

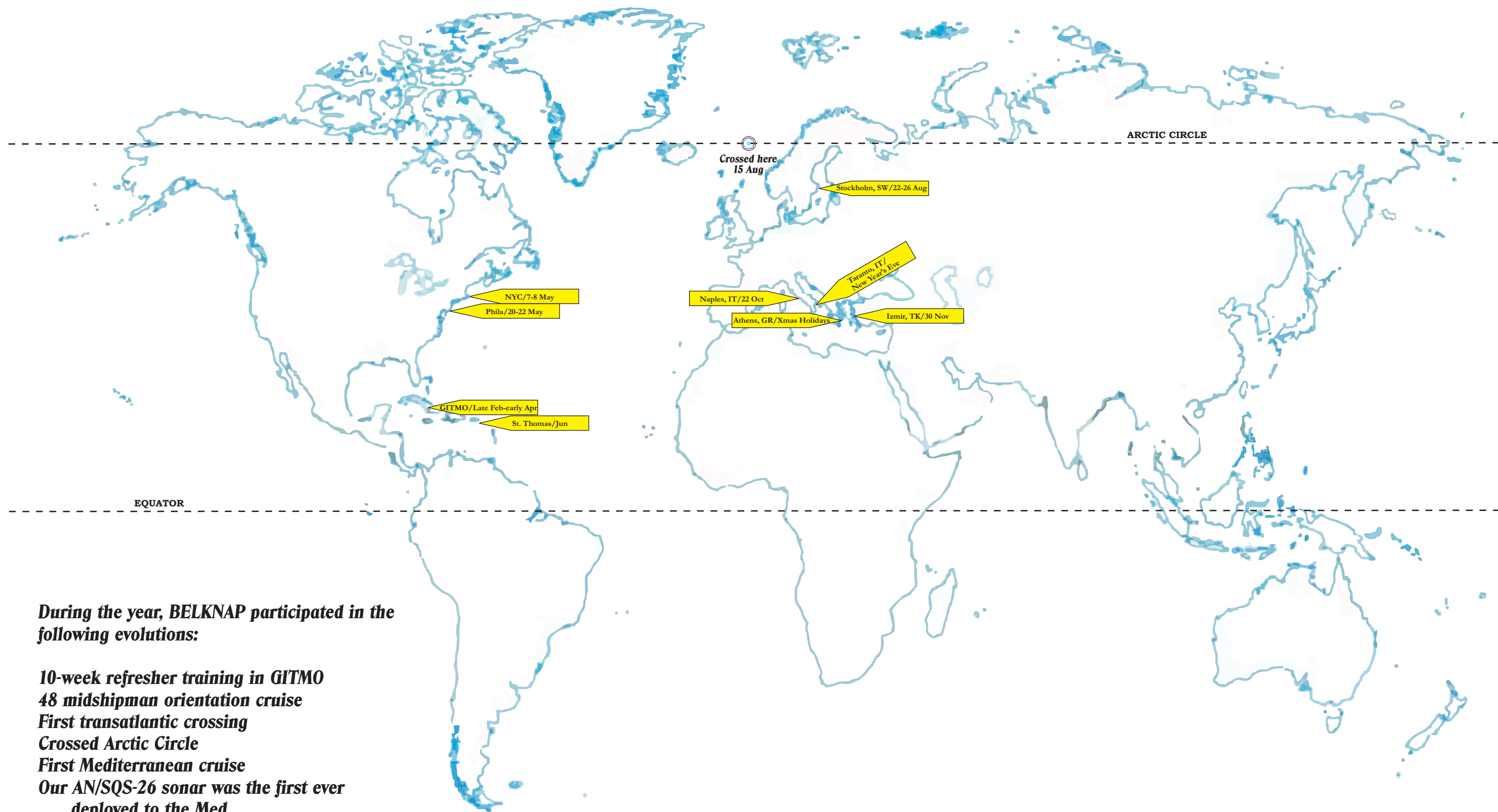
Following commissioning, BELKNAP spent 1965 operating up and down the East Coast performing many operations, tests and evaluations including:

- Full power runs**
- Degaussing**
- Compass calibration**
- Sonar measurements**
- Gun firing**
- Missile blast tests**
- Ammunition loading and unloading**
- Final acceptance trials**
- Torpedo and ASROC firing**
- Missile firing**
- Acoustic and self-noise tests, and**
- Engineering and standardization trials**
- Hauled 105 fathoms of anchor chain with anchor attached when anchor windlass failed**

Each sheet of this file represents a different year in the life of USS BELKNAP DLG/CG-26. Every attempt has been made to accurately show the dates that the ship was in a particular area. Where only a single date is shown, only the arrival date was available in records. Where there are gaps in the chronology of dates, the ship was on local ops, in transit, or other operations.

These events and more are covered in the book, "Starbuster" published by Lulu press at Lulu.com

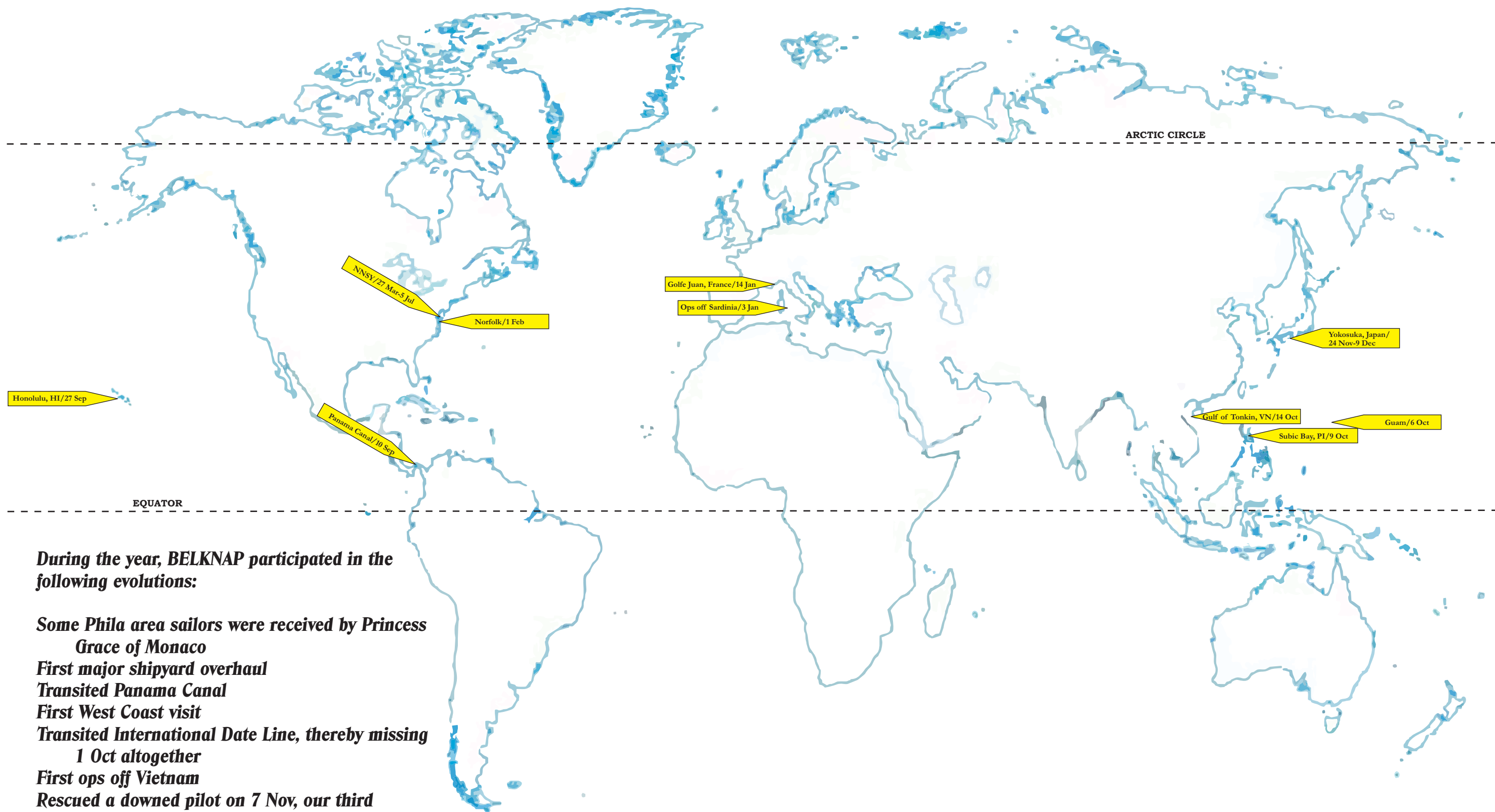
1965



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- 10-week refresher training in GITMO***
- 48 midshipman orientation cruise***
- First transatlantic crossing***
- Crossed Arctic Circle***
- First Mediterranean cruise***
- Our AN/SQS-26 sonar was the first ever deployed to the Med***
- Assisted in search and recovery for Greek ferry boat, Heraklion***
- Conducted first underway replenishment, UNREP, of stores, fuel, and dummy ammo***

1966



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Some Phila area sailors were received by Princess Grace of Monaco

First major shipyard overhaul

Transited Panama Canal

First West Coast visit

Transited International Date Line, thereby missing 1 Oct altogether

First ops off Vietnam

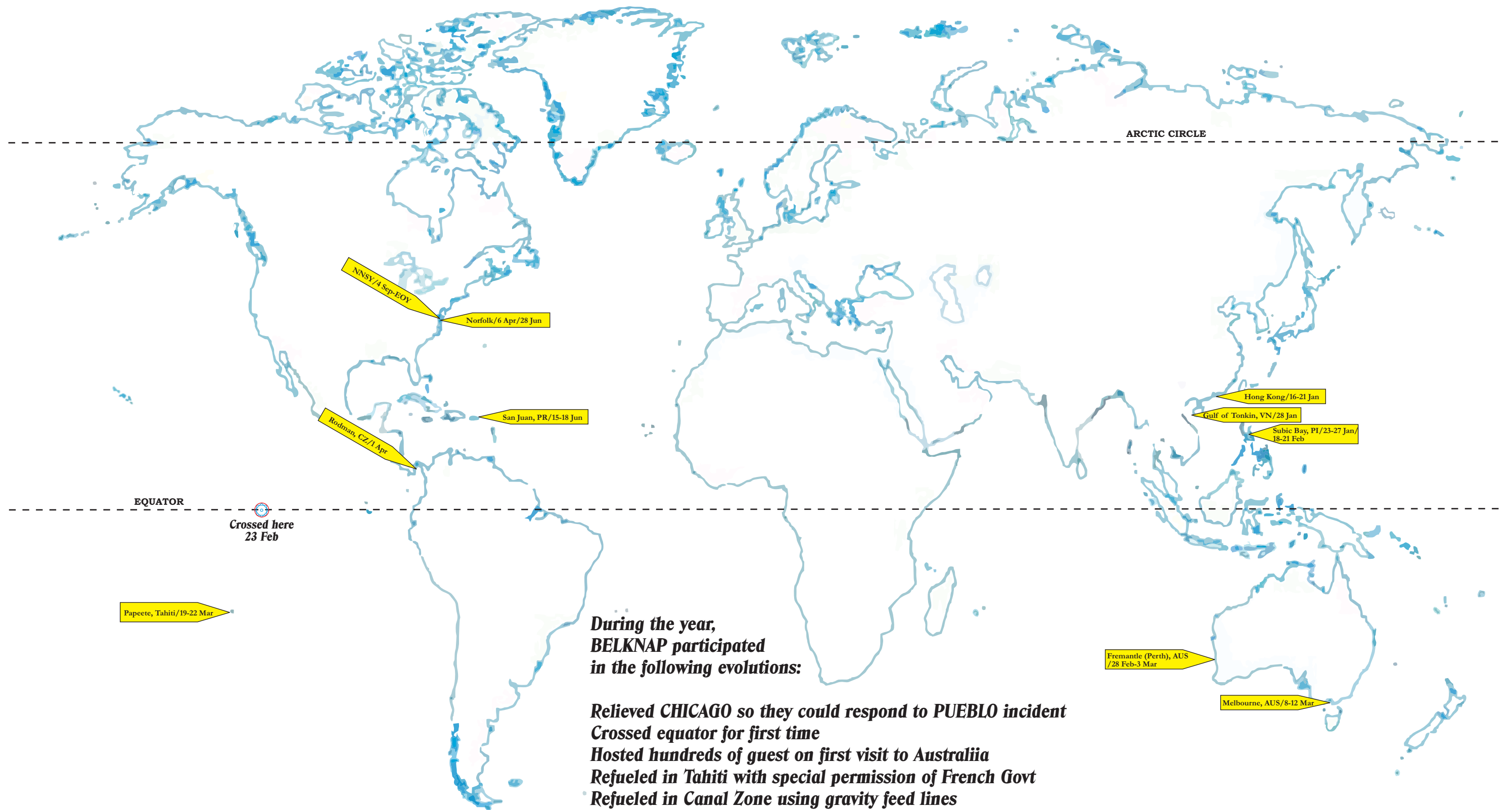
Rescued a downed pilot on 7 Nov, our third "birthday"

Served in all four major US Fleets during the year: 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th

During entire cruise (67-68) we steamed over 69,000 miles and had over 300 helo operations

Crew memories of a Port-au-Prince, Haiti visit cannot be verified in ship's history documentation.

