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**PIRIOU delivers the CAYOR and finalizes the OPV 58 S program for the Senegalese Navy.**



*The Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Navy, the Senegalese Ambassador to France and the President of PirioU at the ceremony for the delivery of Cayor in Concarneau © PirioU*

**Today in Concarneau, PirioU Group has delivered the third and last of the OPV 58 S offshore patrol vessels for the Senegalese Armed Forces. The ceremony was held in the presence of His Excellency the Ambassador of Senegal to France El Hadji i Magatte Seye and Admiral Abdou Sene - Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Navy. The Group is thus successfully concluding a construction program that demonstrates the effective collaboration between the Senegalese Navy and the French industrial group and contributes to reinforcing PirioU's position as a key player in military vessels shipbuilding industry.**

The contract was signed by the Ministry of the Armed Forces of Senegal and PirioU Group in November 2019. It entered into force on September 30, 2020. The contract covered the acquisition of three 62-meter offshore patrol vessels dedicated to Senegal's Maritime Defense and State Action at Sea. After the WALO, delivered in June 2023 and that reached Dakar in August 2023, and the NIANI, delivered in November 2023 and that reached Dakar in last January, the CAYOR now flies the Senegalese flag and marks the end of a construction program that has mobilized hundreds of employees over four years, representing more than 600,000 working hours.

Vincent Faujour, President of Piriou, first thanked the Senegalese Navy for its confidence. Reminding the audience that the OPV 58S program was the fruit of several years of joint work between Piriou's teams and those of the Senegalese Navy, he said, with some emotion: **"We were committed to being worthy of the trust that Senegal had placed in us, committed to building ships with remarkable deterrence and projection capabilities. We have designed and built new-generation patrol vessels that will further strengthen the Senegalese Navy's defence posture and enable the Navy to cover the full range of State actions at sea missions it is responsible."** And, pointing out that human values are at the heart of the maritime world, he honored the memory of the 5 Senegalese commandos who tragically lost their lives on mission: **"We also wanted to be worthy of the trust placed in us by the Senegalese nation and its seafarers, who work, sometimes risking their lives, for the security and sovereignty of their country."**

Piriou's President also paid tribute to the commitment of the teams from Piriou and Kership, the industrial contractor for the project, as well as those of all its partners, including Naval Group, who have all worked to ensure that this program runs as efficiently as possible. After a successful experience with the construction of the OPV 87 for Argentina, Piriou reproduced this industrial scheme and divided the production of the hulls for the OPV 58 S between its Concarneau shipyard and that of Lorient, where Kership, a jointly owned subsidiary of Piriou and Naval Group, is based. Working alongside the French Navy and DCI Navfco, Piriou has also contributed to training and coaching seafarers in ship handover and the use of combat systems.

Éric Langlois, President of Kership said: **"The delivery of the CAYOR marks the completion of a major program for the Kership teams in Concarneau and Lanester. I would like to congratulate them, and extend my warmest thanks to the Senegalese Navy, with whom we have enjoyed working on a daily basis over the past few years."**

**"We are very honoured to have contributed to the success of this project for the Senegalese navy, which once again demonstrates the success and performance of the cooperation between Kership, Piriou and Naval Group"**, said Olivier de la Bourdonnaye, Naval Group's Executive Vice President, Surface Ships.

The program was successfully completed, and the deadline was respected. The CAYOR will soon join her two sister ships, the WALO and NIANI. These modern, highly armed ships have already proved their capabilities in several operations, including rescue operations, the fight against illicit trafficking and the fight against pollution at sea. **"The OPV58S program is a successful part of our commercial relationship, and it is also an industrial success that contributes to reinforcing PIRIOU's position as a key player in military vessels shipbuilding industry"** stated Vincent Faujour.

He concludes by reaffirming his commitment: **"An important chapter has come to an end, but the story is not over yet: I've spoken about design, construction and training. In this respect, be assured that our teams in Dakar are and will remain fully committed to guaranteeing the highest level of operational availability for the OPVs. "**



*Cayor during sea trials © Piriou*



*Cayor on arrival in Concarneau © Piriou*

The OPV 58 S: a 62 m offshore patrol vessel

The OPV 58 S (Offshore Patrol Vessel) is a remarkably multi-purpose 62-metre patrol vessel. Robust and long-lasting, it is dedicated to surveillance, identification, and intervention missions, perfectly suited to the variety of missions related to law enforcement. In addition to its projection capabilities (commando boats), it has a first-rate deterrence capability thanks to its anti-surface and anti-aircraft weapons systems.

Among innovations and major capacities, the vessel features:

- A versatile design to adapt to various missions
- A large panoramic bridge with 360° visibility
- A fast launching and recovery system for 2 RHIBs on the stern ramp
- A C-Sharp® hull for optimized autonomy and seakeeping
- A high-performance monitoring and combat system

These OPVs are equipped with MARTE MK2/N anti-ship missiles offering over 30 kilometers range of strike and a fire-and-forget capability that will enable the Senegalese Navy to enforce its superiority. Immediate protection for the patrol vessels is provided by the SIMBAD-RC system, which can deploy two MISTRAL missiles, providing effective defence capability against anti-ship missiles, combat aircraft, UAVs, helicopters, and fast craft such as FIACs. All these missiles are produced by MBDA.

#### Key features

Overall length: 62.20 m  
Breadth: 9.50 m  
Draught (approx.): 3.00 m  
Speed: 21 kts  
Autonomy: 21 days, 4,500 Nq at 12 Nds

Hull / superstructure: steel / aluminum  
Accommodation capacity: 48 crew  
- Including crew members: 36  
- including mission personnel: 12  
Intervention: 2 boats on stern ramps  
Container capacity: 2 x 20'

#### About PIRIOU group

PIRIOU is France's leading independent private shipbuilding and repair group. Since 1965 PIRIOU builds high value-added vessels up to 120m in length, thanks to its high-performance integrated engineering and its sites in Europe, Africa, and Asia. With nearly 600 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU offers customized solutions and a complete range of ships to meet the needs of international private and public, civil, and military shipowners. PIRIOU has also demonstrated its ability to innovate and to contribute to the decarbonization of maritime transport with the introduction of wind propulsion, fuel cells and hybrid ships.

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