

**BONEFISH BASE**  
**28JAN2023**  
**General Bonefish Meeting**  
**“All Rise”**

**Sunrise: 0650hrs**

**Sunset: 1716hrs**

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**“Plan of the Day” (Minutes)**  
**In-Port**  
**“American Legion-Norco”**  
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**Sailing List: (Per sign in signatures) Gene Adams, Daryl E. Brock, Gerald  
Cornelison, Gerald I. Cornelison, William Hawkins, Tim Martz, Chuck Orman,  
Everett Noyes, Dan Rowland, Bob Schive, Fred Tredy, Karl Waterman, Michael  
Williamson, Guests: William Birnie, Sharon Tyler, Rita Hawkins, Judi Tredy**  
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**1202hrs: Meeting called to Order by Bonefish Base Commander Gene Adams**

- **“The Pledge of Allegiance” All stood. Those covered “Hand Salute” those uncovered “Right Hand over Heart” *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All”***

- **Our Creed:**

*Our organization’s purpose is “To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while service their country. That their dedication. Deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*

*In addition to perpetuating the memory of the departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.*

*The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyles we enjoy today.*

- **Reading of the Prayer: All Stood with heads down as Prayer was cited by Bonefish Base Commander, Gene Adams. Amen.**
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- **Tolling of the Boats**

## **USS SUBMARINES LOST IN JANUARY**

### **1/20/1942: S-36 (SS141) 1 soul lost.**

This 'S' class United States Submarine was built by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation of San Francisco was launched on 03JUN1919 and Commissioned on 04APR1923. She was used in the Pacific for the China patrol. She was to go into the yards for an overhaul in the beginning of December 1941. The week before 07DEC1941 the United States got wind of a possible Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and postponed the shipyard visit. She was ordered to patrol off the coast of China. She began the patrol at 0100hrs on 03DEC41. This was the day after she was scheduled to begin her major refit. She was loaded down for a war time patrol. All arms and stores were complete. She was used more as a observation platform then a warship. The boat had a lot of trouble with leaking, electrical, and most importantly communications problems. She was ordered back into port. On her transition the boat had many problems. She finally had to dive while dealing with oil supply fails to escape an attack by a Japanese destroyer. For the next several days she had major problems maintaining depth control. On 20JAN1942 the ship hit hard aground. One soul was lost. The decision was made to scuttle the ship. The last man off lined her up to flood the ship to the bottom.

### **1/24/1942: S-26 (SS131) 46 souls lost.**

This 'S' class United States Submarine was also built by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation. She launched out of Quincy, Massachusetts on 22AUG22. She was commissioned into the navy on 15OCT23. Most of her service was out of New London and her normal area was the Panama Canal. After escorting four S-Class submarines through the Canal she turned back to the resume her duties. There was confusion with the radio operations and the American Submarine Sub-Chaser PC-460, later renamed Sturdy, collided with S-26. She sank in seconds. Only the captain, executive officer and lookout survived and 46 souls were lost.

### **1/10/1943: USS ARGORAUT (SS166) 102 souls lost.**

The USS ARGORAUT (SS166), a V-4 Argonaut Class submarine was commissioned on 02APR1928 by Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. She was designed and basically used as a submarine minelayer. She was notoriously considered under powered. After the start of WWII her primary duties were that around Midway Island in the Pacific. Operating with the USS TROUT (SS202) off Midway she actually engaged two enemy destroyers off the coast of Midway. Argonaut was later redesignated APS-1 (Transport Submarine) because she was used to transport combat marines and soldiers to and from battle. On 10JAM1945 the Argonaut attacked a convoy of five freighters escorted by three destroyers. A bomber that was out of bombs witnessed one of the destroyers being hit by a torpedo. It was also witnessed that a depth charge had severely damaged the ARGORAUT forcing her to the surface where the remaining destroyers circled her pumping shells into her until she sank taking 102 officers and men to their death.

