

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS****L.É. James Joyce Offshore Patrol Vessel****Length** 90 m**Beam** 14 m**Draft** 4.5 m**Displacement** 2256 t**Speed** 23 kts**Propulsion** WARTSILA Diesel Engines (5540KW EACH)

Complement 56 persons (all ranks)

OVERVIEW

L.É. JAMES JOYCE was commissioned in 2015 and is the second ship of her class of four operated by the Irish Naval Service. She is named after one of the most influential authors and poets of the twentieth century and Irishman, James Joyce.

She is armed with a 76mm OTO MELARA gun operated by a SEAFIRE fire control system. Her secondary and tertiary armaments consist of 2 x 20mm, 2 x 12.7mm as well as 3 x General Purpose Machine Guns.

L.É. JAMES JOYCE is fitted with 3 x MST 9M RHIBS which, coupled with the Caley Davit launch system, allows enhanced capability in conducting small boat operations.

L.É. JAMES JOYCE is the third unit of the Irish Naval Service to participate in OP. SOPHIA. She has previously been involved in OP PONTUS, a unilateral humanitarian mission conducted under a bilateral agreement between Ireland and Italy, on one occasion in 2016.

L.É. JAMES JOYCE joined OP. SOPHIA in July 2018.

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