
FLEET WEEK SFO!

FLEET WEEK RETURNS TO SAN FRANCISCO WITH STYLE BUT THE
EVENT WAS PLAGUED BY ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST FAMOUS SYMBOLS – FOG
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San Francisco held the city's annual Fleet Week celebration during 3/11 October with the arrival of a small fleet on Friday the 7th, followed by an airshow that was reduced due to fog that never quite left the bay. Saturday's show was cut

short due to the fog, and Sunday was a complete fog-out.

The ship parade was led by San Francisco Fire Department's *St. Francis* fire boat #3. The lead ship was the USS *Princeton* (CG-59), a *Ticonderoga*-class guided missile

cruiser. Next up was the USS *Harpers Ferry* (LSD-49), which is the first of four new cargo variants of the *Whidbey Island*-class of dock landing ships. The futuristic-looking USS *Kansas* (LCS-22) was behind LSD-49 and is an *Independence*-class littoral

With sailors manning the deck, the imposing USS *Princeton* (CG-59) sails into San Francisco Bay.



The Fleet's coming in! But so was the fog. San Francisco's famous fog banks moved in and out and this limited activities but still tens of thousands of spectators enjoyed the sight and sound of US Navy ships and aircraft.