

European Union Naval Force - Mediterranean

Operation SOPHIA

F 213 AUGSBURG

Frigate

Type 122 Bremen-class



Frigate

Bremen Class

Length / Beam / Draft

130,5 m / 14,5 m / 6,8 m

Displacement

3.950 t

Speed

17 kts

Source: German Navy website
www.marine.de

The Ship

The ships of the Bremen class were designed to provide escorts for surface ships and merchant vessels. Formerly designed for operation in the North Sea, North Atlantic and Norwegian Sea, the frigates nowadays operate almost all over the world.

Changes in the global political situation, the successive German integration and participation in EU, NATO and UN missions, or presently the fight against terrorism have made it necessary to extend the task of these ships, as it is shown for example by the participation of German frigates in Operation Active Endeavour or in Operation Atalanta.

The first of class, Bremen (F207), was commissioned in 1982; Niedersachsen (F 208) in 1982; Rheinland-Pfalz (F 209) in 1983; Emden (F 210) in 1983; Köln (F 211) in 1984; Karlsruhe (F 212) in 1984; Augsburg (F213) in 1989 and Lubeck (F214) in 1990.

The current AUGSBURG was laid down on June 10 1987 and commissioned on October 3 1989, exact one year prior to the German reunification.

The Augsburg is the seventh of eight ships of the class 122 frigate (also known as BREMEN Class). Together with the other sister ships forms the 4th German Frigate Squadron in her homeport of Wilhelmshaven. Until now Augsburg has travelled over 620.000 nautical miles , a distance equivalent to more than 27 times around the world at the equator.

Helicopters

The ship accommodates two 4.5t class helicopters, the Sea Lynx mk88 from Agusta Westland. The helicopters are equipped with AQS-18D dipping sonar from L-3 Communications - Ocean Systems and two torpedoes type mk46 or type DM4. Handling tests on the helicopters have been successfully carried out up to wind force 8. The hangar provides space, facilities and equipment for the maintenance of two helicopters. The flight deck is large enough for landing a Sea King type helicopter.

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