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History of RSN's Patrol Vessels

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Starting in 1967 with only two wooden training ships, the RSN has over the years steadily developed into a ready and capable fighting force. The current RSN fleet includes six Missile Corvettes, six Missile Gunboats, four Mine Counter Measure Vessels, twelve Patrol Vessels, five Landing Ship Tanks, submarine, a diving support vessel and a few civil resource craft and fast craft.

The contract to design and build 12 PVs was awarded to Singapore Technologies Marine (then known as Singapore Technologies Shipbuilding and Engineering) in 1993. The launching of the first PV, RSS FEARLESS, in Feb 95 was a significant milestone in the history of the local shipbuilding industry as it was the first major warship to be designed and built locally to meet the RSN's exacting operational requirements.

The PVs replaced the 12 smaller and older Coastal Patrol Crafts (CPC). The CPCs had served the RSN well since their introduction in the early 80s. They were transferred to the PCG starting from 1992.

Launches And Commissioning Of Patrol Vessels

S/No	Patrol Vessel	Launch Date	Commissioning Date
1	RSS Fearless	18 Feb 95	05 Oct 96
2	RSS Brave	09 Sep 95	05 Oct 96
3	RSS Courageous	09 Sep 95	05 Oct 96
4	RSS Gallant	27 Apr 96	03 May 97

5	RSS Daring	27 Apr 96	03 May 97
6	RSS Dauntless	23 Nov 96	03 May 97
7	RSS Resilience	23 Nov 96	07 Feb 98
8	RSS Unity	19 Jul 97	07 Feb 98
9	RSS Sovereignty	19 Jul 97	07 Feb 98
10	RSS Justice	19 Oct 97	07 Feb 98
11	RSS Freedom	19 Oct 97	22 Aug 98
12	RSS Independence	18 Apr 98	22 Aug 98

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