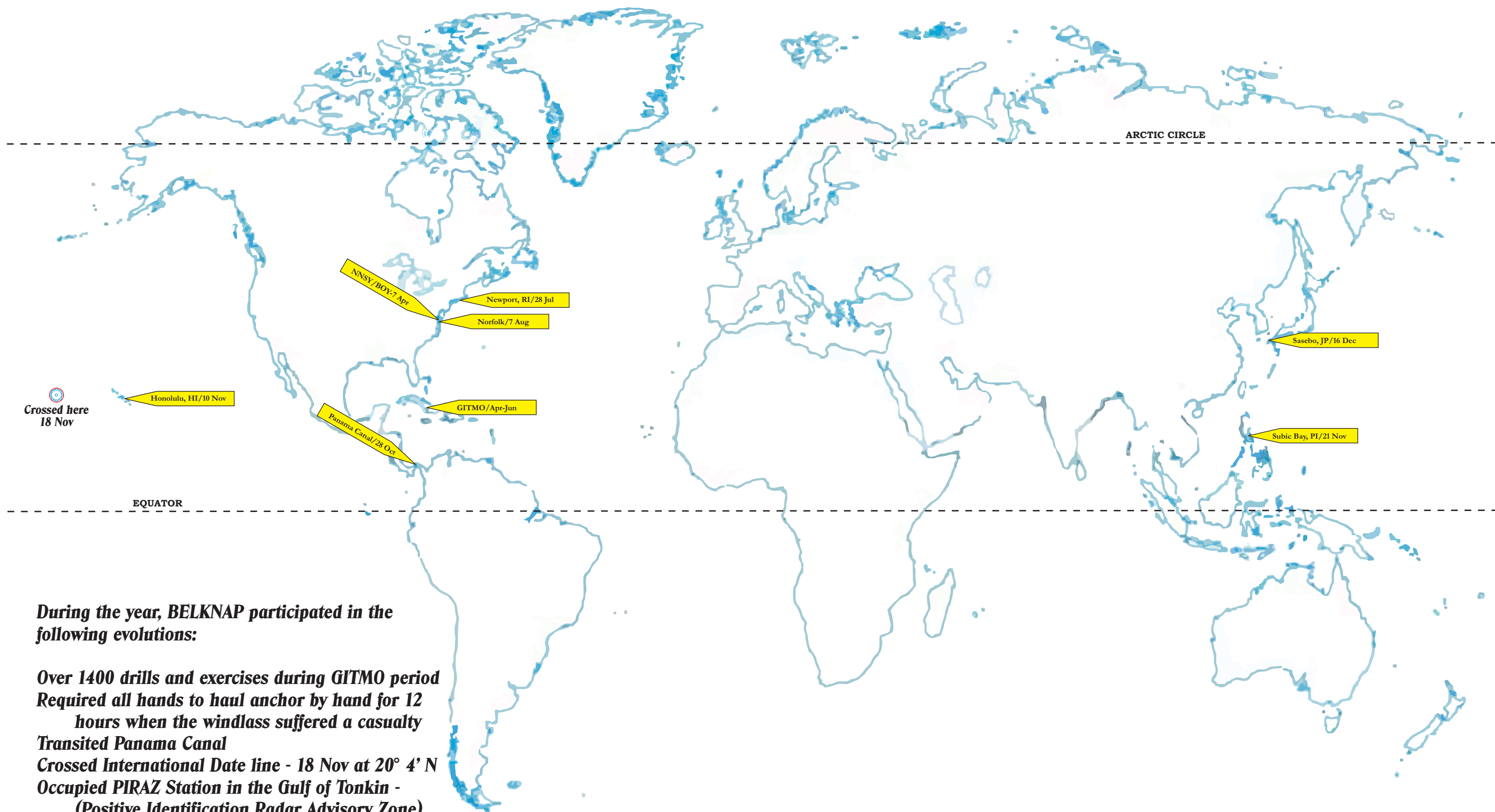
1967



**During the year,
BELKNAP participated
in the following evolutions:**

- Relieved CHICAGO so they could respond to PUEBLO incident**
- Crossed equator for first time**
- Hosted hundreds of guest on first visit to Australia**
- Refueled in Tahiti with special permission of French Govt**
- Refueled in Canal Zone using gravity feed lines**
- Hosted 50 officers from US Army War College**
- Hosted King of Norway and British Army, CIC North**
- Hosted 25 reservists for 2 weeks**
- Admin and INSURV inspections**
- NNSY for major overhaul**

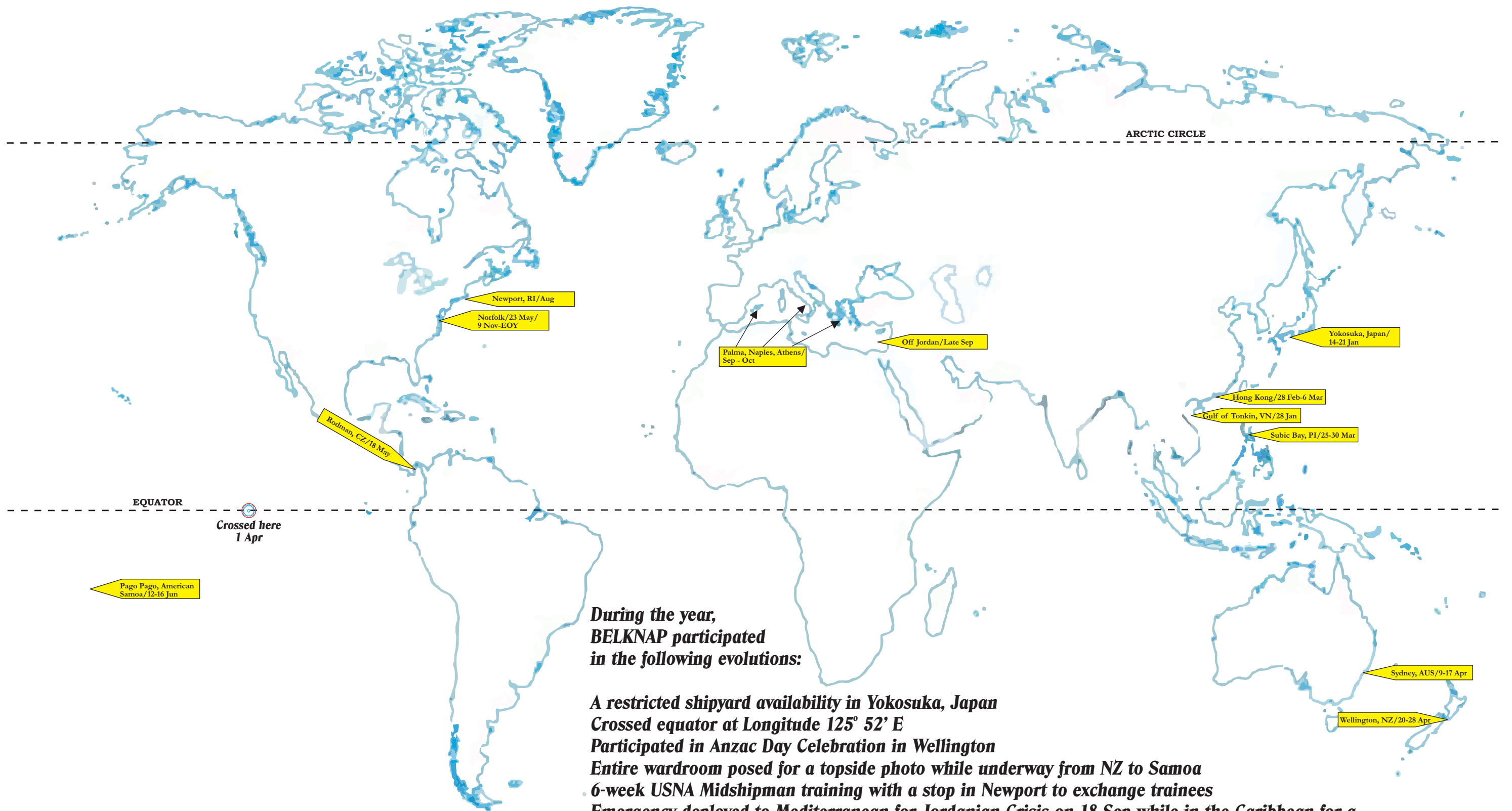
1968



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Over 1400 drills and exercises during GITMO period***
- Required all hands to haul anchor by hand for 12 hours when the windlass suffered a casualty***
- Transited Panama Canal***
- Crossed International Date line - 18 Nov at 20° 4' N***
- Occupied PIRAZ Station in the Gulf of Tonkin - (Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone)***
- Patrolled Sea of Japan off North Korea - Awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal***

1969



**During the year,
BELKNAP participated
in the following evolutions:**

A restricted shipyard availability in Yokosuka, Japan

Crossed equator at Longitude 125° 52' E

Participated in Anzac Day Celebration in Wellington

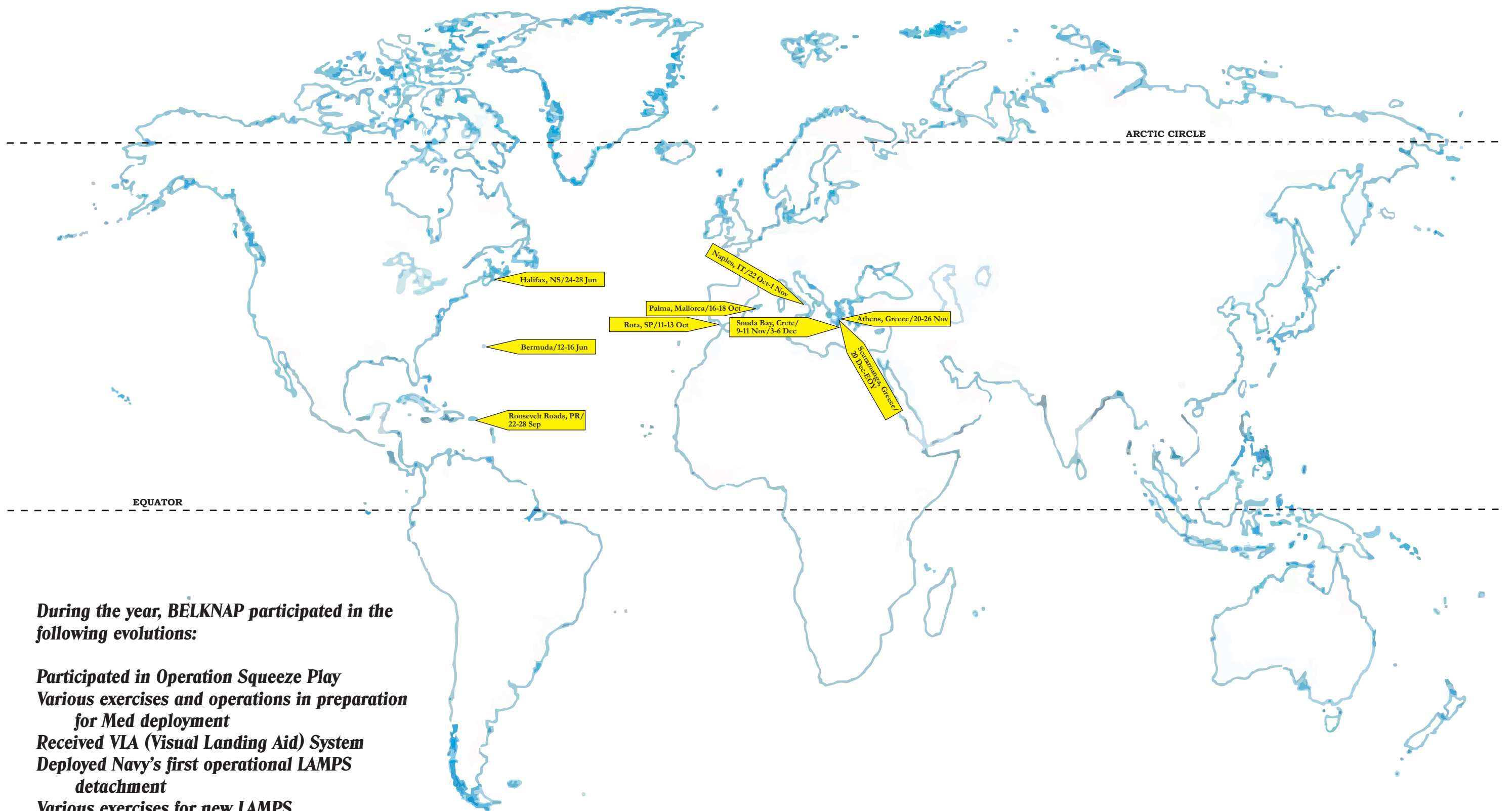
Entire wardroom posed for a topside photo while underway from NZ to Samoa

