

**BONEFISH BASE**  
**26FEB22**  
**GENERAL BONEFISH MEETING**  
**“ALL RISE”**

Sunrise: 0622hr  
Latitude: 33.89

Sunset: 1754hrs  
Longitude: 117.3043

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**Plan of the Day (Minutes)**  
**In Port**  
**Zacateca’s Café**  
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Sailing List: Gene Adams, Daryl Brock, Frank Campbell, Gerald L. Cornelison, William Douglas, William Hawkins, Dave Mitchell, Everett Noyes, Chuck Orman, George Riolo, Dan Roland, Bob Schive, Jay Sullivan, Fred Tredy, Karl Waterman, Michael Williamson, John Lucio, Del Queen (New Member) (Plus two guests)  
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**(Meeting Called to Order Time: 1200hrs**

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 serving 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 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 lifestyle we enjoy today.”

- Meeting brought to attention for the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’ Hand Salute.
- Tolling of the ‘Boats’

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINES LOST IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

**USS AMBERJACK (SS219) 16FEB43**

Reports received from the enemy after the war record an attack which probably sank *Amberjack*. On 16 February 1943, *Hiyodori* and [Sub Chaser Number 18](#) attacked a U.S. submarine with nine [depth charges](#) at about [5°05'S 152°37'E](#) Coordinates: [5°05'S 152°37'E](#). An escorting patrol plane had previously attacked the submarine. A large amount of heavy oil and "parts of

the hull" came to the surface. This attack is believed to have sunk *Amberjack*. However, no final conclusions can be drawn, since [Grampus](#) was lost in the same area at about the same time. From the evidence available, it is considered most likely that the attack of 16 February sank *Amberjack*, but if she did survive this attack, any one of the attacks and sightings thought to have been made on *Grampus* might have been made on *Amberjack*.

73 Souls lost

### **USS BARBEL (SS316) 04FEB45**

Japanese records indicate that on 4 February 1945 a plane attacked a submarine in position 7°-49.5'N, 116°-47.5'E scoring one hit near the bridge with one of two bombs dropped. It appears almost certain that this attack sank *Barbel*.

81 Souls lost

### **USS GRAYBACK (SS208) 27FEB44**

*Grayback's* tenth patrol, her most successful in terms of tonnage sunk, was also her last. She sailed from Pearl Harbor on 28 January 1944 for the East China Sea. On 24 February, *Grayback* radioed that she had sunk two cargo ships on 19 February and had damaged two others (*Taikei Maru* and *Toshin Maru* sunk). On 25 February, she transmitted her second and final report. That morning, she had sunk tanker *Nanho Maru* and severely damaged *Asama Maru*. With only two torpedoes remaining, she was ordered home from patrol. Due to reach Midway on 7 March, *Grayback* did not arrive. On 30 March, ComSubPac listed her as missing and presumed lost with all hands.

From captured Japanese records, the submarine's last few days can be pieced together. Heading home through the East China Sea after attacking [convoy Hi-40](#) on 24 February, *Grayback* used her last two torpedoes to sink the freighter *Ceylon Maru* on 27 February. That same day, a Japanese carrier-based plane spotted a submarine on the surface in the East China Sea and attacked. According to Japanese reports, the submarine "exploded and sank immediately", but antisubmarine craft were called in to depth-charge the area, clearly marked by a trail of air bubbles, until at last a heavy oil slick swelled to the surface.

*Grayback's* commanding officer John Anderson Moore was posthumously awarded his third Navy Cross after this mission.<sup>[9]</sup>

*Grayback* ranked 20th among all submarines in total tonnage sunk, with 63,835 tons, and 24th in number of ships sunk, with 14. The submarine and crew had received two [Navy Unit Commendations](#) for their seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth war patrols.

*Grayback* received eight battle stars for World War II service.

