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INTRODUCTION

- (U) The U.S. Navy prepared this Annual Range Complex Exercise Report covering the period from 05 June 2009 to 01 January 2010 pursuant to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regulations for the Virginia Capes (VACAPES) (50 C.F.R. Part 218, Subpart A), Jacksonville/Charleston (JAX) (50 C.F.R. Part 218, Subpart B) and Navy Cherry Point (CHPT) (50 C.F.R. Part 218, Subpart C) Range Complexes. The report also provides the information required by NMFS' Biological Opinion on U.S. Navy Training Activities in East Coast Training Range 2009-2010 (BO) issued pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. The scope of the NMFS BO includes the same training activities using explosives covered by the above MMPA regulations, non-explosive training conducted in the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT Operating Areas (OPAREAs), Navy training in the Northeast OPAREAs, and activities associated with the Transit Protection System at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. Figure 1 illustrates the geographic extent of the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT OPAREAS. Figure 2 illustrates the Northeast OPAREAS.
- (U) In the MMPA regulations¹ and Letters of Authorization (LOA)² for the VACAPES, JAX and CHPT Range Complexes the following reporting requirements were specified and are presented in Sections I-III of this report:
 - (1) Total annual number of each type of explosive exercise (of those identified as part of the "specified activity" in the regulations) conducted in the VACAPES, JAX and CHPT Range Complexes.
 - (2) Total annual expended/detonated rounds (missiles, bombs, etc.) for each explosive type.
- (U) In NMFS' 2009 BO³ the following Reasonable and Prudent Measures listed in the Incidental Take Statement was specified and is addressed in Section IV of this report:
 - The U.S. Navy shall submit reports that identify the general location, timing, number of hours and other aspects of the training activities the U.S. Navy plans to conduct along the Atlantic Coast of the United States over the next twelve months.
- (U) In addition, each of the range complex MMPA LOAs and regulations require an update from Navy on the status of its explosive training tracking efforts. While Navy units, such as ships and aircraft, report a variety of information on a routine basis, a specific process for reporting and tracking the required information did not exist when the MMPA authorizations were finalized. The following process was developed to record and track the data required by Navy's MMPA authorizations.

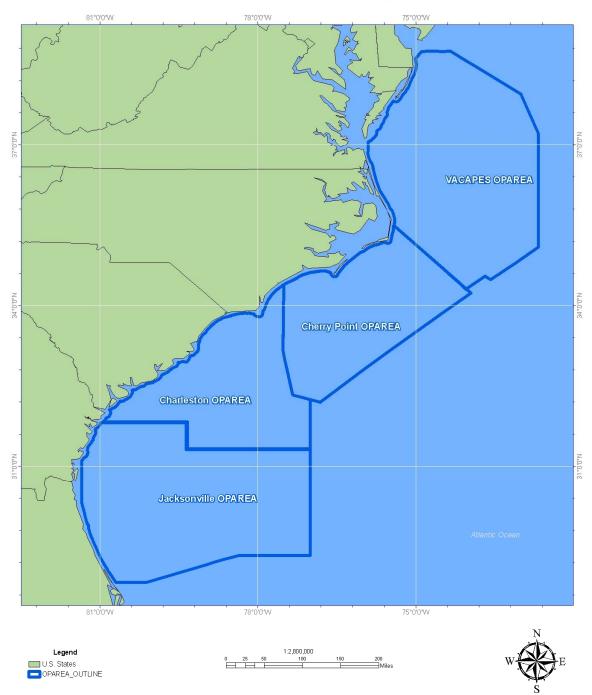
 $^{^1}$ See 50 C.F.R. §§ 218.5(g) (1) and (2), 218.14(g) (1) and (2), 218.24(g) (1) and (2) 2 See Section 7(f) of the Letters of Authorization (NMFS 2009, 2009a, 2009b)

³ See p. 249 of the NMFS BO (NMFS 2009c)

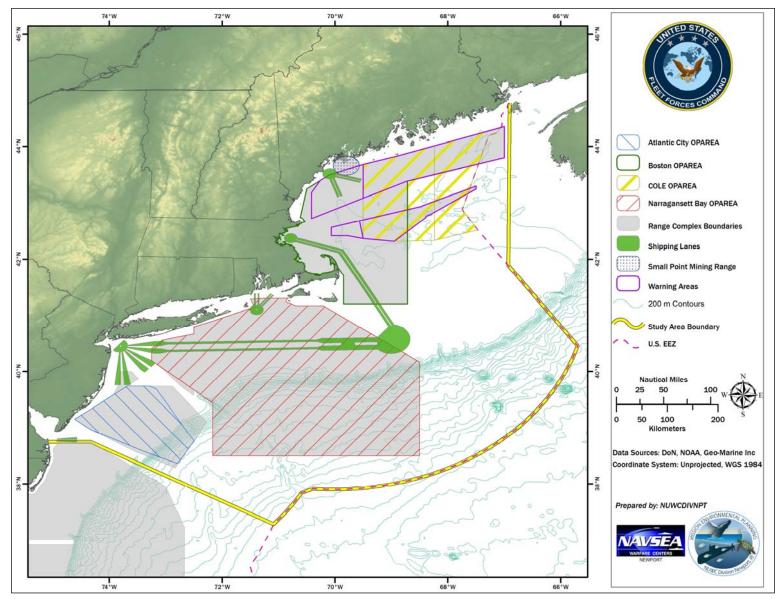
(U) Data collection efforts are a result of a collective team effort between the Fleet Forces Range Complex Support Team (RCST) personnel and Fleet users. RCST personnel receive the weekly operating schedules promulgated by the VACAPES, CHPT and JAX Scheduling Offices. Through this scheduling process and daily coordination with the Scheduling Agencies and Fleet users, RCST personnel are aware of what activities are being requested in the operating areas and receive after-action reporting of high explosive (HE) munitions expenditures. The after-action reporting is accomplished by direct interface with the naval unit upon completion of the event and reviewing the naval unit's Ammunition Transaction Reporting message that reports the type and amount of ordnance expended. The collected data is then entered into a database for analysis and reporting. Future improvement in the collection process will include consideration, if practicable, of all explosive ordnance-related events being routed through the RCST prior to approval by the respective Scheduling Agency. This will enable the RCST to implement a "check and balance" approach on all HE ordnance expenditures regardless of range complex or geographic location. Given that many of the reporting metrics had not been previously collected in the format specified by NMFS, the Navy's Range Complex data gathering process continues to be refined to improve the accuracy of reporting.

