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).

**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**

### CHARACTERISTICS

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<th>Ship Designation</th>
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<td>Hull Type</td>
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<td>Length</td>
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<td>Draft, Maximum (Full Load)</td>
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<td>Passenger Capacity</td>
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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

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

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.