



Military Sealift Command Expeditionary Fast Transport Program



THE EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT

THE FLEET

1. USNS SPEARHEAD
2. USNS CHOCTAW COUNTY
3. USNS MILLINOCKET
4. USNS FALL RIVER
5. USNS TRENTON
6. USNS BRUNSWICK
7. USNS CARSON CITY
8. USNS YUMA
9. USNS CITY OF BISMARCK
10. USNS Burlington
11. USNS Puerto Rico

The T-EPF is a non-combatant auxiliary ship designed to operate in permissive environments or under the protection of other ships or assets. It bridges the gap between high-speed, low capacity airlift, and low-speed, high-capacity sealift by transporting personnel, equipment, and supplies over operational distances with access to littoral offload points including austere, minor, and degraded ports. It is aluminum-hulled semiplaning catamaran capable of speeds exceeding 35 knots and built to American Bureau of Shipbuilding Classification Society (ABS) High-Speed Naval Craft standards, and International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (HSC 2000)

Ship Designation	Expeditionary Fast Transport
Hull Type	Semiplaning Catamaran
Length	337.9 feet (ft) (103 m)
Beam	93.5 ft (28.5 m)
Draft, Maximum (Full Load)	12.85 ft (3.92 m)
Displacement (Full Load)	2755.8 ST/ 2500 metric tons (MT)
Displacement (Light Ship)	1818.8 (ST)/ 1650 (MT)
Deadweight	(936 ST)/ 850 (MT)
Mission Bay	20,000 ft ² (1858 m ²)
Passenger Capacity	312 seats

T-EPF TRAINING

Licensed Deck Officer

- (1) week of T-EPF Ship Handling Simulations
- (2) weeks of in depth class room vessel familiarization
- (3) weeks of training aboard an T-EPF

<http://www.msc.navy.mil/>

Licensed Engine Officer

- (2) weeks of in depth class room vessel familiarization
- (3) weeks of training aboard an T-EPF

<https://sealiftcommand.com/>

<https://civmar.sealiftcommand.com/training/>

<http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>

Above Combined Training qualifies Licensed Officers for the required "SPEARHEAD CLASS Type Rating Endorsement" to operate T-EPF ships

Officer License Revalidation

- Required (2) years from the date of the original Type Rating Endorsement or last Revalidation Endorsement

Unlicensed Deck

- (1) week of Able Seaman (AB) Bridge Resource Management – concentrating on T-EPF specific vessel Maneuvering Capabilities, Basic Radar and ECDIS Principles, Watch Standing Duties, Rules of Navigation, and Emergency Response
- (4) days of T-EPF High Speed Craft (HSC) Safety Training taught onboard a T-EPF

Unlicensed Engineer

- T-EPF Engine Readiness Course (under development)
- (4) days of T-EPF High Speed Craft (HSC) Safety Training taught onboard a T-EPF

COMMUNICATIONS/SUPPLY

- 4) days of T-EPF High Speed Craft (HSC) Safety Training taught onboard a T-EPF

JOINING THE T-EPF PROGRAM

- Using the EPF Training Calendar, identify a suitable training time frame and include that information in a request email stating your interest in becoming a member of the T-EPF Community to: jessi.l.hagen@navy.mil
- Ensure your current MPS is copied.
- Request a recommendation be forwarded by your current or, if ashore, most recent Chain of Command (Master, Mate, ChEng, 1AE, SUPPO or SCO as appropriate). Their response should be forwarded to: jessi.l.hagen@navy.mil. The vetting process will not begin until the EPF Coordinator has received this recommendation.
- Be Fit For Duty (FFD) without any restrictions. Have a current Security Clearance and Passport. Have a current MMC with at least 6 months until expiration (submission of MMC is not required).
- Once all required information has been received, the vetting process will commence. The Port Officers will review current manning requirements, HRMS profile, and recommendation to determine acceptability for the program.
- Upon completion of the vetting process, you will be notified of the results and of further instructions to include training date availability.
- Upon completion of training, you will be assigned to the T-EPF MPS'. You will remain accountable to your current MPS until T-EPF training is complete. Completion of T-EPF training does not preclude you from assignments to another platform.
- Email training specific questions to EPF Training Cadre:
COMSC.NRFK.EPF.TRAINING.fct@navy.mil

T-EPF AWARDS

- Initial bonus of \$3,000 after completion of Type Rating Training, EPF Endorsement added to the Deck or Engine Officers License, and completion of a 4 month assignment on a T-EPF (one time).
- Bonus of \$2,000 for renewal EPF Endorsement on Deck or Engine Officers MMC, not to exceed once every (2) years and a 4 month T-EPF assignment.
- Initial bonus of \$3,000 after completion of T-EPF required training for unlicensed watch standing CIVMAR's and completion of a 4 month assignment on a T-EPF (one time).
- Bonus of \$2,000 for T-EPF refresher training Class for AB(W) and EU(W) not to exceed once every (2) years of a four month T-EPF assignment
- Initial bonus of \$2,000 after completion of T-EPF required training for unlicensed non-watch standing and completion of a 4 month assignment on a T-EPF (one time).
- Bonus of \$1,000 for T-EPF refresher training for non-watch standing CIVMAR's not to exceed once every (2) years and completion of a four month T-EPF assignment.
- Time-Off Award of 16 hours for every four month assignments for every 4 month assignment for all ratings.

Being vetted into the T-EPF program means you are approved to attend T-EPF related training. T-EPF training will not halt any current assignments or scheduled training.

An interview with the Port Officers is required of Newly Hired Employees for vetting into the program.