(U) The information contained in this report represents the best practical data collection as of 01 January 2010. While the report does not cover a full year of training on the three Range Complexes, the data provided in the following tables indicates that the Navy is not exceeding the average annual allotment of authorized training events as of 1 January 2010. However, it should be noted that Navy training events are variable within any given year based on the availability of strike groups undergoing training certification, logistics and fiscal considerations as they impact scheduling, and real-world commitments to other regional locations (North Atlantic and Mediterranean deployments, counter-piracy operations, disaster relief, etc.). Therefore, the data on the amount of annual training may vary on an annual basis, possibly resulting in higher or lower amounts of reported training events in future annual exercise reports.





(U) Figure 1. Geographic extent of the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT OPAREAs. Activities within the Charleston OPAREA are combined with those activities conducted within the JAX OPAREA for purposes of the MMPA authorization and this report.



(U) Figure 2. Geographic extent of the Northeast OPAREAs.

SECTION I: Virginia Capes Range Complex

(U) The summary for explosive use within the VACAPES Range Complex is presented in Tables 1 and 2 below.

(U) Table 1. Total annual number of each type of explosive exercise listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.1 conducted in the VACAPES Range Complex (number authorized vs. number actually conducted).

Training Events (50 C.F.R. §218.1 (c)(1)(ii))	Number Authorized	Number Conducted
(A) MINEX (Mine Neutralization [AMNS])	30	0
(B) MINEX (Mine Neutralization [20 lb NEW charges])	24	19
(C) BOMBEX (Air-to-Surface)	20	0
(D) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; Hellfire missile)	60	0
(E) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; Maverick, HE)	20	0
(F) FIREX with IMPASS	22	7
Total	176	26

(U) Table 2. Total annual expended/detonated rounds in the VACAPES Range Complex for each explosive type (missiles, bombs, etc.) listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.1.

Underwater Explosives (50 C.F.R. §218.1 (c)(1)(i))	Number
(A) AGM-114 (Hellfire missile)	0
(B) AGM-65 E/F (Maverick missile)	0
(C) MK-83/GBU-32 (1,000 lb High Explosive bomb)	0
(D) Airborne Mine Neutralization system (AMNS)	0
(E) 20 lb NEW charges	19
(F) AGM-88 (HARM)	0
(G) 5" Naval Gunfire	72
Total	91

SECTION II: Jacksonville Range Complex

(U) The summary for explosive use within the JAX Range Complex is presented in Tables 3 and 4 below.

(U) Table 3. Total annual number of each type of explosive exercise listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.10 conducted in the JAX Range Complex (number authorized vs. number actually conducted).

Training Events (50 C.F.R. §218.10 (c)(1)(ii))	Number Authorized	Number Conducted
(A) Mine Neutralization (20 lb NEW charges)	12	0
(B) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; Hellfire missile)	70	1
(C) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; Maverick)	3	3
(D) FIREX with IMPASS	10	0
(E) Small Arms Training with MK3A2 anti-swimmer concussion grenade (0.5 lbs NEW)	80	0
Total	175	4

(U) Table 4. Total annual expended/detonated rounds in the JAX Range Complex for each explosive type (missiles, bombs, etc.) listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.10.

Underwater Explosives (50 C.F.R. §218.10 (c)(1)(i))	Number
(A) AGM-114 (Hellfire missile)	2
(B) AGM-65 E/F (Maverick missile)	3
(C) Mine Neutralization (20 lb NEW charges)	0
(D) 5" Naval Gunfire	0
(E) MK3A2 anti-swimmer concussion grenades	0
Total	5

SECTION III: Cherry Point Range Complex

- (U) The summary for explosive use within the CHPT Range Complex is presented in Tables 5 and 6 below.
- (U) Table 5. Total annual number of each type of explosive exercise listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.20 conducted in the CHPT Range Complex (number authorized vs. number actually conducted).