**1/12/1945: USS SWORDFISH (ss193) 89 souls lost.**

The USS SWORDFISH (SS193) was commissioned 22JUL1939 was built by Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. She was a Sargo-Class submarine. She was the first American submarine to sink a Japanese ship during WWII. The day after Pearl Harbor Swordfish deployed on her first war patrol from Manila, Philippine Islands. She put the Japanese cargo ship Atsutasan Maru on the bottom on 16DEC1941. Two months later she surfaced after dark in the entrance of Mariveles, Luzon to take on board the President of the Philippines, his family and high ranking officers. She was on her third war patrol when she was given the task of delivering 40 tons of provisions to the besieged island of Corrugators. The island fell to the Japanese before she could carry out her mission. On the morning of 12JAN1945 the USS KETE (SS369) reported hearing extremely heavy depth charging near Okinawa. That was the last known location of Swordfish. 89 officers and souls lost.

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**Gene Adams, Base Commander introduced new Bonefish member Bill Burney. All members present introduced themselves and any guests.**

**Last months minutes and treasurers report were voted on and accepted.**

**Binnacle List:** Lynn Shives, Jan Noyes ,Don Noyes, Dan Roland, Howard Hoyt

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**Old Business**

- Bonefish Base was recognized by National USVI and was awarded the **‘Certificate of Merrit’**.
- Gene Adams, Bonefish Base Commander, spoke to the attendees of the need for interesting speakers for Bonefish Base Meetings speakers. He indicated that the speakers did not have to speak about submarines or any other aspect of the military. They just needed to be interesting. He asked that people email him any ideas. One suggestion was that the Bonefish Base comes up with a Facebook page to get our name out there.
- The ‘Submarine Monument’ at the Riverside National Cemetery is in a holding pattern while waiting for their placement of officers.

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**New Business:**

- **Bonefish Base Meetings.**

- Three times this and possibly every year both the Eboard and the regular Bonefish meetings will be held at the **American Legion in Norco**. The post stores the Bonefish Base Float free of charge and in a small way this shows our thanks for that. Tentatively we will again have our meetings in the months of May and September.  
The February, March, and for sure December meetings will be held at **Zacatecas Café in Riverside**.  
The month of April will have our meetings at Canyon Lake Resort as guests of Gene Adams. This will be a meeting as well as a picnic.  
All other meetings will be announced. These meetings can be held at member's houses or possibly as guests at another base. Pasadena?
- Martin Luther King High School, Riverside will be holding their annual 'King High Remembers Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Make you reservations to attend.
- Rancho Cucamonga High School will be holding their annual Rancho Remembers on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make your plans to attend. Get you reservations.
- The USSVI Western Region Roundup will be held in Sacramento between April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>. Make you reservations
- The USSVI National Convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona between August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make your plans.

**Awards:**

- **USSVI LONGEVITY**

Dan Rowland	10 Years
Steven Tyler	10 Years
Howard Hoyte	15 Years
Alan Kilpatrick	15 Years
Fred Tredy	15 Years
Frank Campbell	20 Years
Mike Williamson	20 Years
George Belie	25 Years

**HOLLAND CLUB ROCKER**

Alan Kilpatrick	60 Years
Don Noyes	75 Years

## HOLLAND CLUB

Karl Waterman

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### For The Good of the Order

- Series of eight books now out on Kindle
- The sinking of the Japanese super carrier Shananno by the American submarine USS ARCHERFISH in world war II.
- Allowing Bonefish Base to buy the noon meal at the Christmas meeting was introduced, seconded, **and passed.**
- CAPS for kids was brought up to restart for Bonefish Base to participate. This is where our members would visit seriously ill children in the hospital and give them KAPS and make them 'Honorary Submariners'. For further discussion.
- The 'Honor Flight' was discussed and guidelines to participate was brought up.
- If any members feel that someone in the Base should receive a 'Golden Anchor' award they should write an article as to why.

1335hrs: Adjourn