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Ships assigned to the Sea Breeze 2025-2 Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Task Group sail in formation off of Portland, England. This is an annual maritime exercise aimed at building collective capability and agility to restore security and stability in the Black Sea. The exercise is focused on mine countermeasure, explosive ordnance disposal, dive operations, and unmanned underwater vehicles. (RN)



A Sikorsky MH-60S Sea Hawk assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 14 (HSC-14) lifts off from the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) during Exercise Northern Edge 2025 on 22 August. The carrier was operating in the north Pacific in an exercise led by US Indo-Pacific Command that serves as a platform for joint, multi-domain operations to deliver high-end, realistic warfighter training. (USN/Gage Thomas)



The large unmanned surface vessel *Ranger* arrives at Pearl Harbor. Unmanned and remotely operated vessels extend the capability of interconnected manned platform sensors to enhance capacity across the multinational force. The Navy is currently experimenting with numerous different unmanned vessels created by private industry. (USN/Demitrius Williams)



Very unusual view of the flight deck of the USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN-78) as the carrier operated in the Norwegian Sea above the Arctic Circle on 30 August. The world's largest carrier is deployed as the flagship of Carrier Strike Group Twelve and is on a scheduled deployment in the 6th Fleet area of influence. (USN/Daniel Ruiz)