Training Events (50 C.F.R. §218.20 (c)(1)(ii))	Number Authorized	Number Conducted
(A) Mine Neutralization (20 lb NEW charges)	20	0
(B) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; Hellfire missile)	8	0
(C) MISSILEX (Air-to-Surface; TOW)	8	0
(D) FIREX with IMPASS	2	0
Total	38	0

(U) Table 6. Total annual expended/detonated rounds in the CHPT Range Complex for each explosive type (missiles, bombs, etc.) listed at 50 C.F.R. §218.20.

Underwater Explosives (50 C.F.R. §216.20 (c)(1)(i))	Number
(A) AGM-114 (Hellfire missile)	0
(B) Tube-launched Optically tracked Wire-guided (TOW) missile	0
(C) Mine Neutralization (20 lb NEW charges)	0
(D) 5" Naval Gunfire	0
Total	0

SECTION IV: Annual East Coast Training Frequencies and Locations

Training event descriptions, frequencies, and locations for the East Coast OPAREAs (Northeast, VACAPES, CHPT, and JAX OPAREAs) have not changed from those described in the Navy's August 2008 Biological Evaluation for Three Navy East Coast Range Complexes, as amended by the February 2009 BE Addendum, and the Navy's Environmental Impact Statements for the VACAPES, CHPT, and JAX Range Complexes. Tables 7 - 9 summarize the platforms, systems, ordnance, training frequencies, and locations of training events within the VACAPES, CHPT, and JAX OPAREAs for the 12 month period January 2010 to January 2011. As the majority of the events listed are unit level training (ULT) and not typically scheduled one-year in advance, specific dates or time periods for when these events will be carried out are not available. The frequency of each type of training exercise is captured as the number of individual events or sorties, as opposed to number of hours, to provide the most realistic picture of training frequency and to be consistent with Navy's VACAPES, CHPT, and JAX Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Biological Evaluation (BE), Marine Mammal Protection Act Authorization, and NMFS BO. All training events, platforms, systems, ordnance, and locations are described in detail in the Navy's 2008 BE and BE Addendum and are not repeated in this report.

Navy training activities conducted in the Northeast OPAREAs have not changed since NMFS issued the June 2009 BO. The type, manner, and frequency of training in the Northeast OPAREAs for the next 12 months is described in the Navy's BE Addendum and not repeated in this report. Similarly, activities associated with the Transit Protection System at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia have not changed, are described in Navy's BE Addendum, and not repeated in this report.

(U) Table 7. Summary of platforms, systems, ordnance, training frequencies, and locations of training events within the VACAPES OPAREA for the 12 month period January 2010 to January 2011.

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location		
MINE WARFARE (MIW)							
Mine	MH-53E	MK-103 ⁴	200 sorties ⁵		W-50A/C		
Countermeasures	MH-53E	SPU-1W	70 sorties		Lower Chesapeake Bay		
(MCM)	MH-53E	MK-104	120 sorties		Lower Chesapeake Bay		
	MH-53E	MK-105	120 sorties		Lower Chesapeake Bay		
	MH-53E	AQS-24A	550 sorties		W-386, W-72		
	MH-60S	OASIS	370 sorties		Lower Chesapeake Bay		
	MH-60S	AQS-20A	670 sorties		W-386, W-72		
	MH-60S	ALMDS	110 sorties		W-50C		
	DDG 91+ (Remote Mine- hunting System [RMS])	AQS-20A	12 events		W-386, W-72		
Mine Neutralization	MH-53E	AMNS	70 sorties		W-50C		
	MH-60S	AMNS	140 sorties	30 HE rounds	W-50C		
	MH-60S	RAMICS	110 sorties	2,750 rounds	W-50C		
	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	20-lb charges	24 events		Surface Danger Zone (W-50C)		
SURFACE WARFA	RE (SUW)						
Bombing Exercise (BOMBEX) (air-to-	F/A-18	MK-83/GBU-32 or similar ordnance (1,000 lbs High Explosive [HE])	5 sorties	20 bombs	W-386, (Air-K)		
surface)	F/A-18	MK-20 (non-explosive practice munitions [NEPM])	34 sorties	68 bombs	W-72A/B		
	F/A-18	MK-76 (NEPM)	28 sorties	142 bombs	W-72A/B		
	F/A-18	MK-82 (NEPM)	75 sorties	150 bombs	W-72A/B		
	F/A-18	MK-83 (NEPM)	25 sorties	50 bombs	W-72A/B		
	F/A-18	BDU-45 (NEPM)	22 sorties	50 bombs	W-72A/B		
	F/A-18, F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter [JSF])	BDU-33, GBU-12, JDAM, JSOW, MK-76, MK-82, MK-84 (all NEPM)	77 sorties	77 bombs	W-386 (Air-K)		
Missile exercise	MH-60R/S, HH-60H	AGM-114 (Hellfire missile; HE)	60 sorties	60 missiles	W-386 (Air-K) (75%) W-72A (25%)		
(MISSILEX) (air-to-	F/A-18, P-3C and P-8	AGM-65 E/F (Maverick; HE)	20 sorties	20 missiles	W-386 (Air-K)		

Shaded rows signify "High-Explosive (HE)" rounds.

Sortie is defined here as a single operational training or testing event conducted by one aircraft in a range or operating area. A sortie is one complete flight (one take-off and one full stop landing). In this table "events" are non-aircraft training or testing platforms.