6-week USNA Midshipman training with a stop in Newport to exchange trainees

Emergency deployed to Mediterranean for Jordanian Crisis on 18 Sep while in the Caribbean for a missile shoot - proceeded at radio silence until we arrived

**During the year, steamed nearly 60,000 miles, served in all 4 major fleets,
and received the Meritorious Unit Citation, Armed Forces Expeditionary
Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, & Missile and Battle Efficiency "E"s**

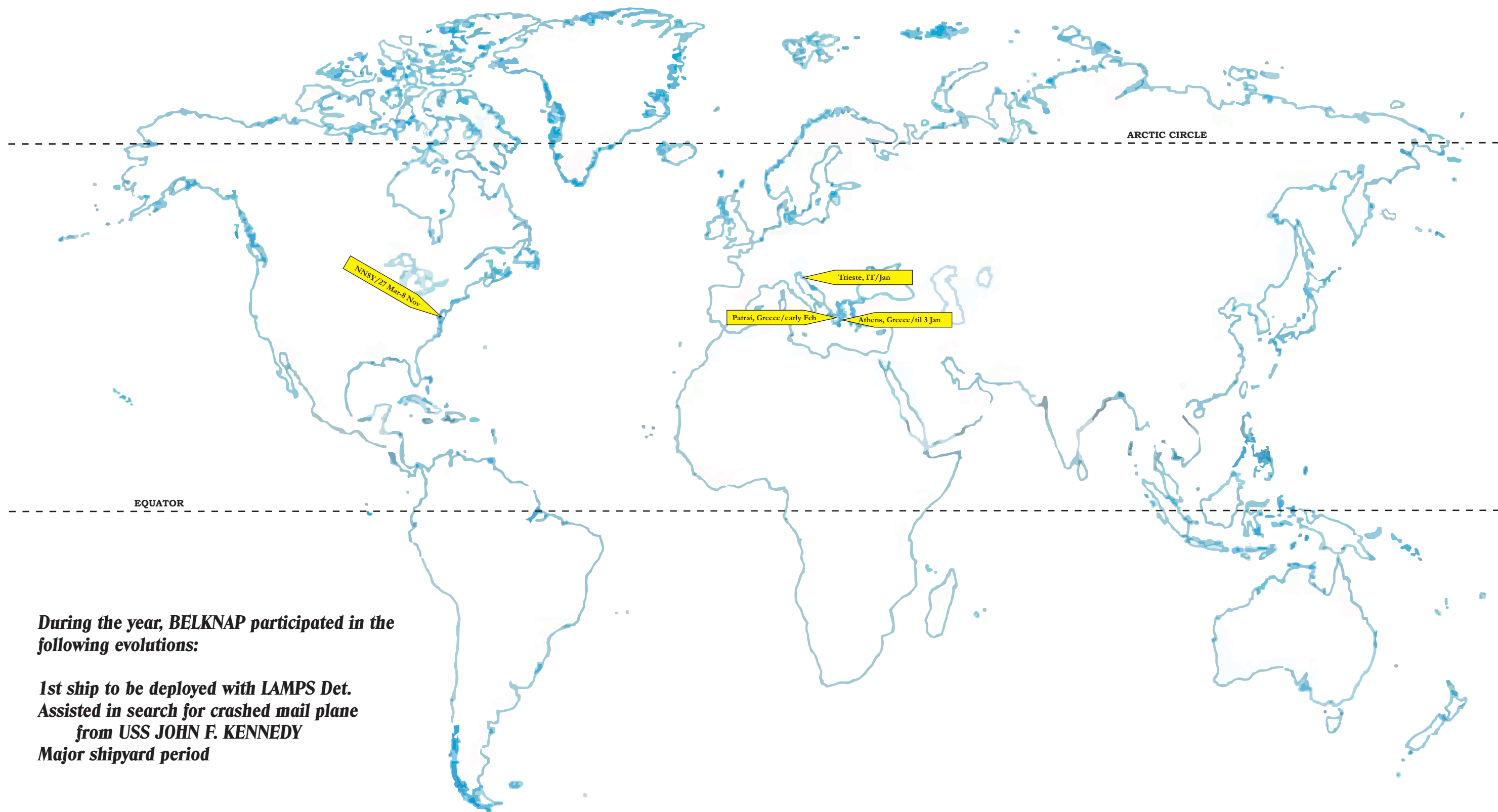
1970



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Participated in Operation Squeeze Play***
- Various exercises and operations in preparation for Med deployment***
- Received VLA (Visual Landing Aid) System***
- Deployed Navy's first operational LAMPS detachment***
- Various exercises for new LAMPS***
- Restricted availability in Hellenic Shipyard near Athens***

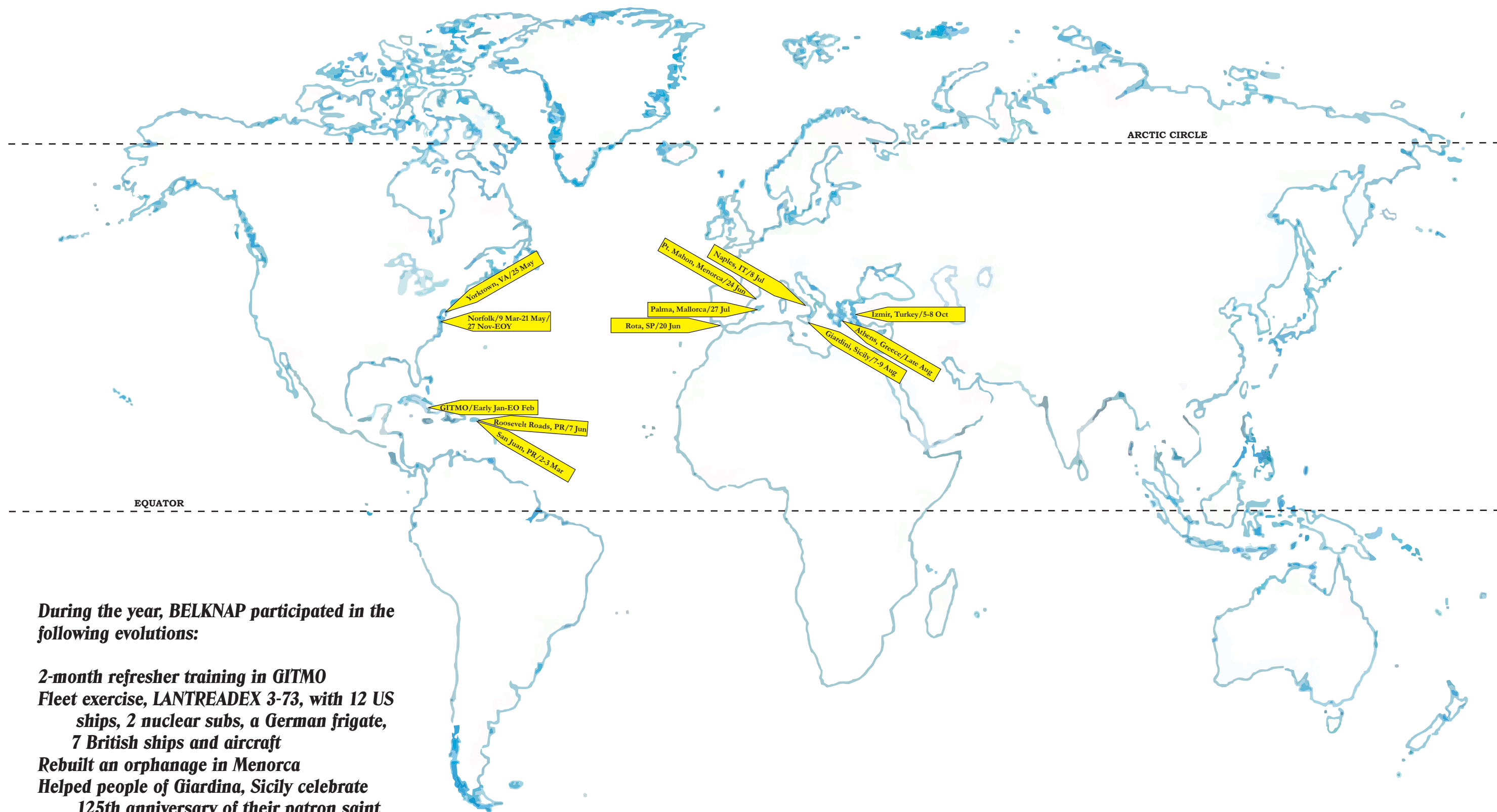
1971



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

***1st ship to be deployed with LAMPS Det.
Assisted in search for crashed mail plane
from USS JOHN F. KENNEDY
Major shipyard period***

1972



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

2-month refresher training in GITMO

Fleet exercise, LANTREDEX 3-73, with 12 US ships, 2 nuclear subs, a German frigate, 7 British ships and aircraft

Rebuilt an orphanage in Menorca

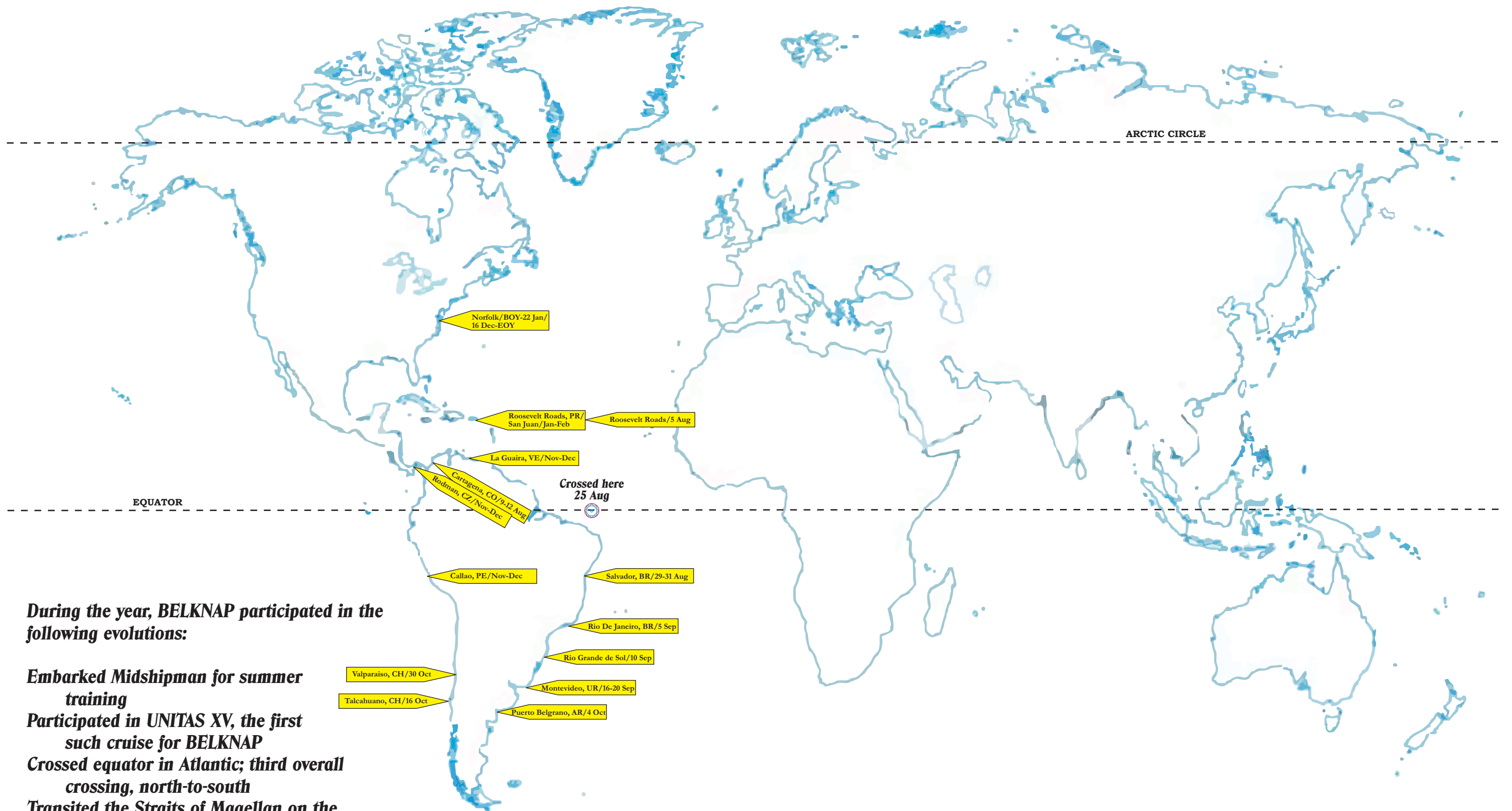
Helped people of Giardina, Sicily celebrate 125th anniversary of their patron saint

Participated in Exercise Deep Furrow, an amphibious exercise

Exercised with Turkish and Greek patrol boats and submarines

Crew memories of Cannes, France and Mykonos, Greece visits cannot be verified by ship's history documentation.

