

**Organization of German Minesweeper Flotillas
1939-1945**

1st Minesweeper Flotilla: (Operational 1924 to 1946)

M1, M3, M4, M5, M7, M8, M14, M15, M17, M18, M20,
M36, M37, M132, M155, M203, M204, M255, M256

2nd Minesweeper Flotilla: (operational from 1936 to summer 1944)

M2, M6, M9, M10, M11, M12, M13, M21, M25, M38,
M152, M153, M156

(refounded February 1945 to November 1947), with:

M606, M607, M608, M611, M805, & M806

3rd Minesweeper Flotilla:

M15, M16, M17, M18, M19, M22, M29, M30, M151, &
Flakjäger 25 & Flakjäger 26.

4th Minesweeper Flotilla: (from September 1939 to spring 1945)

M61, M89, M136, M510, M511, M534, M582, M584

(added later)

M1, M2, M36, M81, M101, M132, M203, M204, M255

5th Minesweeper Flotilla (late 1940 until October 1947)

M4, M23, M31, M35, M81, M154, M201, M202, M205, M251,
M252, M253

6th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1943 to January 1942)

M4, M23, M31, M35, M81, M154, M201, M202, M205, M251,
M252, M253.

(refounded May 1942 until August 1944)

M38, M39, M82, M83, M102, M135, M155, M156, M206, M256,
M265, M267

7th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 to March 1940)

M75, M84, M102, M122, M126, Oxhöft, & Westerplatte

(refounded September 1942 until November 1947)

M23, M32, M33, M82, M102, M103, M104, M201, F4, F5, F7

8th Minesweeper Flotilla (early 1941 through 1945)

M24, M26, M27, M28, M32, M34, M152, M254, M256, M265, M277,
M292, M329, M370

9th Minesweeper Flotilla: (operational March 1943 to summer 1947)

M272, M273, M274, M276, 305, M326, M346, M348, M364, M365

10th Minesweeper Flotilla: (operational April 1943 to September 1944)

M23, M364, M275, M307, M347, M366, M367, M385, M408, M428, M438

11th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 to August 1942)

12 large fishing boats

(refounded August 1943 until February 1945)

M291, M327, M329, M348, M368, M386, M264, M307, M347

12th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 to late 1942)

8 fishing boats

- (refounded, date unknown, and remained operational until November 1947)
M601, M602, M603, M604, M605, M612, M801, M803, M804
- 13th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 to December 1942)
8 fishing boats
- 14th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 to August 1941)
converted drifters
- 15th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 until early 1943)
8 fishign boats
- 16th Minesweeper Flotilla: (October 1939 until January 1943)
several fishing boats
- 17th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 until November 1942)
several fishing boats
- 18th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 until November 1942)
several fishing boats
- 19th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 until October 1943)
several fishing boats
- 20th Minesweeper Flotilla: (founded May 1945)
not operational before end of war
- 21st Minesweeper Flotilla: (January 1942 until April? 1945)
M261, M305, M323, M324, M327, M341, M342, M343, M362, M383,
M526, M545
- 22nd Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1941 until 1948)
M301, M302, M303, M321, M322, M361, M368, M381, M382, M436
- 23rd Minesweeper Flotilla: (August 1942 until 1947)
M324, M401, M411, M421, M423, M441, M443, M467, M468
- 24th Minesweeper Flotilla: (November 1942 until May 1945)
M343, M402, M412, M422, M432, M442, M452, M475, M483
- 25th Minesweeper Flotilla: (December 1942 until 1947)
M278, M294, M295, M328, M330, M341, M342, M403, M412,
M423, M433, M443, M451, M453, M459, M460
- 26th Minesweeper Flotilla: (January 1943- August 1944)
M404, M424, M434, M444, M454, M476, M486, M495
- 27th Minesweeper Flotilla: (January 1943 until 1946)
M261, M323, M327, M329, M369, M405, M414, M425, M434,
M455, M461, M469, M484
- 28th Minesweeper Flotilla: (December 1942 until August 1944)
M262, M271, M304, M325, M344, M345, M363, M384, M463

- 29th Minesweeper Flotilla: (October 1943 until June 1945)
M265, M367, M293, M301, M386, M403, M406, M415,
M426, M436, M445, M455, M462, M470
- 30th Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1939 until May 1945)
M266, M291, M348, M407, M416, M427, M437, M446, M456,
M489, M496
- 31st Minesweeper Flotilla: (September 1940 to 1947)
several Dutch fishing boats and German R boats
- 32nd Minesweeper Flotilla: (June 1940 to May 1945)
several Dutch fishing boats and German R boats
- 34th Minesweeper Flotilla: (Summer 1940 through end of war)
Dutch fishing boats
- 36th Minesweeper Flotilla: (July 1940 to May 1945)
captured fishing boats
- 38th Minesweeper Flotilla: (Summer 1940 to May 1945)
captured fishing boats
- 40th Minesweeper Flotilla: (June 1940 to fall 1944)
French fishing boats
- 42nd Minesweeper Flotilla: (July 1940 to fall 1944)
French fishing boats
- 44th Minesweeper Flotilla: (November 1940 to fall 1944)
French fishing boats
- 46th Minesweeper Flotilla: (December 1941 to June 1945)
fishing boats
- 52nd Minesweeper Flotilla: (early 1941 to October 1944)
M1, M2, M534, & several Norwegian vessels
- 54th Minesweeper Flotilla: (early 1941 to 1944)
Norwegian vessels
- 56th Minesweeper Flotilla: (June 1940 to May 1945)
Norwegian fishing vessels
- 70th Minesweeper Flotilla: (Summer 1943 to May 1945)
became 13th Sicherungsflotille in October 1944

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