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
surface)	F/A-18, F-35 JSF, H-60	AGM-114 (Hellfire), AGM-88 (HARM), AGM-65 LSR (Maverick), AGM-84 (Harpoon)	23 sorties		W-386 (Air-K)
Gunnery exercise (GUNEX) (air-to-	MH-53E	.50 cal machine gun	27 sorties	54,000 rounds	W-72A (Air-1A) (75%) W-50C (25%)
surface)	MH-60R/S, HH-60H8	2.75 inch rockets	97 sorties	3,700 rounds	W-386 (Air-K) (75%) W72A (25%)
	MH-60R/S, HH-60H8	.50 cal machine gun	330 sorties	264,000 rounds	W-72A (Air-1A) (75%) W-50C (25%)
	MH-60R/S	M-240 (7.62 mm machine gun)	165 sorties	264,000 rounds	W-72A (Air-1A) (75%) W-50C (25%)
	F/A-18, F-35 (JSF)	20 mm cannon (NEPM)	11 sorties	7,000 rounds	W-386 (Air-K)
GUNEX (surface-to- surface) (boat)	Vessels such as small unit river craft, combat rubber raiding craft, rigid hull inflatable boats, and patrol craft	.50 cal, 7.62 mm	36 events	220,000 small cal rounds	W-50C (90%) R-6606 (10%)
	Vessels such as small unit river craft, combat rubber raiding craft, rigid hull inflatable boats, and patrol craft	40 mm grenades	36 events	600 rounds	W-50C (90%) R-6606 (10%)
GUNEX (surface-to-	CG, DDG	5-inch gun	115 events	2,430 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
surface) (ship) ⁶	FFG	76 mm gun	22 events	370 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
	CG,DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	.50 cal machine gun	120 events	261,600 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
	CG,DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	25 mm machine gun	120 events	137,400 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
Laser targeting	F/A-18	Maverick missile laser designation system	136 sorties		W-386 (Air-K), W-72A
	H-60	Hellfire missile laser designation system	136 sorties		W-386 (Air-K), W-72A
Maritime Security Operations to include VBSS/MIO	Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) or similar small boat and CG, DDG, FFG, LPD or	No ordnance used	92 events		VACAPES OPAREA

⁶ CG: Cruiser; DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer; FFG Guided Missile Frigate; LHA: Amphibious Assault Ship, general purpose; LHD: Multipurpose Amphibious Assault Ship; LPD: Amphibious Assault Ship, Transport Dock; LSD: Dock Landing Ship; all rounds are non-explosive practice munitions (NEPM).

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
	LSD				
VBSS/MIO- Helo	H-60	No ordnance used	44 events	3 sorties/event	VACAPES OPAREA
AIR WARFARE (AV	V)		•		
Air Combat Maneuver (ACM)	F/A-18	Captive-carry missile or telemetry pod	5,800 sorties		W-72A (Air-2A/B, 3A/B)
GUNEX (air-to-air)	F/A-18	20 mm cannon (NEPM)	60 sorties	15,000 rounds	W-72A
MISSILEX (air-to-air)	F/A-18	AIM-7, AIM-9, AIM-120	160 sorties	48 HE and 112 NEPM missiles	W-72A
	F/A-18, F-35 (JSF)	AIM-7, AIM-9, AIM-120, AIM-132 (ASRAAM)	33 sorties	33 missiles	W-386 (Air D, G, H, K)
GUNEX (surface-to-	CG, DDG	5-inch gun	15 events	290 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
air)	FFG	76 mm gun	3 events	72 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
	CG, DDG, FFG, CVN, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	20 m Close-in Weapons System	30 events	64,000 rounds	W-386 (80%) W-72 (20%)
MISSILEX (surface-to-air)	AOE, LHD, CVN	NATO Sea Sparrow	33 RDT&E events		W-386 (Air D, G, H, K)
	CG, LHA, AOE	Evolved NATO Sea Sparrow	33 RDT&E events		W-386 (Air D, G, H, K)
	CVN, FFG, LHA, LHD, LSD, LPD	Rolling Airframe Missile	33 RDT&E events		W-386 (Air D, G, H, K)
	CG, DDG	SM-2	33 RDT&E events		W-386 (Air D, G, H, K)
	CF, DDG, LHA, LHD, LSD, LPD	SM-2 (20 missiles); Sea Sparrow (2 missiles); RAM (2 missiles)	24 events	24 missiles	VACAPES OPAREA
Air intercept control (AIC)27	F/A-18, E-2C, CVN, CG, DDG, LHA, LHD	Air search & fire control radars	370 events		W-386 and W-72
Detect to engage (DTE)	CG, DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD, CVN	Air search & fire control radars	225 events		W-386 and W-72
STRIKE WARFARE					
HARM missile exercise (HARMEX) (air-to- surface)	F/A-18	AGM-88 (HARM)	26 sorties	26 missiles	W=386, (Air E, F, I, J)
AMPHIBIOUS WAR	RFARE (AMW)				

