

Anyone with information on the ship on this stamp?



## Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

**ABACO, HMBS** (patrol boat)

Bahamas # (2005) 25c

**1977 - Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Prince George, Bahamas; Vosper Thornycroft, Portsmouth, England; Displ: 30 tons full load; 18.29m x 4.8m x 1.40m; 2 shafts; 2 diesels Caterpillar 3408 TA, 950 bhp (700 kW), 19.5 knots, range 650 miles @ 16 kn; Armament: 2 x 7.62 mm MGs (I x 2); Crew: 11.**

The **HMBS ABACO (P25)** was part of the seven-ship **ACKLINS**-class PB patrol boat built between 1972-77.



The **ABACO** was commissioned in 1977, and stationed at Coral Harbor. She was decommissioned in 1995.

The other ships in her class were: **ACKLINS (P21)** C. 1972, sunk after a fire in 1980; **ELEUTHERA (P22)** C. 1972, D. in 1995, and sold to a south Florida business person who refitted her for private use; **ANDOS (P23)** C. 1972, D. 1995, and is now preserved as a museum; **SAN SALVADOR (P24)** C. 1972, D. 1982; **EXUMA (P26)** C. 1977, D. 1995 and **INAGUA (P27)** C. 1977, the last unit operative, being decommissioned in 2000.

Source: D. Rodlie; Crown Agency; [www.lamilitary.com/BS\\_RBDFCG](http://www.lamilitary.com/BS_RBDFCG)

Bahamas # (2005) 50c

**2000 - Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Prince George, Bahamas; Halter Marine Group, Moss Point Marine, MIS, U.S.; Displ: 375 tons full load; 60.62m x 8.90m x 2.60m; 3 shafts; 3 diesels Caterpillars 3508 DITA, 3,900 bhp, 24 kn, range 3,000 miles @ 15 kn; Armament: 1 x 25 mm Mk 88 Bushmaster low-angle gun, 3 x 7.62 mm MGs (I x 3); Steel hull with aluminium superstructures; crew of 35 and 28 troops.**



The **HMBS BAHAMAS (P60)**, and her sister, the **NASSAU (P61)** are of the **EUROPATROL 250**-class PC patrol craft. They were ordered on March 14, 1997, with the **BAHAMAS** laid down on Dec. 19, 1997. They were both commissioned on Jan. 27, 2000, and each cost U.S. \$13 million.

They are both based at Prince George, as the navy dock in Nassau's Coral Harbour is too shallow for them.

Accommodations are for a total crew of 62. The 25-mm Mk 88 Bushmaster is a low-angle gun-mounted in a Kollmorgen Mk 98 stabilized mounting.

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