

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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World Wide Navigational Warning Service	571-557-5455	547-5455	571-558-3426
Maritime Safety Web site	571-557-7103	547-7103	N/A
Notice to Mariners: Regions 1 and 2	571-557-8282	547-8282	571-558-3213
Notice to Mariners: Regions 3 thru 9	571-557-8383	547-8383	571-558-3213
Sailing Directions, Fleet Guides	571-557-5943	547-5943	571-558-3261
Navigation Publications	571-557-8080	547-8080	571-558-3261
DLA Catalog of Maps Charts and Related Products	269-961-7766	661-7766	269-961-7791

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Cover Photo: The **USS NEW YORK (LPD-21)** is the fifth landing platform dock of the *San Antonio-class* warships. She was built by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems with Raytheon Ship Systems Corporation and Intergraph Corporation and commissioned November 7, 2009 in New York City. **NEW YORK** is the first of three LPD-17 class ships built in honor of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and her bow stem includes seven and a half tons of steel recovered from the World Trade Center's twin towers. She is the latest in a long line of warships named for the state and city dating back to 1776. Her mission is to embark and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare operations. **USS NEW YORK** is 684 feet in length, has a beam of 105 feet and displaces approximately 24,900 long tons fully loaded. She is powered by four sequentially turbocharged marine Colt-Pielstick Diesels that provide 41,600 shaft horsepower on two shafts and propel the ship in excess of 22 knots. Her armament includes two Bushmaster II 30mm Close-in Guns, two Rolling Airframe Missile Launchers and ten 50-caliber machine guns. **NEW YORK** can accommodate two LCAC's and multiple amphibious assault vehicles. She can launch or land two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters, or two MV-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft, or up to four CH-46 Sea Knight, AH-1 or UH-1 helicopters. Ship's company includes 360 sailors (28 officers, 322 enlisted) and three Marines and embarks a landing force of 699 (66 officers, 633 enlisted) with a surge capacity to 800. **USS NEW YORK** is homeported in Norfolk, VA.