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
FIREX with IMPASS	CG, DDG	5 inch gun (IMPASS)	22 events	1,540 rounds	(Preferred Areas W-386 7C/D, 8C/D, W-72 [1C1/2]), (Secondary Areas W-386 [5C/D]
ELECTRONIC CON	MBAT (EC)				
Chaff Exercise	F/A-18	RR-144A/AL defensive chaff	1,950 sorties	19,500 canisters	W-72 (85%) W-386 (15%)
	MH-60R/S	RR-144A/AL defensive chaff	17 sorties	510 canisters	W-386 (Air-K)
	F/A-18, MH-60R/S, F-35 (JSF)	RR-144A/AL defensive chaff	14 sorties	140 canisters	W-396 (85%) W-72 (15%)
	CG, DDG, FFG, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	MK-214 or MK-216 Super Rapid Bloom Off-board Chaff (SRBOC) defensive chaff	MK-214 28 events	168 canisters	W-396 (85%) W-72 (15%)
	CG, DDG, FFG, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	MK-214 or MK-216 Super Rapid Bloom Off-board Chaff (SRBOC) defensive chaff	MK-2169 events	54 canisters	W-396 (85%) W-72 (15%)
Flare Exercise	F/A-18	Defensive flares	55 sorties	275 flares	W-396 (85%) W-72 (15%)
	MH-60R/S	Defensive flares	17 sorties	510 flares	W-386 (Air-K)
	F/A-18, MH-60R/S, F-35 (JSF)	Defensive flares	8 sorties	40 flares	W-396 (85%) W-72 (15%)
Electronic Combat	F/A-18 F-35 (JSF)	ALE-50/55 electronic jammer	10 sorties		W-386 (15%) W-72 (85%)
EC) Operations	F/S-18		110 sorties		W-386 (15%) W-72 (85%)
· · · · •	AOE, CG, CVN, DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	SLQ-32	182 events		VACAPES OPAREA
TEST AND EVALU	ATION				
Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation	All Hampton Roads-based ships	Radio and radar only	3,800 tests		VACAPES OPAREA (SESEF ULM-4 Range and RCS Range)
Facility Utilization (SESEF)					

(U) Table 8. Summary of platforms, systems, ordnance, training frequencies, and locations of training events within the CHPT OPAREA for the 12 month period January 2010 to January 2011.

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
MINE WARFARE (MI	W)	•		•	
Mine Countermeasure (MCM) Mine Neutralization	MH-53E (Navy)	MK-103	54 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-53E (Navy)	MK-105	54 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-53E (Navy)	AQS-24A	228 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-60S (Navy)	OASIS	75 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-60S (Navy)	AQS-20A	165 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-60S (Navy)	ALMDS	84 sorties		ESG COMPTUEX & JTFEX: Onslow Bay MIW Training Area, (Onslow Beach out to 12 nm, in portion of Area 15) CSG COMPTUEX: Carrier OPAREA North
	MH-60S (Navy)	AMNS (Non- explosive Practice Munitions [NEPM])	27 sorties		UNDET Area Onslow Bay (3-12 nm from Onslow Beach)
	MH-60S (Navy)	RAMICS	27 sorties	675 rounds	UNDET Area Onslow Bay (3-12 nm from Onslow Beach)
	Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) (Navy)	20 lb NEW charges	20 events		UNDET Area Onslow Bay (3-12 nm from Onslow Beach)

