

## US Navy's Fleet Comprehensive Review

On 2 November the US Navy released the report of the Fleet Comprehensive Review conducted by Commander, US Fleet Forces Command, Admiral Phil Davidson.

Collisions between USS *Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) and mv *ACX Crystal* and between USS *John S McCain* (DDG 56) and mv *Alnic MC*, along with other similar incidents over the past year, indicated a need for the US Navy to undertake a review of a wider scope to better determine systemic causes.

The US Navy's Comprehensive Review of Surface Force Incidents, completed 26 October represents the results of this effort. This review represents a summary of significant actions needed to fix the larger problems and their causes leading up to these incidents.

The Secretary of the Navy, Hon Richard V Spencer, and the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral John Richardson, are committed to adopt suggested recommendations and to make every effort to ensure these types of accidents and attendant tragedies do not happen again. Doing so will ensure the Department of the Navy remains what it calls the pre-eminent naval force maintaining security and deterrence through sustained forward presence.

For the complete 177 page document *Fleet Comprehensive Review* conducted by Commander, US Fleet Forces Command, Admiral Phil Davidson readers are invited to see here: [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=103136](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103136)