

HMS EXPRESS

Entry No. -

Vessel Type

P2000 Archer Class Patrol Vessel

Skipper / Captain

Royal Navy crew (Lieutenant in command)

Archer Class P2000s of the Royal Navy's Coastal Forces Squadron, HMS BLAZER and EXPRESS routinely support maritime security operations, capability development and regional engagement tasking within the UK and Northern Europe. Both based in HM Naval Base Devonport, the ships are operated by small teams of 5 sailors and each led by an experienced Lieutenant, they regularly contribute to wider fleet training as well as international exercises ranging as far as the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, and the Eastern Baltic Sea. Displacing just 54 tonnes, with a top speed in excess of 20knots and an endurance of over 550 nautical miles, these small ships are routinely held at high readiness to respond at short notice to a range of incidents within UK waters.