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
Bombing Exercise (BOMBEX) (Air-to-	F/A-18 (Navy or USMC)	MK-82 or BDU-45 (NEPM)	25 events	98 bombs	W-122
Surface)	AV-8B (USMC)	MK-82 or BDU-45 (NEPM)	12 events	96 bombs	W-122
	F/A-18 (Navy or USMC)	MK-83 (NEPM)	13 events	52 bombs	W-122
	F/A-18 (Navy)	MK-76 (25 lb NEPM)	14 events	142 bombs	W-122
	F/A-18 (USMC)	MK-76 (NEPM)	12 events	290 bombs	W-122
	AV-8B (USMC)	MK-76 (NEPM)	12 events	133 bombs	W-122
Missile Exercise (MISSILEX) (Air-to- Surface)	AH-1W (USMC)	AGM-114 Hellfire	8 sorties	6 HE; 2 NEPM missiles	W-122 (Area 16, 17)
	AH-1W (USMC)	TOW Missile (all HE)	8 sorties	8 missiles	W-122 (Area 16, 17)
Gunnery Exercise (GUNEX) (Air-to-	AH-1W (USMC)	20 mm cannon	40 sorties	12,000 rounds	W-122 (Area 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)
Surface)	UH-1N (USMC)	.50 cal machine gun	40 sorties	60,000 rounds	W-122 (Area 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)
	UH-1N (USMC)	7.62 mm machine gun	40 sorties	60,000 rounds	W-122 (Area 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)
	F/A-18 (USMC)	20 mm cannon	10 sorties	2,400 rounds	W-122
	AV-8B (USMC)	25 mm cannon	10 sorties	2,400 rounds	W-122
GUNEX (Surface-to- Surface)(Ship)	LHA, LHD, LSD, and LPD	.50 cal machine gun	18 events	43,200 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
	LHA, LHD, LSD, and LPD	25 mm machine gun	28 events	28,800 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
	CG and DDG (Navy)	5" guns (NEPM)	27 events	1,140 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
	FFG (Navy)	76 mm (NEPM)	7 events	190 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
GUNEX (Surface-to- Surface)(USMC small	LHA, LHD, LSD, and LPD (Navy)	9 mm pistol	30 events	12,000 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
arms training)	LHA, LHD, LSD, and LPD (Navy)	9 mm/.45 cal pistol, M-16, M-4, M-249 squad Automatic Weapon, MK-19, 40 mm TP, M-240G machine gun, .50 cal machine gun (5.56/7.62 mm/.50 cal rounds)	30 events	12,000 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
	LHA, LHD, LSD, and LPD (Navy)	M-40 sniper rifle (308 cal)	4 events	40 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA
Maritime Security Operations (MSO) to include Visit, Board, Search & Seizure/maritime Intercept Operations (VBSS/MIO)-Ship	Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) or smaller boat and CG, DDG, FFG, LPD, or LSD (Navy)	No ordnance Used	60 events		Cherry Pt OPAREA
MSO to include VBSS/MIO-Helo	MH-60 and CG, DDG, FFG, LPD, or LSD (Navy)	No ordnance Used	8 events	24 sorties	Cherry Pt OPAREA
AIR WARFARE (AW)					
Air Combat maneuvers (ACM)	F/A-18, AV-8B, F-15 and F-16 (Navy, USMC, & USAF)	captive carry missile or telemetry pod	770 sorties		W-122 (Areas 1, 8, 15 & 16)
GUNEX (Air-to-Air)	F/A-18 (USMC)	20 mm cannon	10 sorties	2,400 rounds	W-122 (Areas 9, 10, 11, 12)
	AV-8B (USMC)	25 mm cannon	10 sorties	2,400 rounds	W-122 (Areas 9, 10, 11, 12)
MISSILEX (Air-to-Air)	F/A-18 (USMC)	AIM-7 Sparrow (NEPM)	4 sorties	4 missiles	W-122 (Areas 9, 10, 11, 12)
	AV-8B (USMC)	AIM-7 Sparrow (NEPM)	4 sorties	4 missiles	W-122 (Areas 9, 10, 11, 12)
	F/A-18 (USMC)	AIM-9 Sidewinder (HE)	4 sorties	4 missiles	W-122 (Areas 9, 10, 11, 12)
	AV-8B (USMC)	AIM-9 Sidewinder (HE)	4 sorties	4 missiles	W-122 (Areas 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)
	AJ-1W (USMC)	AIM-9 Sidewinder (HE)	4 sorties	4 missiles	W-122 (Areas 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
MISSILEX (Surface-to-Air)	CG, DDG, LHA, LHD	SM-2 (HE) Sea Sparrow (HE)	8 events	8 missiles	Cherry Pt OPAREA
Air Intercept Control	F/A-18 (Navy and USMC)	Air search and fire control radars	54 sorties	21 events	W-122
ELECTRONIC COMBA					
EC Operations	AOE, CG, CVN ⁷ , DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	SLQ-32	50 events		Cherry Pt OPAREA
	EA-6B, F/A-18G (Navy)	AN/ALQ-218, AN/ALQ-99, and AN/USQ-113	120 sorties		W-122
	All Navy and Marine Corps Fixed-wing aircraft	Multiple fixed and mobile SA, ZSU and EW threat emitters	2,450 sorties		W-122
Chaff Exercise	MH-60S (Navy)	RR-144A/AL	72 sorties	2,160 canisters	W-122 (mostly areas 1, 8, 15 & 16)
	F/A-18, AV-8B (Navy and USMC)	RR-144A/AL	500 sorties	5,000 canisters	W-122 (mostly areas 1, 8, 15 & 16)
	CG, DDG, FFG, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD (Navy)	MK-214 (seduction chaff)	56 events	336 canisters	Cherry Pt OPAREA
	CG, DDG, FFG, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD (Navy)	MK-216 (distraction chaff)	18 events	108 canisters	Cherry Pt OPAREA
Flare Exercise	MH-60S (Navy)	MK-46 MOD 1C, MJU-8A/B, MJU- 27A/B, MJU-32B, MJU-53B, SM- 875/ALE	72 sorties	2,160 flares	W-122 (Areas 1, 8, 15, 16)

⁷ Fast Combat Support Ship (AOE); nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (CVN)

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
	F/A-18, AV-8B (Navy and USMC)	MK-46 MOD 1C, MJU-8A/B, MJU- 27A/B, MJU-32B, MJU-53B, SM- 875/ALE	35 sorties	175 flares	W-122 (Areas 1, 8, 15, 16)
STRIKE WARFARE (ST	ΓW)				
HARM Missile Exercise (HARMEX) (Air-to- Surface)	F/A-18 (USMC)	AGM-88 HARM ⁸ (HE)	8 sorties	8 missiles	W-122 (Areas 18, 19, 20, 21)
AMPHIBIOUS WARFA	RE (AMW)				
FIREX (Land) ⁹	CG. DDG (Navy)	5" guns (HE)	30 events	3,000 rounds	Cherry Pt OPAREA (Firing point Area 15B; impact point is inland range at MCB Camp Lejeune Area G-10)
FIREX (IMPASS) ¹⁰		5" guns	2 events	140 rounds [78 HE, 62 NEPM]	Cherry Pt OPAREA (Area 4/5, 13/14)
Amphibious Assault	1 LHA or LHD, 1 LPD, 1 LSD, 1 CG, up to 3 DDG & 2 FFG with tailored MAGTF ¹¹	11-14 Amphibians (AAV/EFV or LAV/LAR): 4-8 landing craft (3-5 LCACs; 1-3 LCU); 22 aircraft (4 MH- 53, 12 H-46/MV-22, 4 AH-1, 2 UH-1, 4 AV-8) ¹²	4 assaults (52 AAVs AND LAVs, 144 LCAC, 96 LCUs, 36 MH- 53, 64 H-46 or MV-22, 36 AH- 1, 24 UH-1, 16 AV-8)		Onslow Bay (90% of operations occur in ESG operations box, extending from Onslow Beach seaward 25 nm into OPAREA 15

