U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center

Yokosuka, Japan

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History and Mission

The Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) was originally created in 1947 as the Ship Repair Department, and in 1951 became the Ship Repair Facility. In 2004 it became the combined SRF-JRMC. Headquartered in Yokosuka, SRF-JRMC provides oversight and support to its detachment in Sasebo and is responsible for the maintenance for ships based in Yokosuka. SRF-JRMC also provides technical assistance and voyage repairs for Navy ships visiting Japan.

Unique Issues

In addition to maintaining the surface ships based in Yokosuka, an important part of SRF-JRMC's role is to support the aircraft carrier based there—the only one based outside the United States. SRF-JRMC operates as both a Navy shipyard, conducting maintenance through its large Japanese workforce, and a regional maintenance center with U.S. Navy and civilian workforce that plans and manages contractor-provided work. SRF-JRMC directly conducted about two-thirds of the workload in fiscal year 2018, including the aircraft carrier, with the rest by private companies.

Performance

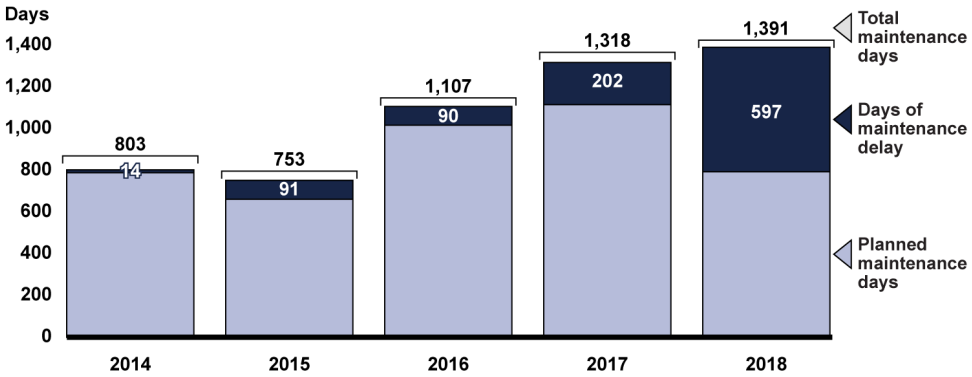
Surface ships based in Yokosuka experienced 597 days of maintenance delay in fiscal year 2018. Of the 22 maintenance periods started during fiscal years 2014 through 2018, the Navy completed 15 later than planned including 9 completed 31 or more days late.

U.S. Navy Surface Ship Maintenance Snapshot

Surface Ships Maintained in Yokosuka as of Fiscal Year 2018
8 Guided-missile destroyers (DDG)
3 Guided-missile cruisers (CG)
1 Amphibious command ship (LCC)

Fiscal Year 2018 Authorized SRF-JRMC Workforce
U.S. Civilians: 272
U.S. Navy: 108
Japanese nationals: 2,341 (paid for by the Government of Japan)
Note: These numbers represent approved full-time equivalent civilian and authorized military positions not numbers of personnel, according to Navy documentation.

Figure 9: Total Days U.S. Navy Surface Ships Based in Yokosuka, Japan, Underwent Maintenance, Including Delays (Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018)



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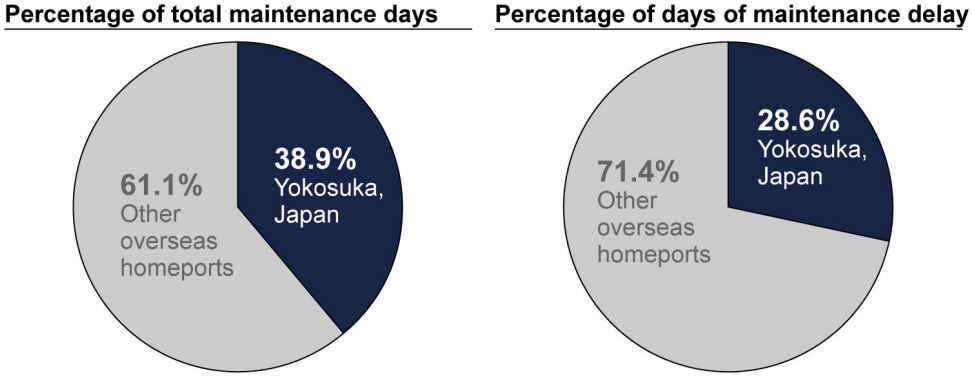
Year	Total	Delay
2014	789	14
2015	662	91
2016	1017	90
2017	1116	202
2018	794	597

Figure 10: Percentage of Total Overseas Maintenance and Delays Experienced by Surface Ships Based in Yokosuka, Japan (Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018)



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Note: The other overseas homeports are Sasebo, Japan; Rota, Spain; and Manama, Bahrain.

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Category	Percentage	Overseas homeport
Percentage of total maintenance days	38.9%	Yokosuka, Japan
Percentage of total maintenance days	61.1%	Other overseas homeports
Percentage of days of maintenance delay	28.6%	Yokosuka, Japan
Percentage of days of maintenance delay	71.4%	Other overseas homeports

Future Considerations

In 2018, the Navy finalized a new maintenance approach for cruisers and destroyers based in Yokosuka. This approach relies on deep maintenance in the United States prior to ships moving to Japan, and increases the frequency of maintenance periods while ships are in Japan. The Navy has begun efforts to identify additional private companies to conduct ship maintenance to meet future planned workload, according to Navy officials.