

# Highs and Lows: The Royal Navy in 2011

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3 Type 45 destroyers ready for operational deployments in 2012

## Successful operations with NATO off Libya involve 16 RN & RFA vessels

Libyan people liberated

11,000 members of public visit HMS Ark Royal for the last time

HMS Cumberland evacuates British citizens

HMS Triumph fires Tomahawk missiles at Libyan targets

HMS Liverpool, Sutherland and Westminster fire at Libyan targets

5 Apache helicopters operate from HMS Ocean

Channel 5 TV series "Caribbean Patrol" - following HMS Manchester on final deployment

Channel 5 TV series "Submarine Mission" - following HMS Turbulent on first part of 9-month deployment

HMS Kent & HMS Lancaster complete major refits

HMS Astute fires Tomahawk missile during deep sea trials off US coast

HMS Protector departs for maiden Antarctic deployment

### Op Cougar - first deployment of new RN Response Task Group

HMS Illustrious completes major refit

HMS St Albans rescues 13 men from sinking ship in Gulf



RFA Fort Victoria & Royal Marines rescue 25 sailors from pirates



Aircraft carrier construction gathers momentum

Construction of HMS Prince of Wales begun

First section of HMS Queen Elizabeth arrives at Rosyth for assembly

Electromagnetic Catapult system proven in the US

First UK F-35B test aircraft delivered

Lynx Wildcat helicopter commences sea trials

HMS Ambush launched

HMS Ambush first dive

HMS Anson Keel Laid



HMS Diamond Commissioned

HMS Dragon arrives in Portsmouth

HMS Defender begins sea trials

24 / 7 - year-round the Royal Navy continues to protect UK interests around the world - providing maritime security - the Arabian Gulf, Falkland Islands, Caribbean and UK waters

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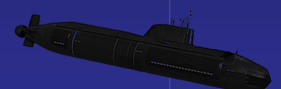
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### HMS Ark Royal & Harriers Scrapped - end of fixed-wing flying in RN for many years

Results of disastrous 2010 Strategic Defence Review begin to take effect



HMS Astute encounters further technical problems on lengthy trials

RFA Fort George laid up  
RFA Largs Bay sold to Australia

### Fatal shooting aboard HMS Astute in Southampton

Admiral Sir Henry Leach, Hero of Falklands War passes away

HMS Invincible Scrapped

HMS Nottingham, Southampton & Exeter scrapped



HMS Gloucester & Manchester decommissioned

RAF contribution to Libya campaign entails costly long distance flights from UK & major logistics headaches flying from Italy. Case for aircraft carriers stronger than ever

HMS Albion mothballed



Liam Fox resigns as Defence Secretary. Replaced by Phillip Hammond - the 7th Defence Secretary in 10 years

Argentina increasingly belligerent over Falklands



### First 1,020 redundancies announced (350 compulsory)

### 4 Type 22 Frigates axed from the fleet without replacement

Estimated £12 Billion worth of defence equipment scrapped as result of 2010 defence review

### 7 Royal Marines from 42 Commando killed in Afghanistan this year

Pathetic pay rise of 1% for armed forces