



NAVAL ASSET

FS JEAN BART



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- LOA:** 140 m
- Width:** 14 m
- Water draught:** 8,5 m
- Air draught:** 48 m
- Displacement :** 4.800 t
- Maximum Speed :** 28 knots
- Powerplant:** 4 Turbo-diesel engines

OVERVIEW

2002	Operation Enduring Freedom	
2006	Operation Baliste, Lebanon	HADR
2008	Thalathine Mission, Somalia	Hostage rescue on "Le Ponant" yacht
2011	Operation Harmattan, Libya	Defense of Benghazi and Misratah
2017	Multiple tours in the Gulf region	Aircraft Carrier or merchant vessel escorts

Born in Dunkirk in 1650, Jean Bart served the French Crown from 1672. He amassed up 50 catch-es between 1674 and 1678. Called to the Royal Navy in 1679, he led a campaign in the Mediterranean Sea, against the Barbarians. Captain in 1689, he conceived a war tactic based on the use of divisions of fast and handy frigates. In 1694, off the coast of Texel, he caught a 130 ships Dutch convoy full of wheat. Thus, he prevented France from starvation. He was ennobled after this catch. Commander of the fleet, he was appointed commander in chief of the Navy in Dunkirk until his death, in 1702. In the modern era, four warships have been named after Jean Bart : a three-masted sail ship (1868-1886), a steel cruiser (1886-1907), a "dreadnought" iron class ship (1910-1937) and a Richelieu Class cruiser battleship (1937-1970). Laid down in Lorient on March 12th 1986 as the second of the Cassard class, the current ship Jean Bart, heir of a long and proud history, is the 8th to bear the name of the famous Corsair of Dunkirk.



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