aerial TM
- Minimum civilian/commercial interference











Operating Sites and Resources

- Point Mugu, CA
 - QST-35, HSMST, ISTT, Trimaran, Williams Sled, Mobile Ship Target,
 HARM Barge, SDST Aerial Target Launch Ship
- Kauai, HI
 - QST-35, HSMST, ISTT, Trimaran,
- Norfolk, VA
 - QST-35, HSMST, ISTT, Trimaran,
- Patuxent River, MD
 - QST-35, HSMST, SDST, ISTT, Williams Sled
- MCAS Cherry Point, NC
 - HSMST, Trimaran
- Okinawa
 - HSMST, ISTT, Trimaran, HARM Barge
- SCORE (Dec '03)
 - HSMST, Trimaran





Questions?

