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# USS Mason (DDG 87) Takes Part in Search and Rescue Mission



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Norfolk-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87) took part in the transport of passengers from a damaged seaplane that was adrift at sea in the Western Atlantic Ocean Aug. 25.

Mason was conducting operations in the Atlantic with Carrier Strike Group 12, when the U.S. Navy diverted the ship to rendezvous with the container ship M/V Polar Peru to transport the rescued passengers back to the United States.



The seaplane had departed Elizabeth City, North Carolina, early Saturday morning when it was forced to make an emergency landing after striking an object during takeoff, which damaged the aircraft's front node. The plane landed approximately 460 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

An HC-130 Hercules aircraft was launched from Air Station Elizabeth City to monitor the situation while the Coast Guard used the Automated Mutual Assistance Rescue System to contact the M/V Polar Peru, which was transiting nearby. The Polar Peru recovered the passengers until the Mason could arrive on scene.

Mason launched two rigid-hull inflatable boats and picked up the five passengers, which included the seaplane's flight crew and an oceanography researcher. Once aboard, the passengers were able to contact their families.

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), visit [www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/).

## Webmaster's Note:

**USS *Mason* (DDG-87)** is an *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer in the United States Navy. She is named for two men: former Secretary of the Navy John Young Mason (1854-59) and *Distinguished Flying Cross* recipient Ensign Newton Henry Mason (Pilot killed in action 1942, during the Battle of the Coral Sea)