1973



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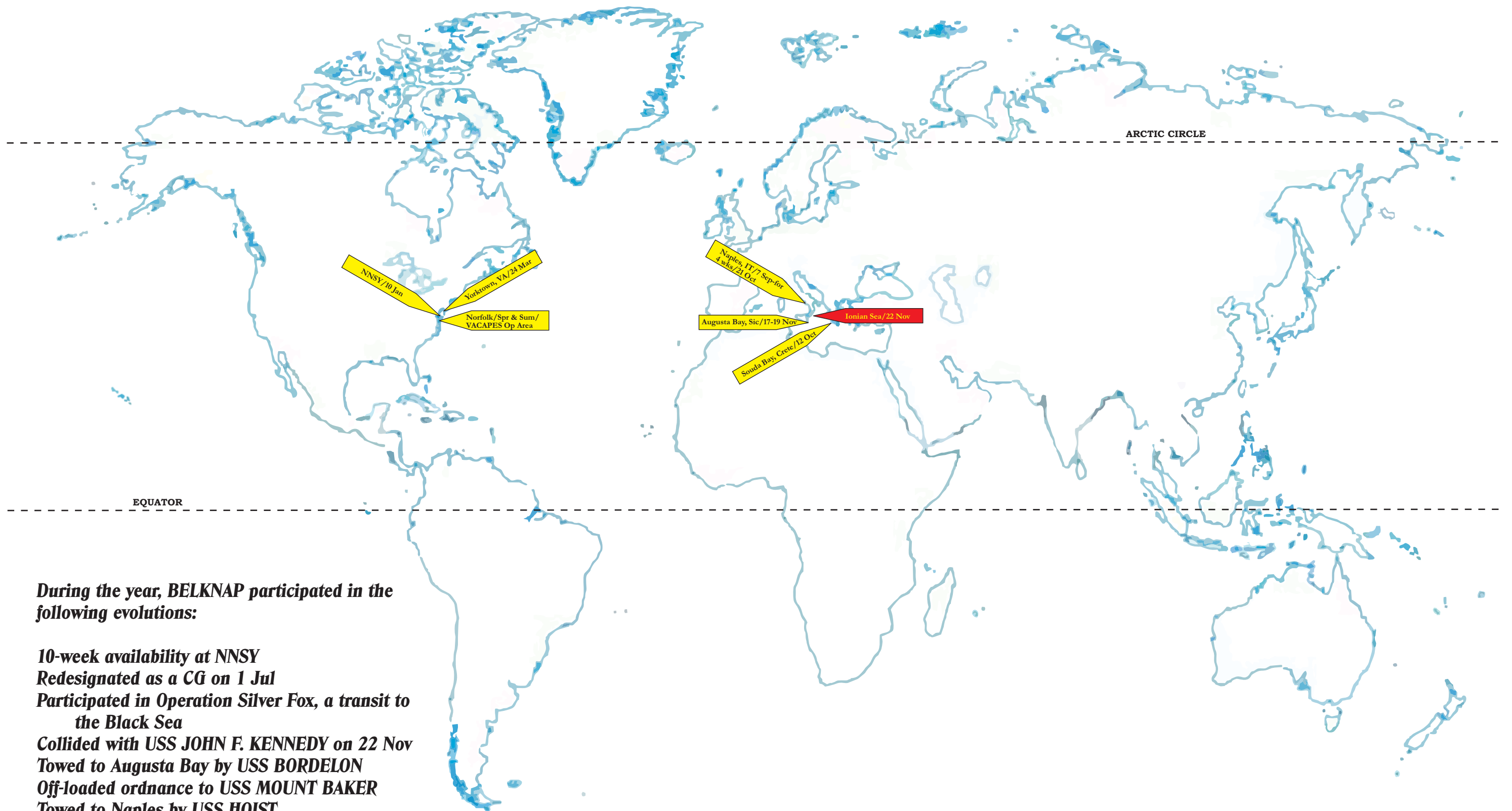
Embarked Midshipman for summer training

Participated in UNITAS XV, the first such cruise for BELKNAP

Crossed equator in Atlantic; third overall crossing, north-to-south

Transited the Straits of Magellan on the Navy's 200th birthday

1974



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

10-week availability at NNSY

Redesignated as a CG on 1 Jul

Participated in Operation Silver Fox, a transit to the Black Sea

Collided with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 22 Nov

Towed to Augusta Bay by USS BORDELON

Off-loaded ordnance to USS MOUNT BAKER

Towed to Naples by USS HOIST

Ultimately towed to Phila, PA by USS HOIST

Pier-side in Phila while awaiting decision on rebuilding which didn't commence until 9 Jan, 1978

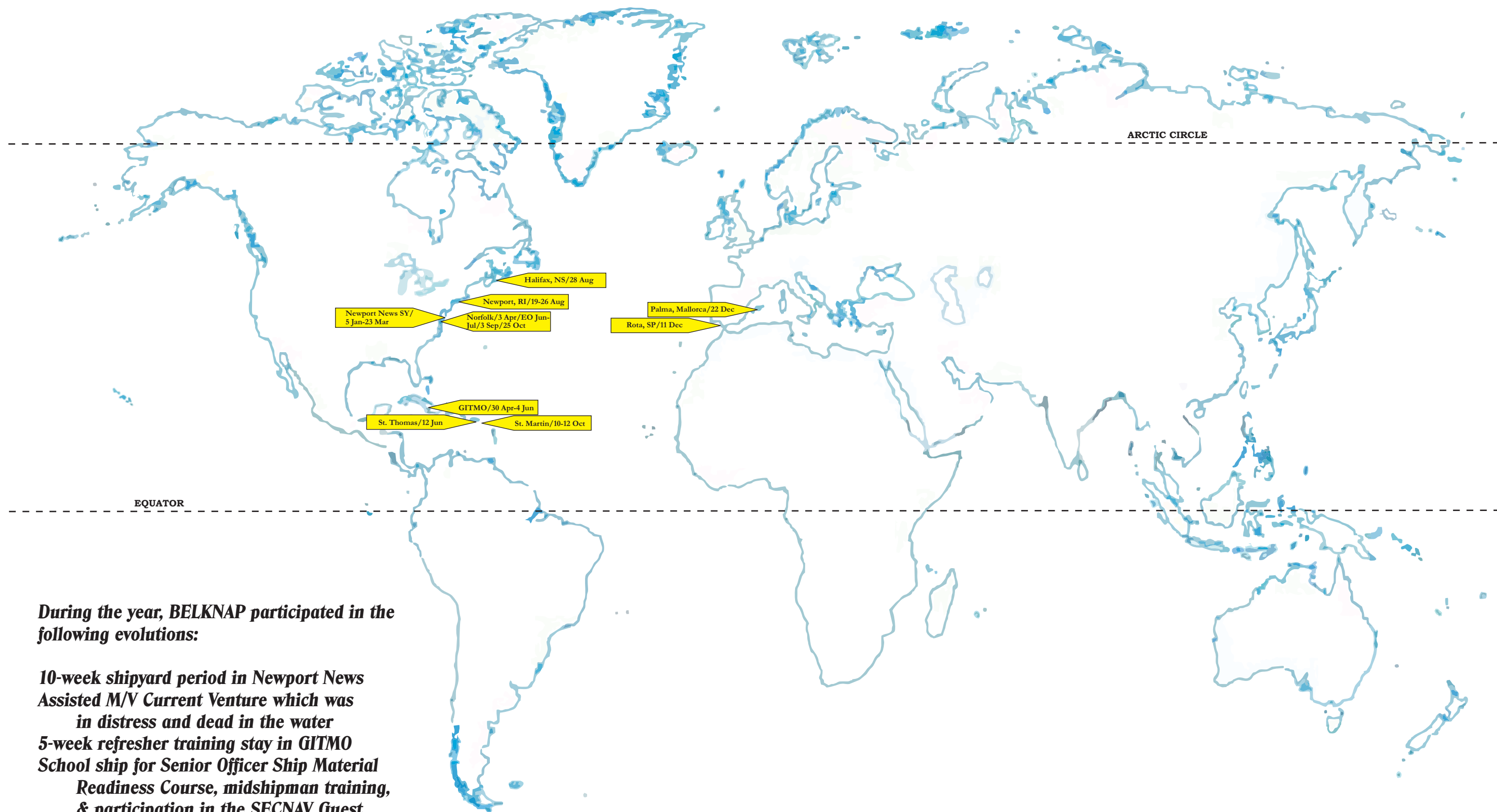
1975



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Rebuilding, restoration, & modernization from 9 Jan 1978 thru late Jan***
- Machinery, builders, & acceptance trials thru early Apr***
- Recommissioning on 10 May***
- Inspections, tests and more trials thru early Nov***
- Post-overhaul Reftra in GITMO***

1980



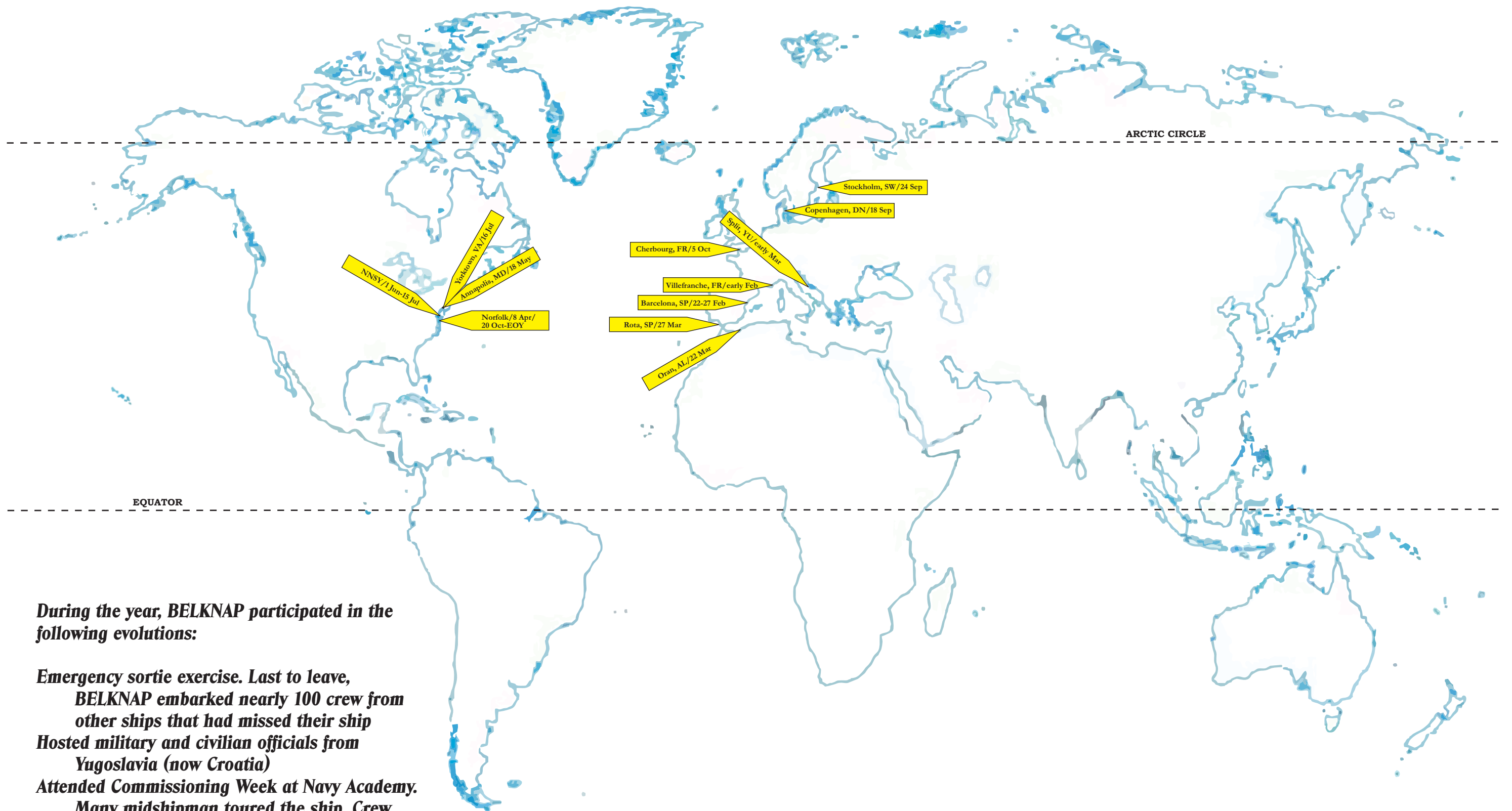
During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

10-week shipyard period in Newport News Assisted M/V Current Venture which was in distress and dead in the water

5-week refresher training stay in GITMO School ship for Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course, midshipman training, & participation in the SECNAV Guest Cruise Program

***Hosted students from Naval War College including allied officers and families
Rearmed missiles from Forward Vertical Replenishment Station for first time***

1981



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Emergency sortie exercise. Last to leave,

BELKNAP embarked nearly 100 crew from other ships that had missed their ship

Hosted military and civilian officials from Yugoslavia (now Croatia)

Attended Commissioning Week at Navy Academy.

