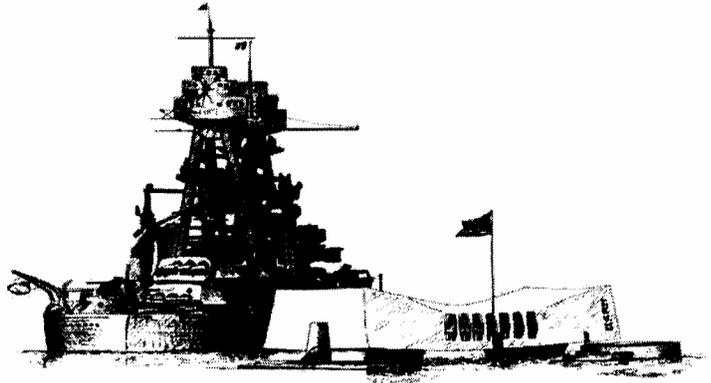


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USS Salvor to deploy for CARAT 2006

PEARL HARBOR – Family and friends will say goodbye to more than 100 Sailors as USS Salvor (ARS 52), a Safeguard-class rescue and salvage ship, deploys Saturday, Apr. 29 at 9 a.m.

The ship will travel to various locations in the Western Pacific to take part in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT 2006 exercise. CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of military training exercises with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, designed to enhance interoperability of the respective sea services.

Commanded by Lt. Cmdr. John C. Howard, Salvor is 255 feet long, 51 feet wide and displaces nearly 3,282 tons. The ship is capable of many missions, including: salvage of stranded vessels, rescue and assistance, recovery of submerged objects, as well as serving as a manned diving platform. Salvor is able to tow a 1,092-foot-long, 97,000-ton Nimitz-class aircraft carrier.

For more information on Salvor, please visit www.salvor.navy.mil.

For more information on CARAT 2006, visit www.clwp.navy.mil/carat.htm.

Media representatives interested in covering Salvor's departure should contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 3 p.m. on Apr. 28 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass and ID Office parking area at 8 a.m. on Apr. 29 for escort to the pier.

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