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USS Charleston and Japan Conduct Combined Exercise



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PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The littoral combat ship **USS Charleston (LCS 18)** and Japan Maritime Self-Defense ships JS Inazuma (DD 105) and JS Kashima (TV 3508) participated in a combined exercise, June 16. Charleston, Inazuma, and Kashima operated in close vicinity of one another conducting division tactics and a photo exercise. These exercises strengthened the communication and coordination skills between the U.S. and Japanese Navy.



The engagement concluded with close-quarter maneuvers that tested the bridge watch teams on their communication and maneuvering abilities. LCS vessels are high-speed, agile, shallow draft, mission-focused surface combatants designed for operations in the littoral environment, yet fully capable of open ocean operations. As part of the surface fleet, LCS has the ability to counter and outpace evolving threats independently or within a U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the Indo-Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

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Webmaster's Note: **USS Charleston (LCS-18)** is an *Independence*-class littoral combat ship of the United States Navy. She is the sixth ship to be named for Charleston, the oldest and largest city in the U.S. state of South Carolina.