

FGS Werra



Auxiliary ship



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Auxiliary ship** : ELBE Class (type 404)**Length**: 100.6 m**Beam**: 15.8 m**Draft**: 3.8 m**Displacement** : 3.263 t**Speed** : 15 kts**Propulsive power**: 2.452 (3.300 HP)

OVERVIEW

The tender "Werra" is the fourth ship out of a series of 6 units of the class 404, also called "Elbe-class". She was built at the FSG-shipyard in Flensburg, and baptized on 17 June 1993. The tender has been named after the Werra, a river in the middle of Germany. The crest of the ship at the same time is the crest of Eschwege, a town located on the river Werra. Originally the "Werra" belonged to the 3rd Minesweeping-Squadron and was home based in Olpenitz in the Western Baltic. Since 2006 her new home port has been Kiel, the capital of the state of Schleswig-Holstein. After a restructuring she now belongs to the 5th Minesweeping-Squadron. As tender unit, Her main task is logistic support for Fast Patrol Boats and Minesweepers, mainly delivering fuel, water, food and ammunition, as long as providing technical assistance. Up to 24 standard 20-foot-containers with workshops, laboratories, spare parts and other material can be embarked. The ship is also equipped with a crane and a flight deck for helicopter operations. The powerplant consists of a single Diesel engine driving a single shaft and single propeller, providing a total propulsion power of 2.450 kilowatt (or 3.300 HP). The ships is also equipped with two 27mm-super rapid firing naval light guns, anti-air-missiles STINGER (man pads) and several machine guns, for self defence. The normal crew asset consists of 66 man and women. Nevertheless, it is also designed as command ships for boat squadrons; si it can additionally embark a Task Group Commander or Squadron Commander and his staff. When the ship is completely manned there will be up to 103 crewmembers aboard.

The unit participated in several international missions and exercises. She was flagship in one of the Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Groups and she was deployed to the United Nations Mission UNIFIL off the coast of Lebanon already 4 times.

Werra takes part, periodically, to EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA from 30 June to 2015.



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