Rhode Island's Naval History

1718

Esek Hopkins

Born in Scituate, R.I. April 26, 1718; he became Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Navy during the American Revolution.

1776

Providence

A sloop formerly named Katy that served in the Continental Navy during the Revolutionary War, as did the second and third Providence.

1785

Oliver Hazard Perry

Born in S. Kingstown, R.I. August 23, 1785; he is most noted for his heroic role in the War of 1812.

1794

Matthew C. Perry

Born in Newport, R.I. April 10, 1794; he is known for his role in the Mexican–American War, War of 1812, and Convention of Kanagawa.

1843

Perry

A brigantine that served in the Civil War. Three other warships bear this name: DD 11, DMS 17, and DD 844.

1861

Commodore Perry

An armed side-wheel ferry named in honor of Comdrs. Matthew C. and Oliver Hazard Perry.

1861

Rhode Island

This wooden, side-wheel steamer was employed as a supply ship during the Civil War.

1906

Rhode Island II

Battleship #17, the second ship named Rhode Island, was part of President Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet."

1922

John Chafee

Born in Providence, R.I. Oct. 22, 1922; he served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, 66th Governor of R.I., U.S. Senator, and Secretary of the Navy.

1945

USS Providence (CL 82)

The fourth ship of this namesake contributed to a major bombardment of enemy positions in Vietnam.

1977

USS Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG 7)

Lead ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of guided-missile frigates and named for Oliver Hazard Perry.

1985

USS Providence (SSN 719)

A Los Angeles-class submarine and the fifth ship of the U.S. Navy to be named for the state's capital.

1994

USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740)

An Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine and the third U.S. Navy ship to be named for the state.

2003

USS Chafee (DDG 90)

An Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer named for John Chafee that supported the Global War on Terrorism.

2009

USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9)

A Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship of the U.S. Navy that participated in disaster relief after the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami.

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RHODE ISLAND'S NAVAL HISTORY For Kids!

WORD SEARCH

Use the list below to find the words in the word search. You will find the words left to right, up and down, diagonally, and backwards. Don't forget to cross the words off your list as you find them!

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Commodore Perry **John Chafee** **Oliver H. Perry** **USS Chafee** **USS Rhode Island**

Esek Hopkins **Matthew C. Perry** **Perry I** **USS Providence**

Unscramble the puzzles below to come up with words related to Rhode Island's naval history. If you need help, use the other side of this sheet for hints.

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