

Last Call for PB MK III

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As most of you know by now, Special Boat Unit TWENTY FOUR at NAB Little Creek, VA, and Special Boat Unit THIRTEEN at NAB Coronado, CA, were disestablished on September 30, 1993. When the disestablishment rumors were made official late last year, we realized that OCEAN VENTURE 93 would be SBU-24's last major exercise - and the last call for LANTCOM Mark III Patrol

Boats.

Unlike the west coast Special Boat Units, SBU-20 and SBU-24 were realigned in 1991 to be craft-specific: Rigid-hull Inflatable Boats (RIBs) were assigned to SBU-20, and seven 65' Mark III Patrol Boats were assigned to SBU-24. Two patrol boats were turned over to NSWC Dahlgren and one was transferred to SBU-26 in 1992. Although our four remaining patrol boats look virtually identical, there is a considerable difference in their engineering plants. PB731 and

Unscheduled underway replenishment with USS Boone (FFG 28).



