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# **EXERCISE JOINT WARRIOR 24-1 TRAINING ACTIVITY**

1. Exercise Joint Warrior 24-1 (JW 24-1) will take place between 24 Feb and 4 Mar 24. The Exercise will be delivered by the Joint Training and Exercise Planning Staff (JTEPS) from Stavanger, Norway. The Exercise contains a series of serials and events that will be conducted to the North of Scotland and the North Sea by warships, submarines and aircraft. This booklet provides outline information on scheduled activity including details of intended live gunnery.

2. This information is correct at the time of print but the routine **SUBFACTS and GUNFACTS** broadcasts, made during the Exercise, will provide updated information.

3. The information provided in this booklet will also be published in Fleet Operations Notice to Fishermen, Cape Wrath Range Notices and Notices to Airmen. This document can also be accessed via the internet at:

https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/clyde

- 4. This booklet contains information on the following JW activity:
  - a. Underwater Activity.
  - b. VHF Challenges.
  - c. Live Firing and Gunnery Activity.
  - d. Unexploded Ordnance Advice.
  - e. Contact Details.

5. Warships taking part have been instructed to offer fishing vessels and the wider civilian community every assistance in their dealings with exercise activity. You are invited to contact them via VHF to ensure that military training and civilian activities are safely deconflicted.

6. There have been instances during previous exercises where aircraft operating at low level over the sea have been illuminated by powerful searchlights from fishing vessels. Mariners are reminded that the deliberate and malicious targeting of airborne aircraft has the potential to impact upon aircraft safety and could lead to civil prosecution. Flight crew will report all illuminations to the coastguard and Civil Aviation Authority for further action to be taken against any spotlighting incidents.

7. Throughout JW 241 the following points of contact are available on a 24/7 basis to address any immediate problems or questions:

a.	Primary	Exercise Duty Controller	+47 5287 8734
b.	Secondary	Fleet Operations	01923 956366

c. HM Coastguard sites can also contact the Joint Warrior staff directly and will relay information if necessary.

8. If you have any queries, problems, or suggestions as to how JTEPS can improve this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the Joint Training and Exercise Planning Staff at the above address.

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R M LANNING Commander Royal Navy JTEPS PLANS SO1 MARITIME

## **Underwater Activity**

1. The Underwater Activity Grid on the following page shows the forecast areas and time periods of underwater activity associated with JW 24-1. Please note that this brief only cover underwater activity contained within the exercise, other underwater activity may take place in waters off the United Kingdom and will therefore not be covered in this brief. The daily SUBFACTS broadcast by the Coastguard will provide notification of the actual areas where activity will be taking place. During JW 24-1, to keep the SUBFACTS broadcast short, multiple exercise areas are grouped together.

2. Communications can be established with exercise participants during JW 24-1 on VHF Ch 16 (working Ch 73), this includes submarines when they are surfaced or at periscope depth. A submarine working with warships will have one warship detailed to act as the Fishing Vessel Safety Ship (FVSS) in accordance with the Code of Practice. The FVSS has 2 overarching duties:

a. To make fishing vessels aware of submarine activity in their vicinity and to provide information and advice to minimise the risk of interaction.

b. To aid the participating submarine in compiling a comprehensive surface picture to minimise the risk of interaction with non-exercise vessels.

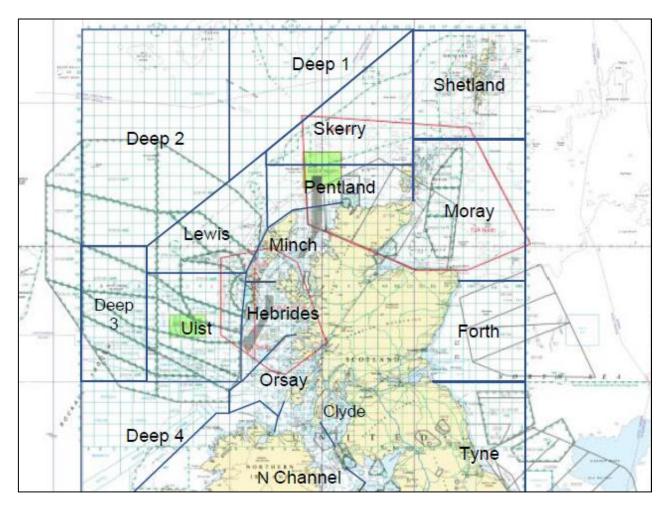
3. It is usually easier to establish communications with the FVSS than with a submarine. However, any warship in the vicinity may be contacted and asked for a report on any exercises involving submarines which are being conducted in the local area. Alternatively, the ship may be used to relay messages or instructions to the submarine if required. All warships, including the FVSS, can be contacted on VHF Channel 16 (working Channel 73).

