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FLYING  
SEA VIXEN  
IN THE WORLD**

# SEA VIXEN G-CVIX XP924

Sea Vixen G-CVIX XP924, the last flying Sea Vixen in the world and the only example of a British Naval all-weather fighter jet from the Cold War era still flying, is a flagship aircraft of the Navy Wings Collection.

Purpose designed to operate at sea, the classic Fleet Air Arm fighter that flew from Royal Navy aircraft carriers at the height of the Cold War in the 1960s and 70s, epitomises the remarkable period of intense post war innovation that made British aviation technology the envy of the world.

The Sea Vixen was capable of transonic speeds and was the first British aircraft to be solely armed with missiles, rockets and bombs, transforming our nation's carrier aviation capability. As naval aircraft became faster and heavier, the pace of development in carrier aviation was rapid and the Sea Vixen is the embodiment of naval carrier aviation representing the high speed strike aircraft of her era. G-CVIX not only tells the dynamic story of fast jet carrier operations, but also the many pioneering new technologies and inventions that came with it inspiring and educating new generations of young people. XP924 is painted in 899 Naval Air Squadron colours from HMS Eagle in the late 1960's and flew on continuous operations throughout the 1960s and early 1970s.



Following on from last season's success, the Fly Navy Heritage Trust is delighted once again to have Cdr Simon Hargreaves OBE RNR as its display pilot. Simon is one of the most experienced military pilots in the UK. He is a former Sea Harrier pilot and is also a qualified Test Pilot who was involved with early test flying of the Joint Strike Fighter. The engineering team, led by Chief Engineer Brian Johnstone MBE, has been working

extremely hard over the winter and it is because of their dedication and professionalism that we are able to display the Sea Vixen this season. New to the team this year are Accountable Manager, Paul James, and engineer Marina Barber, both ex Royal Navy and we also had invaluable help from Apprentices from the Ministry of Defence and Leonardo Helicopters, formerly AgustaWestland.

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