Many midshipman toured the ship. Crew was invited to taping of Bob Hope USO Show

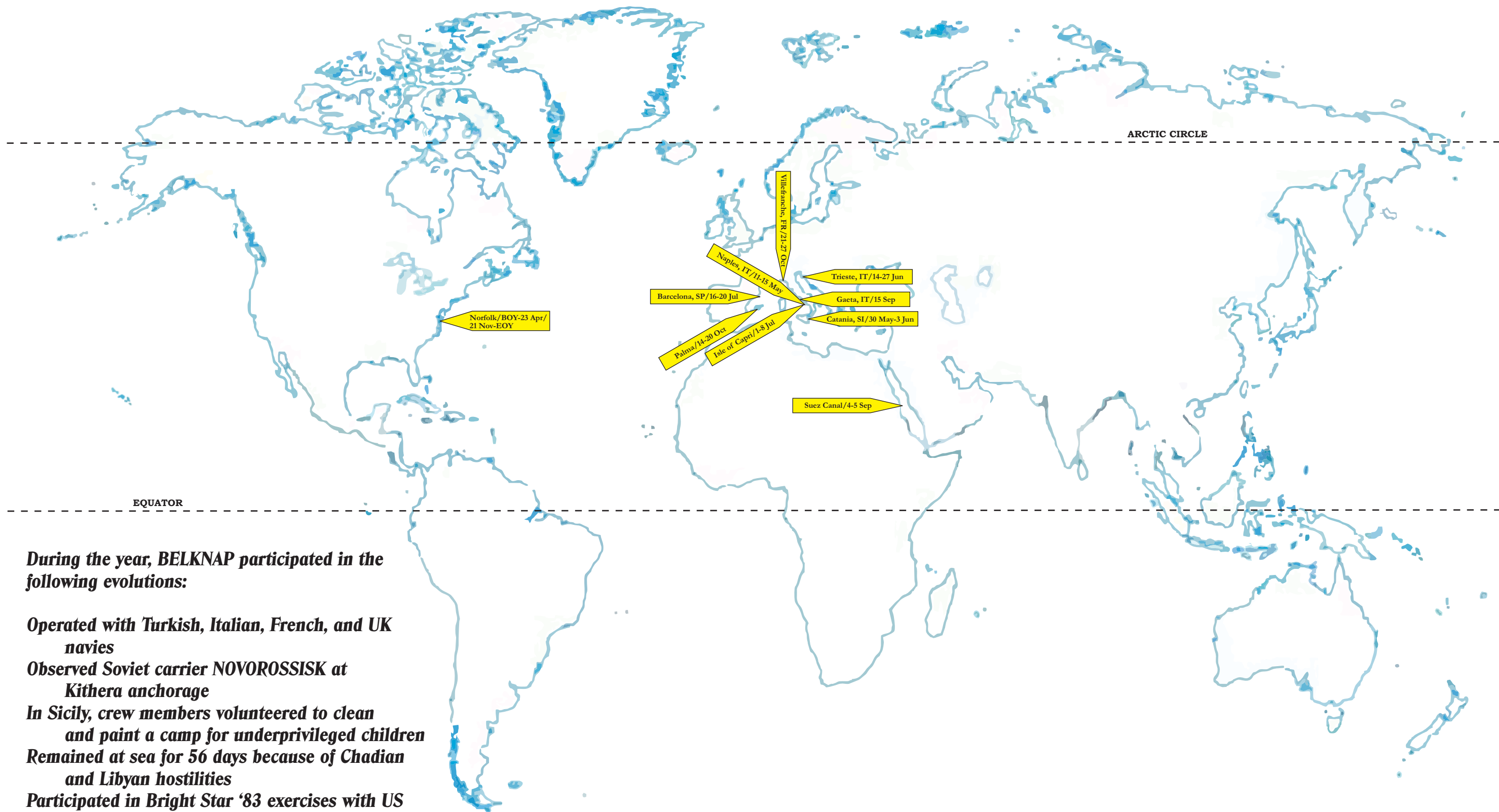
Participated in NATO exercise, NORTHERN WEDDING, with Northern European naval vessels

Participated in Operation NOTVARP where US ships served as bait to attract Soviet submarines

Suspected encounter with Soviet Echo II submarine

Participated in Baltops '82

1982



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Operated with Turkish, Italian, French, and UK navies

Observed Soviet carrier NOVOROSSISK at Kithera anchorage

In Sicily, crew members volunteered to clean and paint a camp for underprivileged children

Remained at sea for 56 days because of Chadian and Libyan hostilities

Participated in Bright Star '83 exercises with US and Egyptian forces

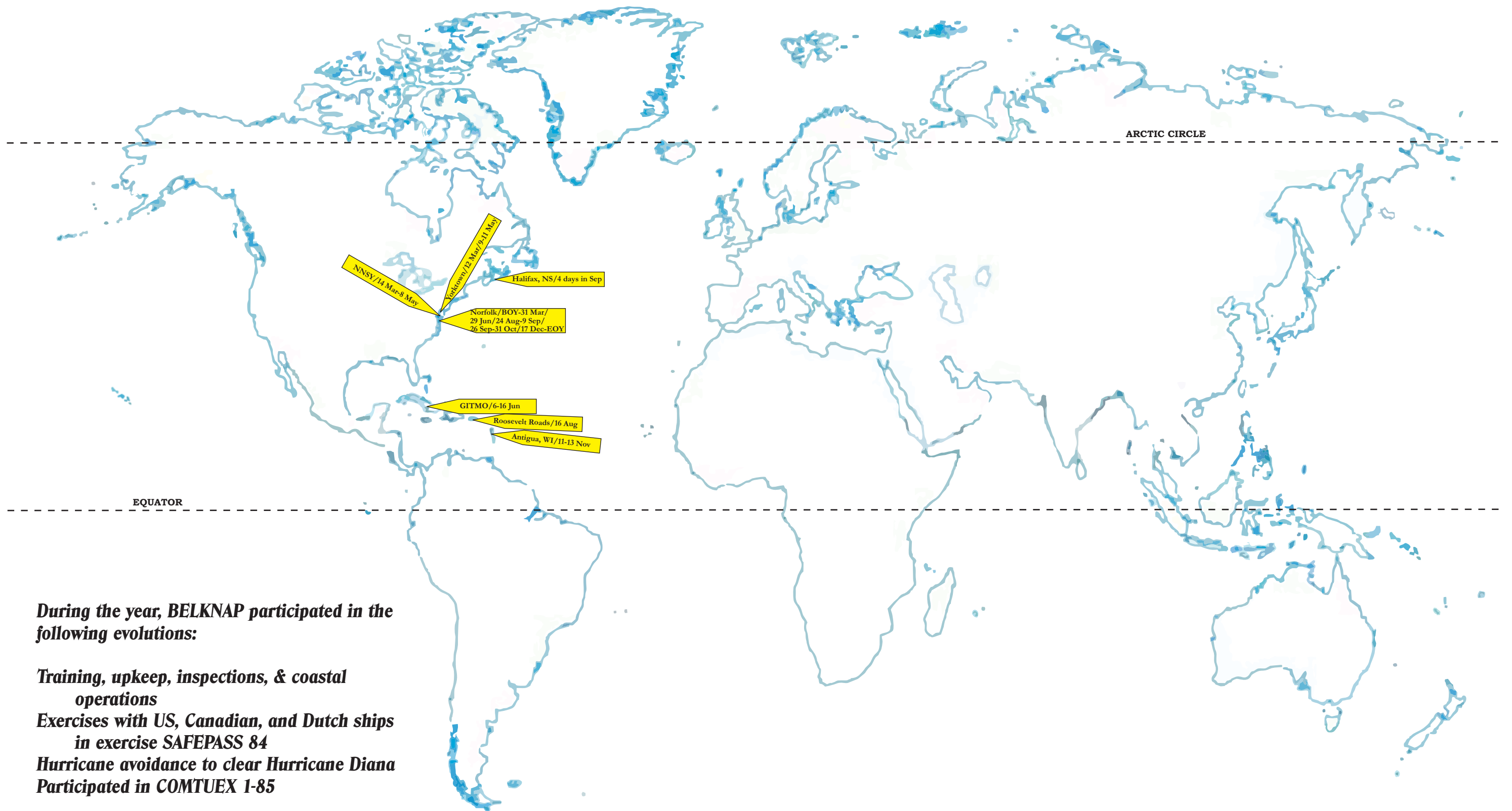
First ship to respond with gunfire support off Beirut

First transit thru Suez Canal

Participated in NATO exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION

Made crossing back to US with 16 other units

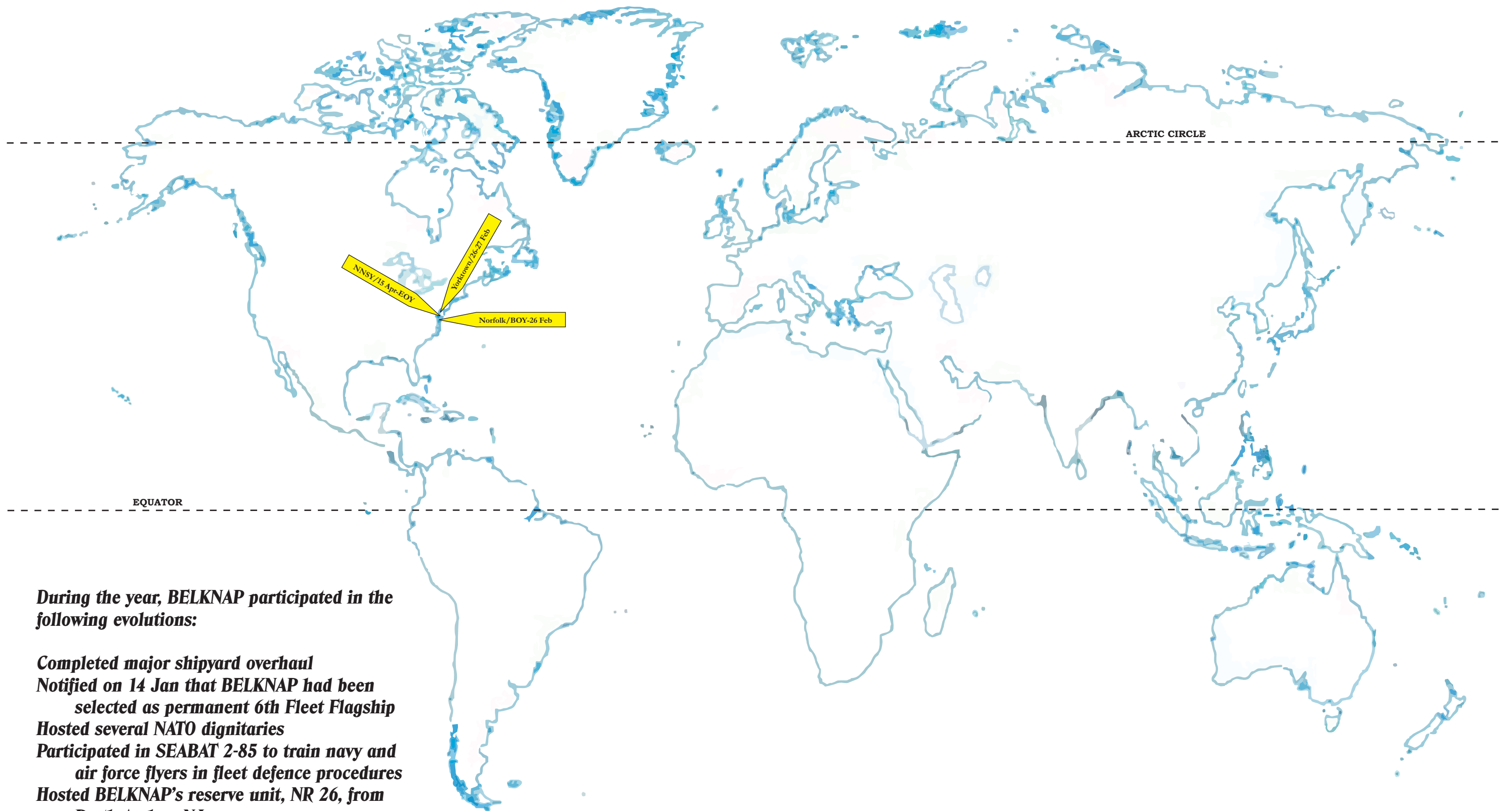
1983



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Training, upkeep, inspections, & coastal operations***
- Exercises with US, Canadian, and Dutch ships in exercise SAFEPASS 84***
- Hurricane avoidance to clear Hurricane Diana***
- Participated in COMTUEX 1-85***

