



Paris, Palais de Chaillot

a new thematic space

→ ***Mistral and Tonnerre, ships of tomorrow***  
October 13th 2004 – May 16th 2005

*Mistral and Tonnerre, ships of tomorrow*, the new thematic space at the National Maritime Museum in Paris, focuses on the construction of the highest-tonnage ship in the French fleet after the *Charles de Gaulle*. These two ships will significantly reinforce French and European forces projection and strategic transport capabilities.

**a new ship for new missions**

With enhanced capabilities for helicopter implementation, the capacity to embark a large command staff or to provide forces support (medical, humanitarian, cargo, etc.), equipped to provide strategic transport and perform specific operations, the eco-friendly projection and command ship (BPC) fulfils multiple missions. This highly innovative and versatile ship will form the basis of the French Navy's projection capability.

**modernity**

The BPC benefits from the latest innovations in naval construction as well as in systems and equipment. A ship of this calibre is an ambitious project, in the definition of its operational objectives, in its conception, and in terms of cost and delivery times. This project highlights the exemplary cooperation between the French Navy, the defence procurement agency (DGA) and industry, all contributing their respective expertise to the renewal of the French fleet.

**excellence**

The National Maritime Museum is the natural choice for presenting this innovative project. This new space, inside an area that is devoted to the modern Navy and centred around an impressive model of the *Charles de Gaulle*, will alert a wide audience, thanks in particular to a dynamic presentation, to the excellence of French naval construction.

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