High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM)
 Normally referred to as Firing Exercise (FIREX)
 Integrated Maritime Portable Acoustic Scoring and Simulator (IMPASS)

¹¹ Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF)

¹² Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV); Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV); Light Armored Vehicle (LAV); Light Amphibious Reconnaissance (LAR); Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC); Landing Craft Utility (LCU)

Training Event	Platform	System or	Frequency	Ordnance	Location
		Ordnance		Amount	
	1-3 amphibious ships (1	4-14 AAV/EFV or	6 assaults (42		Onslow Bay (90% of operations occur in
	LHA or LHD, 1 LPD, 1	LAV/LAR; 2-8	AAVs and		ESG operations box, extending from Onslow
	LSD), partial MAGTF	LCAC/LCU; 22	LAVs; 28		Beach seaward 25 nm into OPAREA 15
		aircraft (4 MH-53,	LCACs, 8 LCUs,		
		12 H-46/MV-22, 4	18 MH-53, 32 H-		
		AH-1, 2 UH-1, 4	46, or MV-22,		
		$(AV-8)^{10}$	18 AH-1, 12		
			UH-1, 8 AV-8)		
Amphibious Raid	1-3 amphibious ships (1	4-14 AAV/EFV or	24 raids (72		Onslow Bay (90% of operations occur in
	LHA or LHD, 1 LPD, 1	LAV/LAR; 2-8	AAV/EFV or		ESG operations box, extending from Onslow
	LSD), reinforced company	LCAC/LCU; 22	LAVLAR; 120		Beach seaward 25 nm into OPAREA 15
	(100-150 Marines)	aircraft (4 MH-53,	LCACs; 24		
		12 H-46/MV-22, 4	LCUs; 36 MH-		
		AH-1, 2 UH-1, 4	53, 36 H-46 OR		
		$(AV-8)^{10}$	MV-22, 36 AH-		
			1, 36 UH-1, 36		
			AV-8		

(U) Table 9. Summary of platforms, systems, ordnance, training frequencies, and locations of training events within the JAX OPAREA for the 12 month period January 2010 to January 2011.

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
MINE WARFARE (MIW)					
Mine Laying	P-3C	BDU-45, MK-76 OR BDU-48 (NEPM)	10 sorties	40 Bombs	Lake George Range
Mine Countermeasures	MH-53E	MK-103	40 sorties		Amber Strait and Kaiser Carrier OPAREA
	MH-53E	MK-105	40 sorties		Amber Strait and Kaiser Carrier OPAREA
	MH-53E	AQS-14A & AQS-24A	160 sorties		Amber Strait and Kaiser Carrier OPAREA
	MH-60S	OASIS	54 sorties		Amber Strait and Kaiser Carrier OPAREA
	MH-60S	AQS-20A	162 sorties		Amber Strait and Kaiser Carrier OPAREA
Mine Neutralization	MH-60S	AMNS (NEPM)	27 sorties		Charleston OPAREA (10L and 12I)
	MH-60S	RAMICS	27 sorties		Charleston OPAREA (10L and 12I)
	EOD	20 pounds (Lbs) charges	12 events		Charleston OPAREA (10L and 12I)
SURFACE WARFARE (S	UW)				,
MISSILEX (A-S)	P-3C and P-8A	AGM-65 Maverick (HE)	3 sorties	3 missiles	W-157A and W-159A (Missile Laser Training Area)
	MH-60R/S, SH-60B, HH60-H	AGM-114 Hellfire (HE)	70 sorties	70 missiles	W-157A and W-159A (Missile Laser Training Area)
GUNEX (A-S)	H-60 (all models)	.50 cal machine gun	70 sorties	112,000 rounds	W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
	H-60 (all models), MH-68 (U.S. Coast Guard)	M-240 (7.62 mm) machine gun	84 sorties	192,000 rounds	W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158,
	SH-60B, MH-60R, MH-68 (USCG)	.50 cal rifle	14 sorties	140 rounds	W-157, W-158

