

**2,800 Members Of Malaysian And US Navies Participate In Carat 2013 Exercise**  
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KUANTAN, June 15 (Bernama) -- Some 2,800 members of the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) and United States Navy (USN) are participating in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2013 exercise which started today and will continue until June 23.

Malaysian Naval Region 1 commander, First Admiral Datuk Mohamad Roslan Mohamad Ramli said of the 2,800 participants, 1,000 were RMN officers and rank and file, and the rest from the USN.

The exercise areas are Kemaman, Kuantan, Pekan and the South China Sea.

"Like the previous CARAT exercise, CARAT 2013 is aimed at enhancing capability and mutual support in planning and executing the joint operations of the two navies," he said after the launching of CARAT 2013 at the RMN base, here.

He noted that the exercise this time would focus on 10 types of training covering military, tactical and maritime aspects, as well as community service.

Mohamad Roslan said CARAT 2013 involved the use of two RMN ships and four from USN, a USN submarine and RMN's Hawk aircraft and helicopters.

Present at the launching were USF commander, Rear Admiral Jeffrey A. Harley and CARAT 2013 commanding officer, First Admiral Datuk Abd Rahman Abd Karim.

The CARAT is an annual training programme between RMN and USN that was agreed upon under the Malaysia and US Joint Training Programme Agreement.

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