

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**August 28, 2021**

## **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 Gene Adams convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Dan Roland lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Williamson, Sharon Tyler, and Marcia Campbell read our creed. Frank Campbell offered the opening prayer.

## **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of August...

### **USS Bullhead (SS-332)**

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. Bullhead was sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.

### **USS Flier (SS-250)**

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. Thirteen survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. Eight survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272)

**USS S-39 (SS-144)**

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Russel Island while she was on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by HMAS Katoomba.

**USS Harder (SS-257)**

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a mine sweeper near Bataan while she was on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Harder had won the Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9<sup>th</sup> in the number of enemy ships sunk.

**USS Cochino (SS-345)**

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk’s crew rescued all of Cochino’s men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

**Guest/Member Introductions:**

Commander Adams 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 Adams informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of July 24, 2021 had been submitted by Base Secretary William Hawkins. However, it was unclear whether or not the minutes had been posted on the official Bonefish Website. The consensus of shipmates present was that no action should be taken on the July 24, 2021 Bonefish Base meeting minutes until they are posted on the Website.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes presented the Treasurer’s report for the month ending July 31, 2021...

**Beginning Balance:** **\$ 4,199.42**

**EXPENSES:**

Opportunity Drawing: Dan Roland \$ 19.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$ 19.00**

<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	Opportunity Drawing	38.00
	Mugs`	20.00
	Interest	0.03
	Donations	2.00

**TOTAL INCOME:** **60.03**

**Ending Balance –July 31, 2021** **\$ 4240.45**

Frank Campbell **moved** and Daryl Brock **seconded** the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Binnacle List:**

Jan Noyes  
Felix Giles

**Old Business:**

Commander Adams informed shipmates present of the following events:

**Western Region Round-up:** This event is scheduled for October 17-22<sup>nd</sup> in Reno, Nevada. Individuals interested in attending should submit their attendance application and reservations request as soon as possible.

**2021 USSVI National Convention:** This event will take place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando Florida and is scheduled for August 30 –September 4, 2021.

**December 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony:** Chief of the Boat Daryl Brock informed shipmates present that the Riverside National Cemetery is still closed, not scheduling events, and as of this date the Pearl Harbor Memorial ceremony will not be held this year.

**New Business:**

Commander Adams informed shipmates present that:

- 1) In keeping with the tradition of allowing the membership to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with their families, the regularly scheduled monthly Bonefish Base meeting will not be held in November.
- 2) The Bonefish Base Christmas Party will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be a celebratory event and no business will be conducted.
- 3) Bob Schive informed the membership that the Bourns STEM Program is scheduled for Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 noon and Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM. This is a great opportunity to showcase USS Bonefish and interact with young people. However, it takes more than a couple of individuals to man the exhibit for such a long period of

time. Because there were not a significant number of Bonefish members who indicated they would be available to participate, Bonefish Base will not participate in this years STEM event.

**Program:**

Bonefish Base member Karl Waterman made a presentation on Disaster Preparedness. Regardless of the severity of the incident Karl provided information on how best to be prepared and the steps to take to be safe. His presentation included not only the need for everyone to have a well thought out plan in the event of a disaster but also supplies to have available. He exhibited a variety of emergency supplies that are most useful and that everyone should have access to if needed. These included food supplies as well as equipment to be able to communicate. Karl’s presentation was very well received and there was considerable interaction between Karl and Bonefish members in attendance. Bonefish members in attendance extended a sincere expression of gratitude to Karl for a most informative presentation.

**Good of the Order:**

Gerald Cornelison reminded shipmates present of “The Goat on the Boat” article that appears on the America Submariner 2021 Third Quarter. This is not the first time the article has appeared in print. However, for non believers this article contains actual pictures of the goat on board the USS Archerfish. It just goes to show you what Submarine sailors are capable of doing after a night at the Dolphin and Red Rooster in downtown Norfolk.

Storekeeper Bob Schive informed shipmates present that he had a number of submarine pins, patches and other items for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing these items should see him after the meeting.

***Sailing List:***

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Gene Adams	Izar Martinez	Bob Schive
Daryl Brock	Tim Martz	Fred Tredy
Frank Campbell	Dave Norton	Karl Waterman
Gerald Cornelison	Everett Noyes	Michael Williamson
John Lucie	Dan Rowland	
<b><i>Associate Members</i></b>		
Marti Noyes		
<b><i>Honored Guests</i></b>		
Marcia Campbell	Barbara Cervantez	Mrs. John Lucie
Sharon Tyler		

***Adjournment:***

Commander Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM. Shipmates in attendance subsequently enjoyed lunch together.

Respectfully submitted,

Izar A. Martinez  
Secretary Pro Tem

**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.**