

A marine infantry unit on permanent standby aboard the heavy nuclear-powered missile cruiser Pyotr Veliky has started regular drills. The weather in the Mediterranean is favorable. The men practice rappelling down a wall, hand-to-hand combat and, of course, one of their main missions – landing on a ship from a helicopter.

According to the exercise scenario, the Marines have successfully landed on a token enemy ship from a Ka-27 helicopter, and spread out to take up their positions on the stern of the ship – each to defend his sector. The main mission of marine infantry is to land on a ship as quickly as possible and to hold their positions until the main group arrives to clear the vessel of likely terrorists or pirates.

To fulfill this objective, a helicopter hovers above the deck. Men slide down a rope and take up positions to wait until the main forces arrive. The helicopter can also pick up the men without landing on the ship. It can easily winch up two men at a time.