1984



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Completed major shipyard overhaul

Notified on 14 Jan that BELKNAP had been selected as permanent 6th Fleet Flagship

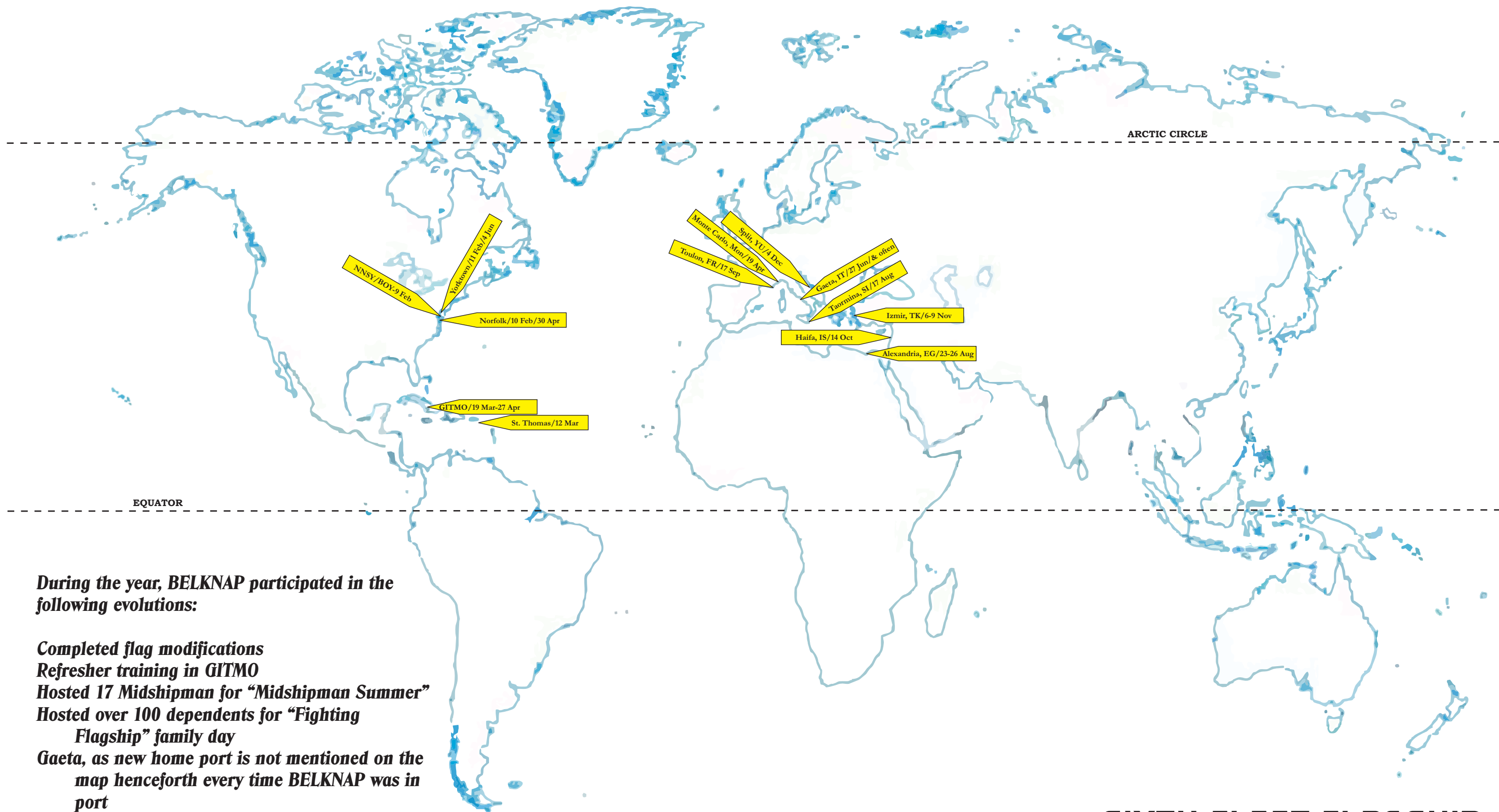
Hosted several NATO dignitaries

Participated in SEABAT 2-85 to train navy and air force flyers in fleet defence procedures

Hosted BELKNAP's reserve unit, NR 26, from Perth Amboy, NJ

Began flagship conversion in April that would last into next year

1985

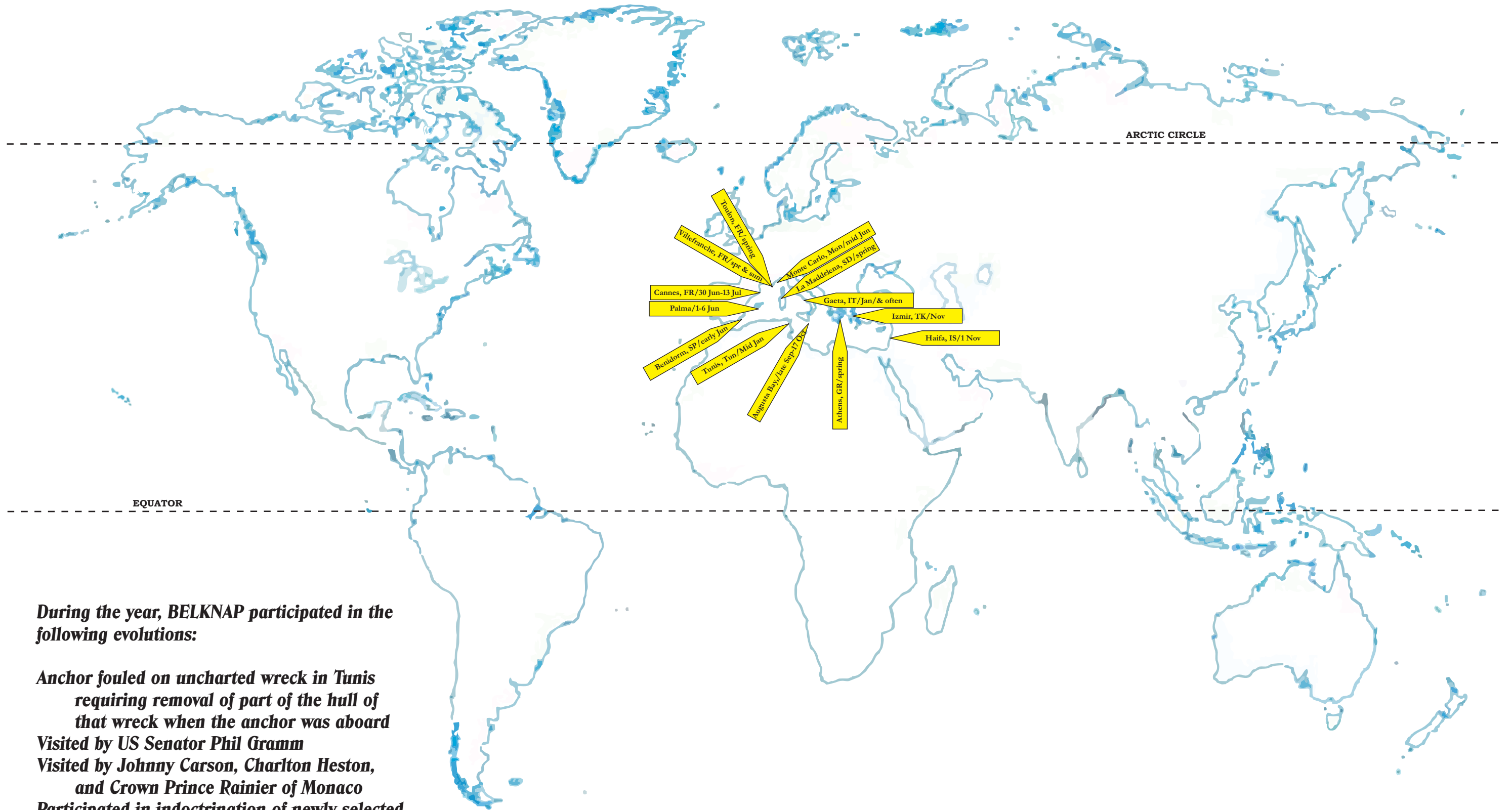


During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Completed flag modifications**
- Refresher training in GITMO**
- Hosted 17 Midshipman for "Midshipman Summer"**
- Hosted over 100 dependents for "Fighting Flagship" family day**
- Gaeta, as new home port is not mentioned on the map henceforth every time BELKNAP was in port**
- Participated in "Sinkex 1-87" of a former Italian Frigate, ITS CIGNO (F 555). Fired one SM-1 and 81 rounds of 5"/54 of which 78 were direct hits**

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1986

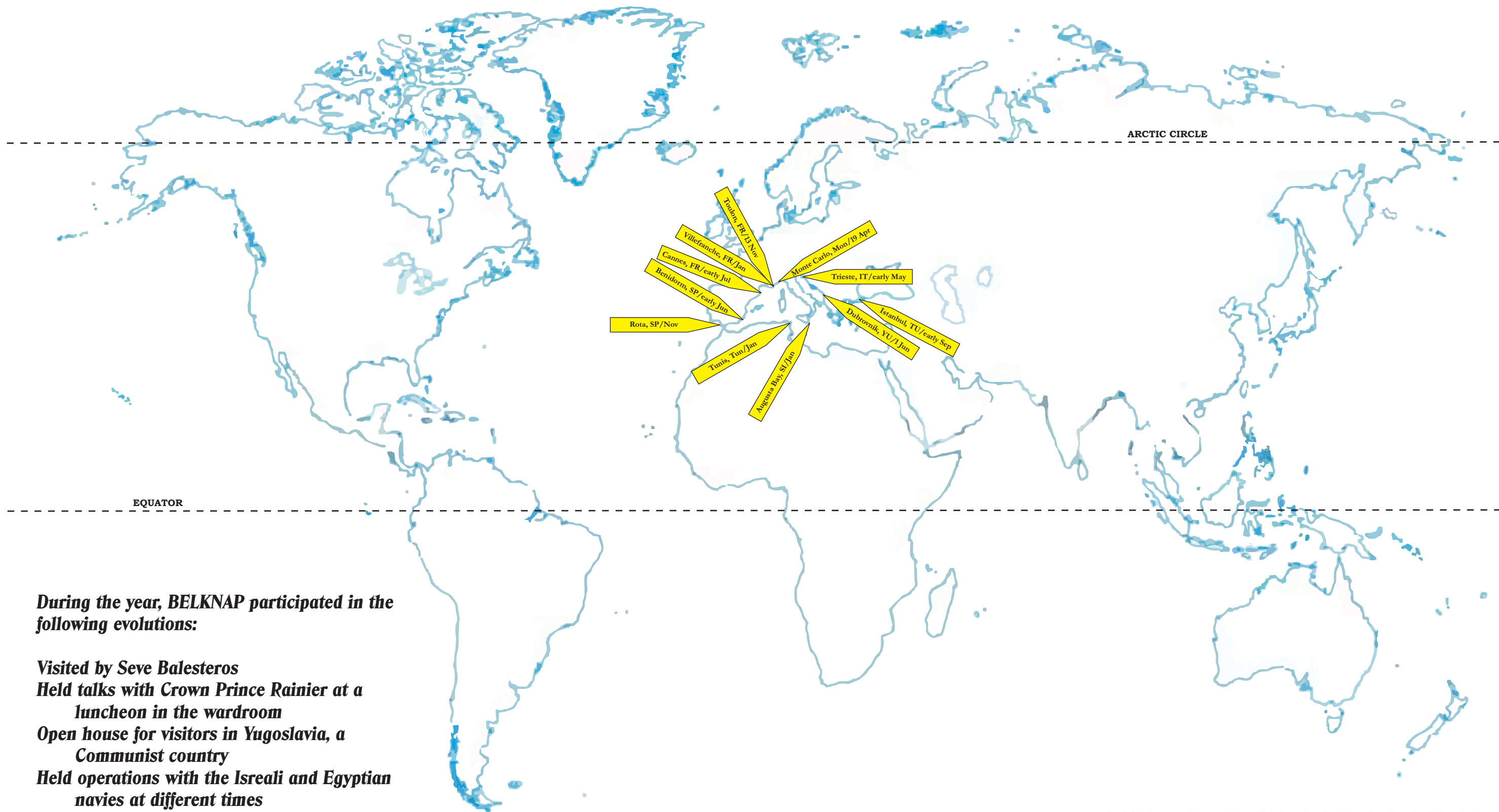


During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Anchor fouled on uncharted wreck in Tunis requiring removal of part of the hull of that wreck when the anchor was aboard***
- Visited by US Senator Phil Gramm***
- Visited by Johnny Carson, Charlton Heston, and Crown Prince Rainier of Monaco***
- Participated in indoctrination of newly selected flag and general officers as part of Operation Capstone***

