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HMS BULWARK LANDING PLATFORM DOCK (LPD)

HMS BULWARK will be based in Weymouth Bay and will act as a logistics hub in support of Police maritime security operations.

Amphibious Forces are an integral part of the capability to project maritime power. Their usefulness derives mainly from their ability to concentrate a balanced force at a chosen point on a coastline, or to deter aggression by providing a potent independent UK presence off shore in an area of regional tension. HMS BULWARK's core functions are:

- Specialist command and control of the land force ashore.
- Specialist lift and landing capability to the land and establish a force ashore and to support it with equipment and logistics.
- Dedicated helicopter lift.

HMS BULWARK is the Royal Navy's newest Amphibious Assault and Command and Control Ship. Launched in November 2001 and commissioned on 28 April 2005, she has a Ship's company of 390, a quarter of whom are made up from 4 Assault Squadron Royal Marines (4 ASRM).



HMS BULWARK

Displacement:

18,500 tonnes

Docked down:

21,500 tonnes (approx)

Length:

176m

Beam:

25.6 m waterline, 28.9 metres max

Draught:

7.1m

Speed:

18 knots, range of 7000 nm.

Complement:

325

Sensors:

2 x Kelvin Hughes 1007 Radars

Type 966 Surveillance Radar

Armament:

2 x Goalkeeper Close In Weapon System (CIWS), Seagnat Decoy System UAT Electronic Warfare System, 2 x 20mm close range guns 4 x Mini Gun and 4 x Machine Gun positions

Military Lift:

BULWARK can accommodate an Embarked Military Force of 305 troops, with an overload of a further 405. It has a vehicle deck capacity for up to 6 tanks or around 30 armoured all-terrain vehicles. The floodable well-dock has the capacity to take either 4 Landing Craft Utility each capable of carrying a Challenger II tank, or to shelter a hovercraft landing craft. Four smaller Landing Crafts each capable of carrying 35 troops can be launched from davits on both sides of the Ship. The two-spot 64m flight deck is able to take 2 medium support helicopters and stow a third. The deck is also capable of taking 2 heavy lift Chinook helicopters.