4. If any difficulty is experienced a call should be made to the Joint Warrior Battlewatch Captain on +47 5287 8734 in the first instance.

	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb	1 Mar
All times Local	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Deep 1	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Units operating
Skerry	x	x	x	x	x	x	outside
Shetland	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	UK Waters

## JW24-1 SUBFACTS Areas Activation Grid

The planned activity in the Joint Warrior SUBFACTS AREAS is indicated by the letter **X** in the grid above. There may be changes to this planned activity therefore the Daily SUBFACTS Broadcasts will contain the most up to date information.



Joint Warrior 24-1 SUBFACTS Areas

## **VHF Challenges**

5. Considering ever-changing threats to our Armed Forces, military ships maintain a detailed plot of maritime activity in their vicinity, which includes establishing the identity of small fishing vessels. This can be achieved visually from helicopters or by challenges on IMM VHF radio by ships. Mariners are advised that warships from various Allied nations will be conducting such reconnaissance and challenges.

#### Live Firing and Gunnery

6. During Joint Warrior 24-1, Cape Wrath Range, including Garvie Island (An Garbheilean) will be active with live naval gunfire support. In addition, a Joint Warrior Firing Danger Area may be activated for offshore gunnery. The GUNFACTS and Joint Warrior Offshore Firing Areas Activation Grid on the following page shows the areas and time periods where gunnery associated with Joint Warrior is forecast to take place. The daily GUNFACTS Broadcast by the Coastguard and Cape Wrath Range will provide the latest information of the areas where gunnery activity is taking place.

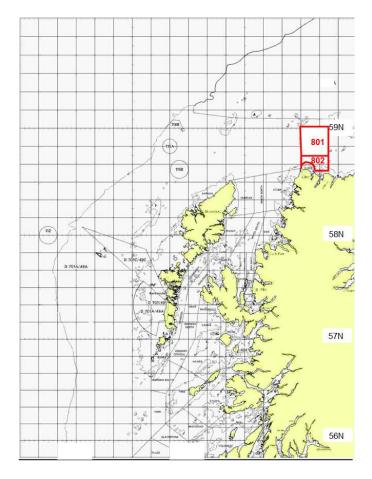
7. It is mandatory that vessels in the vicinity of the Cape Wrath Range keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16. Further information regarding firing at can be obtained by telephoning:

#### Cape Wrath Information Line on

#### FREEPHONE 0800 833300

8. For planning proposes the forecast activity is as below.

## **Joint Warrior Live Firing Areas**



NW Scotland Forecast GUNFACTS and Offshore Firing (All Times Local)

	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Cape Wrath Range (Ashore)	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200
Cape Wrath D801	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200
Cape Wrath D802	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200
Garvie Island D803	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200	0800-2200

The planned times of firings are indicated in the grid above. There may be changes to this planned activity. Daily GUNFACTS Broadcasts and Cape Wrath Broadcasts will contain the most up to date information regarding the activation of the areas.

# **Unexploded Ordnance**

9. The following general advice is offered to anyone discovering anything believed to be unexploded ordnance:

DIVERS	DO NOT TOUCH
FISHERMEN	Contact the coastguard. If this is not possible, lay the item in about 60ft of water, away from shipping routes and mark the position with a float.
EVERYONE	DO NOT TOUCH – dial 999 for coastguard or Police.

## **Exercise Contact Numbers**

Unexploded Ordnance (FLEET DUTY CONTROLLER)	01923 956367
Joint Warrior Battlewatch Captain	+47 5287 8734
Cape Wrath Information Line	0800 833300