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1987

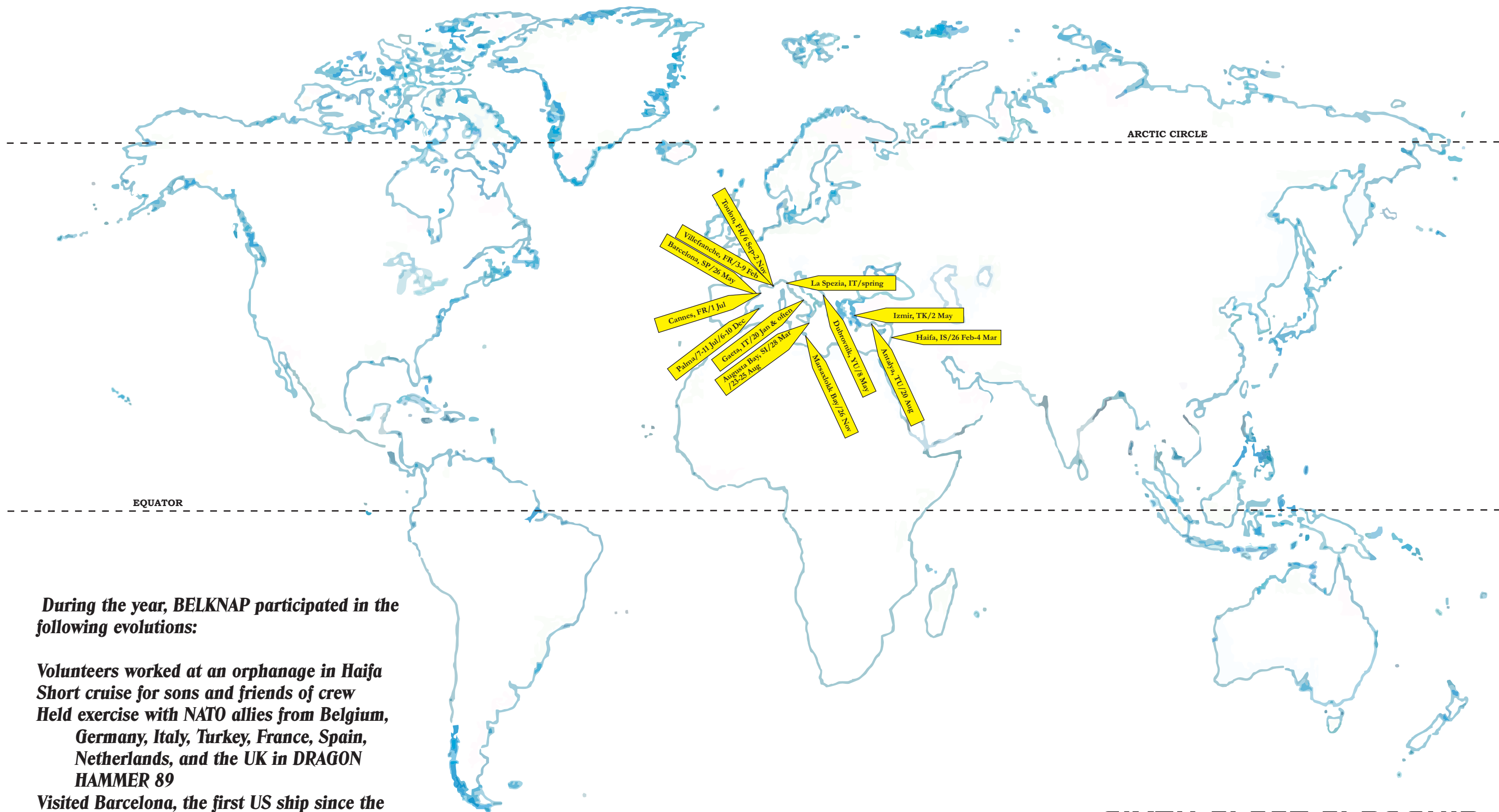


During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- Visited by Seve Balesteros**
- Held talks with Crown Prince Rainier at a luncheon in the wardroom**
- Open house for visitors in Yugoslavia, a Communist country**
- Held operations with the Israeli and Egyptian navies at different times**
- Participated in NATO exercise DRAGON HAMMER 1988**
- Visited Rota, Spain for the first time outside the Mediterranean since initial deployment in June 1986**

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1988



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

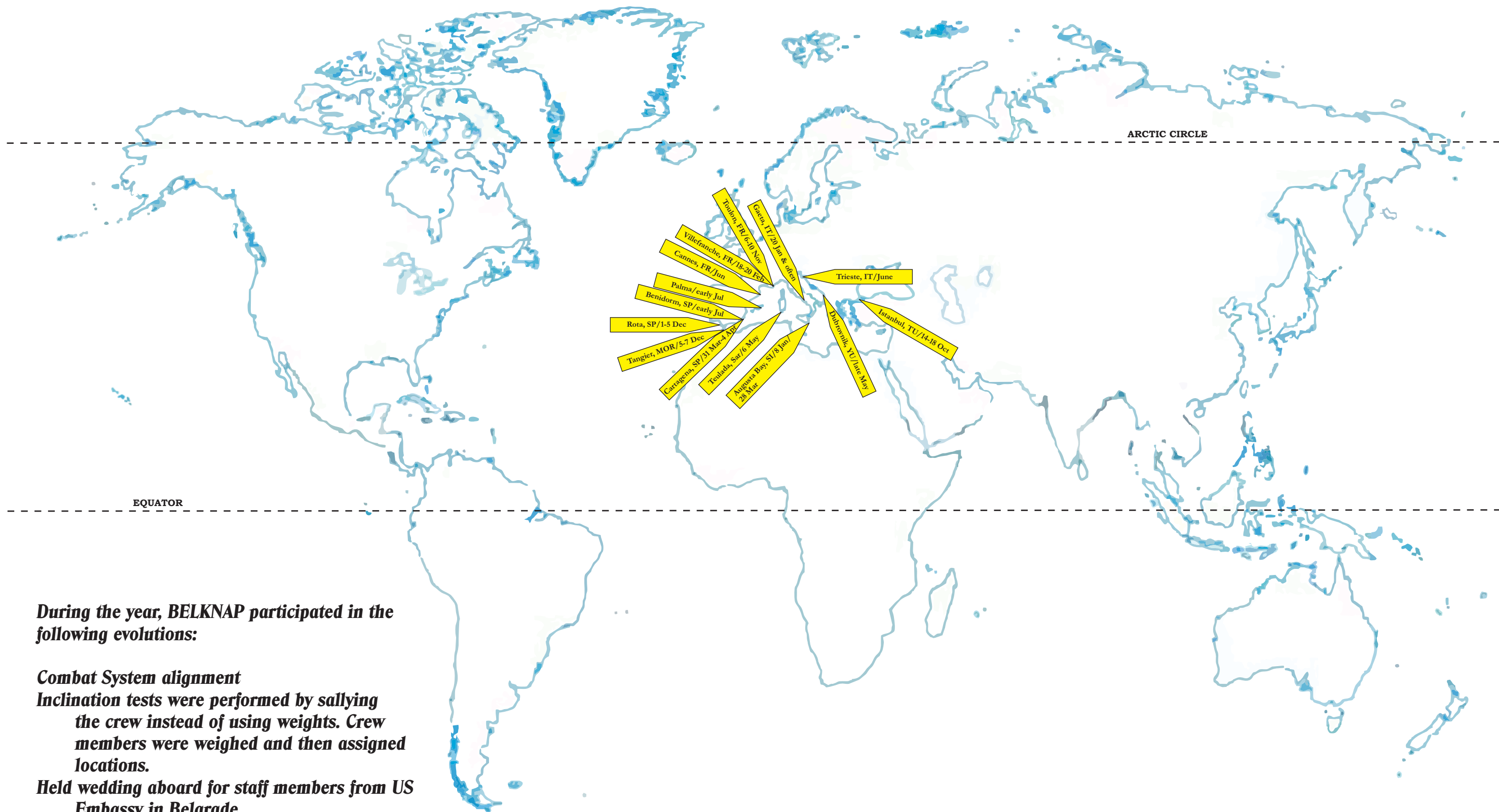
**Volunteers worked at an orphanage in Haifa
 Short cruise for sons and friends of crew
 Held exercise with NATO allies from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Turkey, France, Spain, Netherlands, and the UK in DRAGON HAMMER 89**

Visited Barcelona, the first US ship since the bombing of the USO in 1986

**In Toulon, had a dry-docking availability, the first ever by a US ship in the Med
 Summit meeting between G.H.W. Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev**

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1989



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Combat System alignment

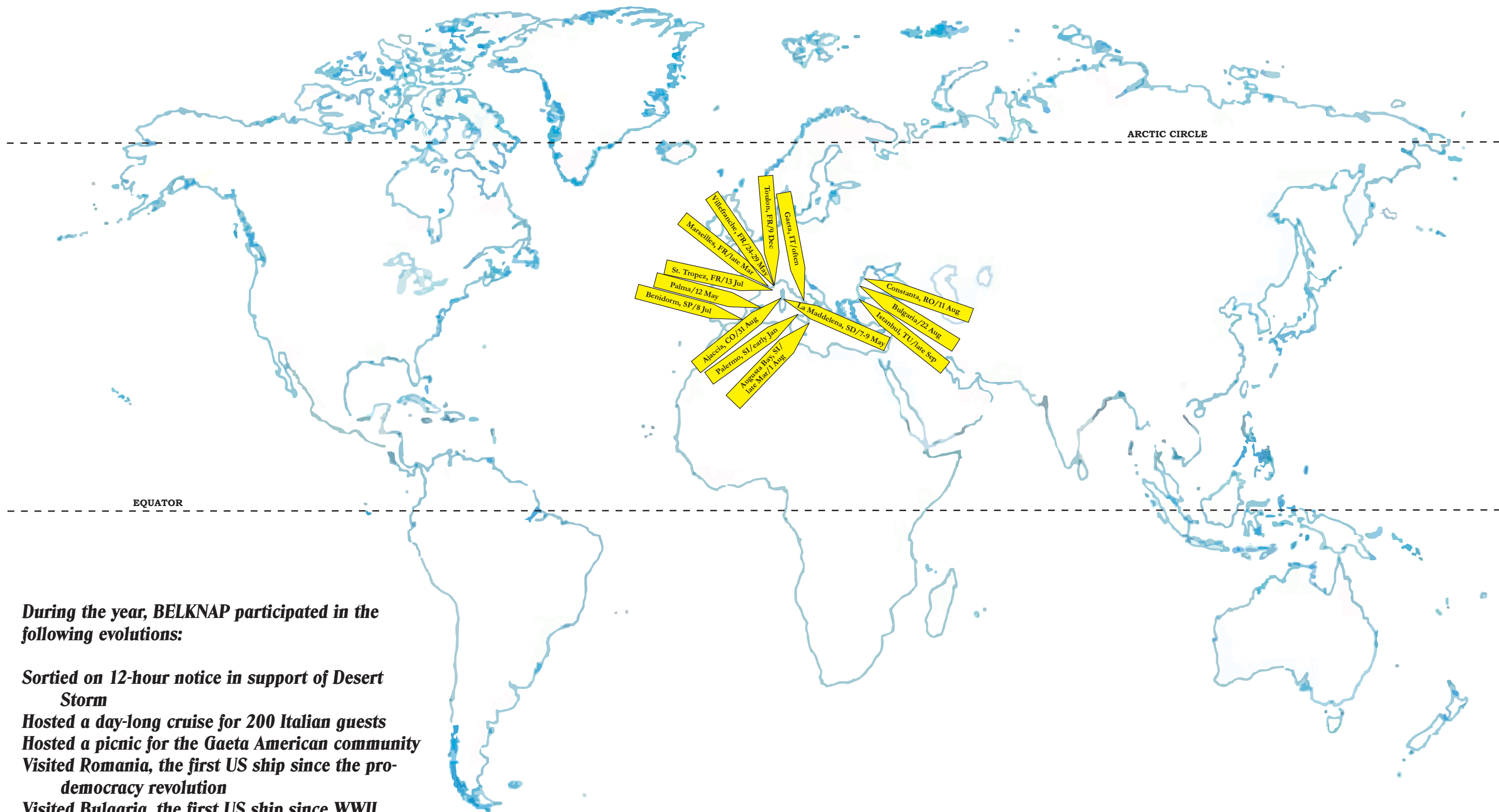
Inclination tests were performed by sallying the crew instead of using weights. Crew members were weighed and then assigned locations.