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
GUNEX (Surface-to-Surface) (Boat)	Harbor Defense Boats (Boston Whalers)	.50 cal guns	96 events	44,000 rounds	Charleston OPAREA UNDET North and South
	Harbor Defense Boats (Boston Whalers)	M-60 and M0240 (7.62mm)	96 events	49,300 rounds	Charleston OPAREA UNDET North and South
	Harbor Defense Boats (Boston Whalers)	M-19 (40 mm NEPM)	96 events	12,700 rounds	Charleston OPAREA UNDET North and South
GUNEX (Surface-to-Surface) (FAC/FIAC)	CG, DDG, FFG	None	9 events		JAX and Charleston OPAREAs
GUNEX (Surface-to-Surface) (Ship)	CG, DDG	5" gun	31 events	810 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
	FFG	76 mm gun	58 events	960 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
	CG, DDG, FFG	.50 cal machine gun	44 events	105,800 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
	CG, DDG, FFG	25 mm machine gun	44 events	26,400 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
Bombing Exercise (BOMBEX) (A-S)	P-3C, P-8A23	MK-82(1), BDU-45 (500 lbs NEPM)	36 events	144 bombs	W-157A/B, W-158A/B
	F/A-18	MK-82(1), BDU-45 (500 lbs NEPM)	90 events	360 bombs	W-157A/B, W-158A/B
	F/A-18	MK-83(l) (1,000 lbs NEPM)	3 events	12 bombs	W-158A (31J), W-157A/B, W-158A/B
	F/A-18 F/A-18	MK-20 (cluster bomb, NEPM) MK-76 (25 lbs NEPM with small smoke charge)	13 events 13 events	51 bombs 129 bombs	W-157A/B, W-158A/B W-157A/B, W-158A/B
Laser Targeting	H-60	Hellfire Laster Fire Control System	275 sorties		W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
	P-3C	Maverick Laser Fire Control System	28 sorties		W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
Maritime Security (MS) to	Rigid Hull Inflatable	None	90 events		JAX and Charleston

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
include Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure/Maritime Interception Operations (VBSS/MIO)-Ship	Boat or similar small boat, and CG, DDG, FFG, LPD or LSD				OPAREAs
and Helo; anti-piracy operations; and special operations forces					
MS to include VBSS/MIO- Helicopter	H-60	None	60 events		W-157A (Area 4X) and W-159A (Area 5X)
AIR WARFARE (AW)					
Air Combat Maneuvers (ACM)	F/A-18	Captive carry missiles or telemetry pods	1,245 sorties		W-157A (Area 3X, 4X)
MISSILEX (A-A)	F/A-18	AIM-7, AIM-9, AIM-120 (30% HE, 70% NEPM)	22 sorties	7 HE, 15 NEPM missiles	W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
MISSILEX (Surface-to-Air)	CG, DDG, LHA, LHD	SM-2 (HE), Sea Sparrow (HE)	8 events	8 missiles	JAX and Charleston OPAREAs
Air Intercept Control	F/A-18, E-2C, CVN, CG, DDG, LHA, LHD	Air Search and fire control radars	32 events	150 sorties	W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
Detect-to-Engage	CG, DDG, FFG, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD, CVN	Air Search and fire control radars	85 events		W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
GUNEX (S-A)	CF, DDG	5" gun (inert)	5 events	100 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
	FFG20	76 mm gun (inert)	8 events	192 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
	CG, DDG, FFG	20 mm Close-in Weapons System	11 events	20,800 rounds	JAX OPAREA (Surface Gunnery Areas AA, BB, CC)
GUNEX (A-A)	F/A-18	20 mm cannon	47 sorties	8,250 rounds	W-157A/W-133 (Area 2X)
STRIKE WARFARE (STW)					
BOMBEX (A-G)	F/A-18	MK-76, BDU-45, BDU-48, MK-106 (NEPM)	25 sorties	100 bombs	Rodman Range
CSAR and Convoy Operations	SH-60F, HH-60H, MH-60S	Blank MG ammunition, chemical lights	146 events		Rodman Range
AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE (AM	IW)				
FIREX (Surface-to-Surface) with	CG, DDG	5" gun (IMPASS)	10 events	390 HE	JAX OPAREA (Surface

Training Event	Platform	System or Ordnance	Frequency	Ordnance Amount	Location
IMPASS				rounds; 310 NEPM rounds	Gunnery Areas BB and CC)
ELECTRONIC COMBAT (EC	/				
EC Operations	EA-6B, F/A18G	AN/ALQ-218, AN/ALQ-99, AN/USQ-113	120 sorties		W-132, W-133, W-134, W-157, W-158
	CG, DDG, FFG, CVN, LHD, LPD, LSD	SLQ-32	61 events		JAX and Charleston OPAREAS
Chaff Exercise	CF, DDG, FFF, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	MK-214 (seduction chaff)	56 events	336 canisters	JAX and Charleston OPAREAS
	CF, DDG, FFF, LCC, LHA, LHD, LPD, LSD	MK-216 (distraction chaff)	18 events	108 canisters	JAX and Charleston OPAREAS
	H-60	RR-181/AL	9 events	9 canisters	JAX and Charleston OPAREAS
	F/A-18	R-144, R-129	415 sorties	4,150 canisters	W-157A (Area 3X, 4X)
Flare Exercise	F/A-18	MK-46 MOD 1C, MJU-8A/B, MJU-27A/B, MJU-32B, MJU-53B, SM-875/ALE	14 sorties	70 flares	W-157A (Area 3X, 4X)
	H-60	MK-46 MOD 1C, MJU-8A/B, MJU-27A/B, MJU-32B, MJU-53B, SM-875/ALE	80 sorties	2,400 flares	Lake George Range
OTHER EVENTS					
Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation Facility Utilization (SESEF)	CG, DDG, FFG	Radio and radar only	2,130 tests		5-15 nm east of NS Mayport
Precision Anchoring	CG, DDG, FFG	None	168 anchorages		3 nm offshore at NS Mayport
Small Arms	Harbor Defense Boats	MK3A2 Concussion anti-swimmer grenades (8 oz HE)	96 events	80 rounds	Charleston OPAREA UNDET North and South

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