80 Souls lost

## USS SHARK (SS174) 11FEB42

three attacks, which might have been on SHARK. One was east of Manado on northern Celebes on 11 February 1942; the second was north of Kendari on the southeast coast of Celebes on 17 February 1942; the third was east of Kendari on 21 February 1942. Also, in 1944, a Japanese press release

A Japanese report of anti-submarine attacks available now records at least claimed that an enemy sub chaser rammed a U. S. submarine in Manipa Strait in February 1942. No mention is made of this attack in official Japanese reports, but their reports are notoriously inaccurate and incomplete, especially during the early part of the war. Since Dutch and English submarines were operating in the area patrolled by SHARK, it is impossible at this time to determine whether any or all of the above mentioned attacks were survived by submarines operating with our Asiatic Fleet. Loss of SHARK to an enemy minefield is deemed improbable, since the enemy was on the offensive at this time, and would naturally hesitate to lay mines in the path of his advance down the Strait of Makassar. Thus, indications point to the probability that SHARK was lost through enemy depth charge attack; however, the specific attack responsible for the loss cannot be determined. The one on 11 February off Manado is thought most likely, since SHARK had been ordered to northern Celebes.

59 Souls lost

## USS TROUT (SS174) Lost between 08FEB and 07MAR42

Japanese records examined after the war document at least three attacks on subs that could have been SHARK. The destroyer *Yamakaze* carried out the most likely one early on the morning of 11 February when she fired her five-inch guns—42 shells in all—and machine guns at a surfaced boat. It sank almost immediately. The *Yamakaze* crew reported hearing voices in the water, but no survivors were picked up. SHARK, the first American boat lost to Japanese anti-submarine activity in World War II, was listed as overdue and presumed lost on 7 March 1942. Fifty-nine men perished with her.

59 Souls lost

- Roll Call- All present Bonefish Base Members present stood and announced their name and the boat and year designated “Qualified in Submarines”.
- Awards: **Holland Club Rocker Patch:** Jerry Cornelison 55 years (Present), George Riolo 55 years (Present), Fred Tredy 55 years (Present), David C. Norton 60 years (Not present)  
**New Holland Club Members:** William C. Douglas IC3(SS) Daryl Brock ETR2 (SS)  
USSVI Longevity Pins: Richard E. Austrum III 5 years, Brick Noyes 15 years, Daniel S. Baker 15 years, John C. Beckett 20 years, Jerry Cornelison 25 years.
- Call to service:

“We have been invited to attend the services for Douglas N. Haney USN, and his brother Timothy T. Haney USA, and will be honored to do so. The service is scheduled for 1:45 PM at Riverside National Cemetery, on Friday, March 25, 2022. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to obtain information on the staging area. Once we arrive at the shelter, please gather at the shelter as quickly as possible to form an honor line as family and friends gather for the service. We will render a final salute and toll the bell 7 times at the end of the service. Uniform of the day is vest and cap, or other items identifying us as Submarine Veterans.

Douglas N. Haney RM3 (SS), [1946-2021], was a member of the Bremerton Base and the Holland Club. He qualified in 1967 onboard the USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN-617 and served four years.

Timothy T. Haney [1951-2000], served in the US Army

Contact me if you have any questions, otherwise I will see you there.”

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**Daryl E. Brock**  
**Bonefish Base USSVI**  
**Chief of the Boat**

- Bonefish member invited all members to the next ‘Trieste’ Base meeting BBQ on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the home of Rick and Janice Bingham. Food will be served. It is asked that members make a reservation and bring their own drinks.  
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34800 El Darado Rd. #7540  
Lake Elsinore, Ca. 92530 rsvp: Del Queen [ub.nana@verizon.net](mailto:ub.nana@verizon.net)
- We presented a new American Flag “Ensign”, and Battle Flag “Jolly Roger” to Jay Sullivan for the BarCon12 2835, Bonefish Base Amatuer Radio Shack at Base member Jay Sullivans home. The address is 12 Panorama Drive, Redlands, CA. The next meeting will be Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1700hrs for the flag raising ceremony.
- Binnacle List: The names were read and best wishes and or prayers were offered.
- Adjourn: 1245hrs.
- Lunch