Held wedding aboard for staff members from US Embassy in Belgrade

While refueling, oiler suffered a fuel leak requiring an emergency breakaway

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1990



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Sortied on 12-hour notice in support of Desert Storm

Hosted a day-long cruise for 200 Italian guests

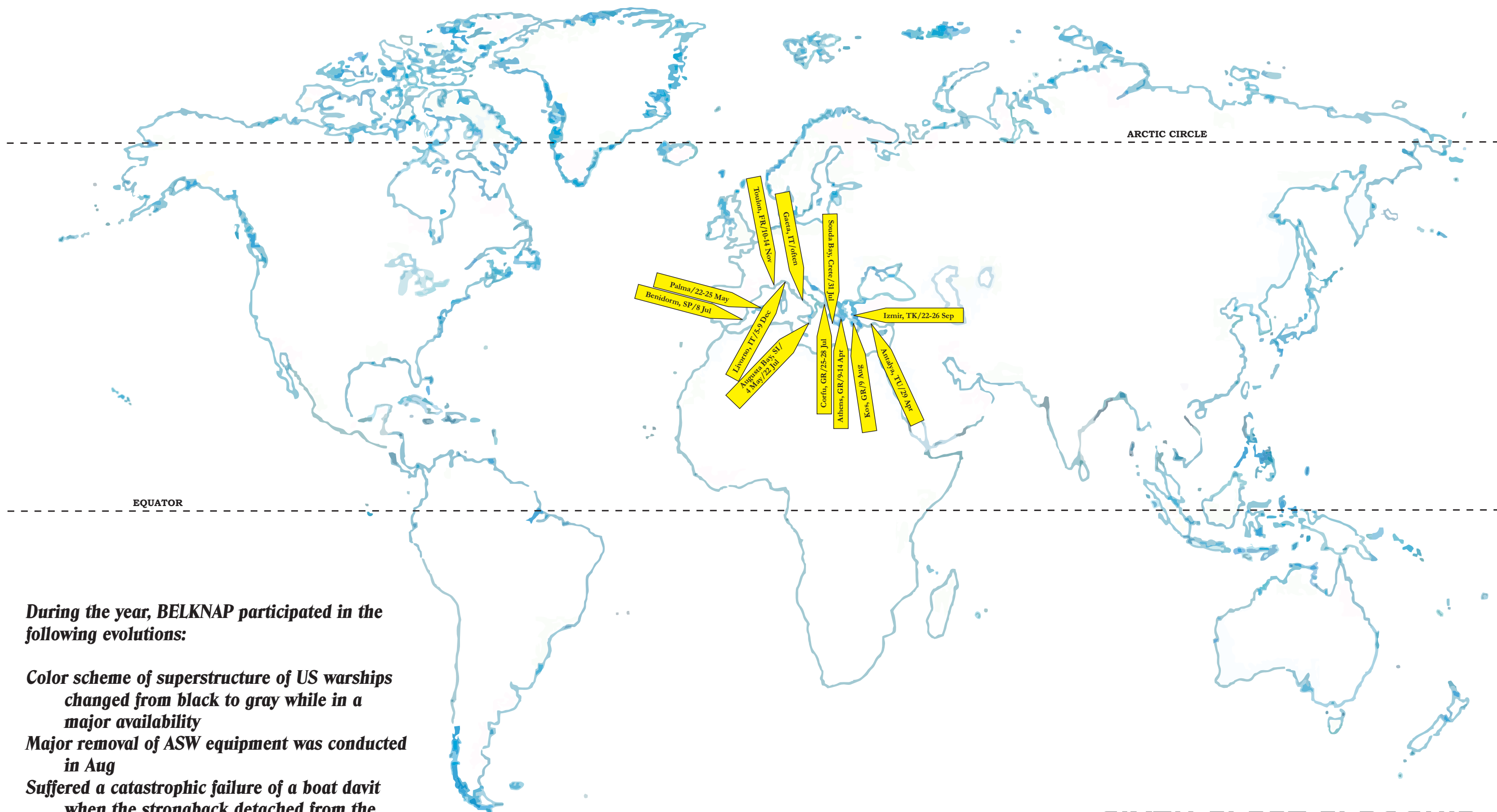
Hosted a picnic for the Gaeta American community

Visited Romania, the first US ship since the pro-democracy revolution

Visited Bulgaria, the first US ship since WWII

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1991



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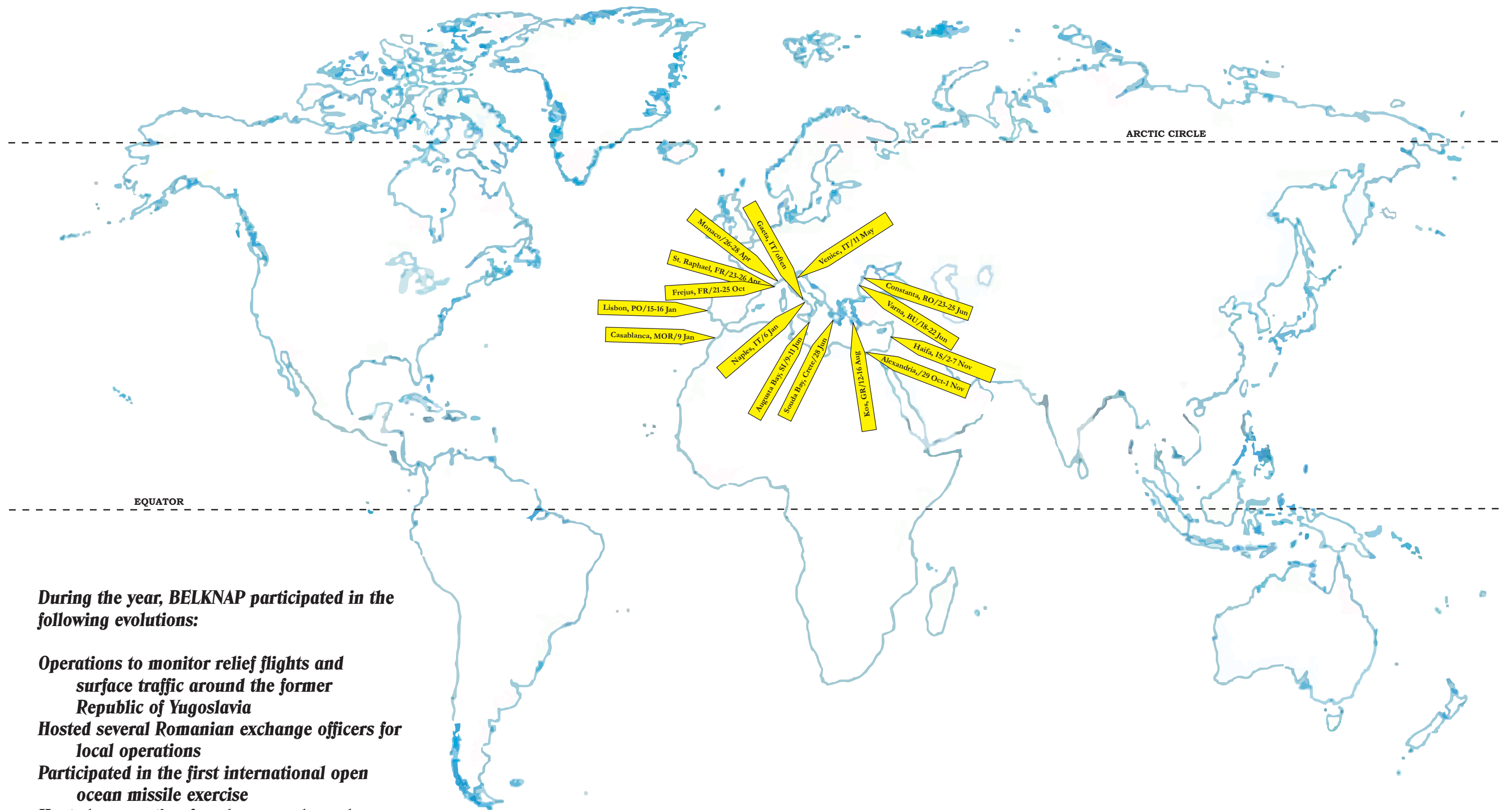
Color scheme of superstructure of US warships changed from black to gray while in a major availability

Major removal of ASW equipment was conducted in Aug

Suffered a catastrophic failure of a boat davit when the strongback detached from the davit arms during operations and dropped the Admiral's barge and strongback to the boat deck. A JAG investigation found no negligence or operator error

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1992



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Operations to monitor relief flights and surface traffic around the former Republic of Yugoslavia

Hosted several Romanian exchange officers for local operations

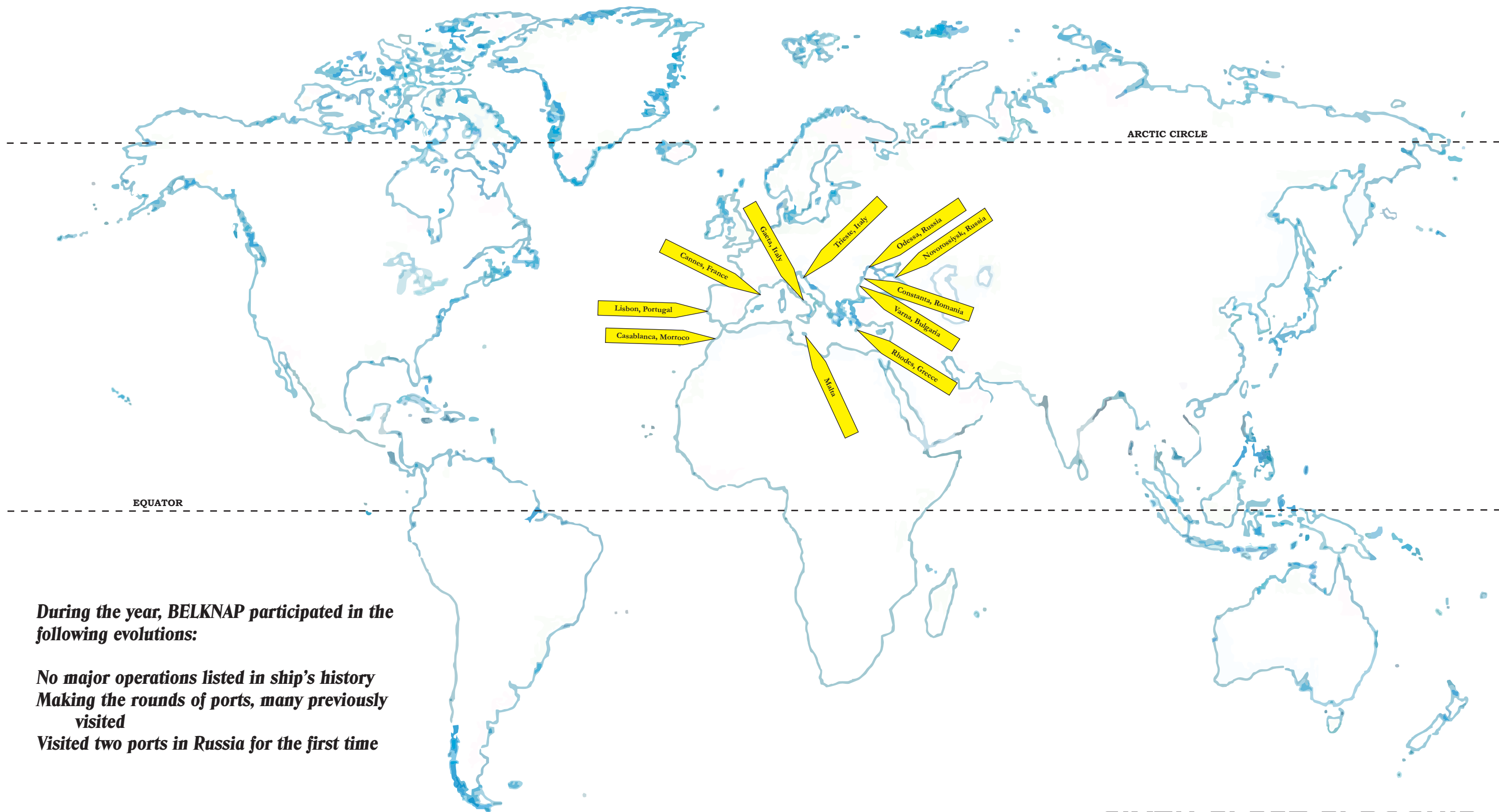
Participated in the first international open ocean missile exercise

Hosted a reception for players and coaches of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Francisco 49ers

Completed final qualifications NGFS for the first time since deployment as a flagship

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP

1993



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

- No major operations listed in ship's history***
- Making the rounds of ports, many previously visited***
- Visited two ports in Russia for the first time***

SIXTH FLEET FLAGSHIP
1994



During the year, BELKNAP participated in the following evolutions:

Decommissioned on 15 Feb

***Sunk in Atlantic on 24 Sep 1998 at
036° 31' 00.3 " North
071° 58' 00.5" West***

1995