

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**June 23, 2018**

## **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."

## **1200 Hours:**

At the sound of the klaxon, Commander Daryl Brock convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. George Riolo, Dan Rowland, and Karl Waterman read our creed. Mike Williamson was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

## **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of June:

### **USS Herring (SS-233)**

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sunk a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

### **USS R-12 (SS-89)**

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, Florida during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

### **USS Golet (SS-361)**

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu

### **USS Bonefish (SS-223)**

Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

**USS S-27 (SS-132)**

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

**USS O-9 (SS-70)**

Lost on June 20, 1941 with loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

**USS Runner (SS 275)**

Lost between June 26 and July 4<sup>th</sup> with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26<sup>th</sup>, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4<sup>th</sup> when she was scheduled back at Midway.

**Guest/Member Introductions:**

Commander Brock introduced guests present and provided the opportunity for all Bonefish Base members present to introduce themselves and note the Submarine and year on which they had qualified.

**Minutes:**

Commander Brock informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of May 26, 2018 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Tim Martz **moved** and Karl Waterman **seconded** the motion to approve the minutes as printed. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the Treasurer's report for the month of May 2018.

**Beginning Balance:** \$ 3,002.01

**Expenses:**

Two lunches – Memorial family 40.00.

Opportunity Draw (Don Noyes) 20.00

**Total Expenses:** \$ 60.00

**Income:**

Opportunity Drawing 60.00

**Total Income:** \$ 60.00

**Ending Balance –May 31, 2018** \$ 3,002.01

Frank Campbell **moved** and Dan Rowland **seconded** the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Binnacle List:**

Alice Ables  
Dennis Fuqua  
Howard Hoyt  
Allan Kilpatrick  
Everett Noyes  
Chuck Orman

**Old Business:**

Commander Brock reminded shipmates present of the following events:

**USSVI Convention Cruise:** October 21-28, 2018

**Huntington Beach July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Huntington Beach.

**Seawolf Storage:** As of this date a storage space for the Seawolf has not been located. Base may want to consider the Sam Jose Base offer to purchase the Sea Wolf.

**New Business:**

Commander Brock informed members present that the Base Librarian, Karl Waterman, had indexed 165 items that were now available to be checked out from the Base Library.

**Program:**

Commander Brock turned the meeting over to Jerry Cornelison who was responsible for the program. Jerry subsequently introduced Mr. Jack Herron and together they made an impressive presentation on Dry Lake Racing. Together, Jerry and Mr. Herron, discussed, via a video and other materials titled “The Jack Herron Collection”, the history of Dry Lake Racing.

**Good of the Order:**

Members present were encouraged to send in their reservations if they plan to attend the San Diego Base picnic scheduled for July 14, 2018.

**Sailing List:**

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Daryl Brock	Tim Martz	Dan Rowland
Frank Campbell	Donald Noyes	Bob Schive
Gerald Cornelison	Everett Noyes	Karl Waterman
Izar Martinez	George Rio9lo	Michael Williamson
<b><i>Associate Members</i></b>		
Jan Noyes		
<b><i>Honored Guests</i></b>		
Marcia Campbell	Mark Saxland	
Jack Herron	Sharron Taylor	

**Adjournment:**

Commander Brock adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM. Shipmates in attendance subsequently enjoyed lunch together.

Respectfully submitted,

Izar A. Martinez  
Secretary

**Meeting Dates:**

**The Bonefish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) meets at 11:30 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently meetings are being held at The Zacatecas Café, 3767 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California.**