

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**August 25, 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. Joe Canchola, Jerry Cornelison, and Don Rowland 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 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 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 June 23, 2018 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Hearing no concerns relative to additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the June 23, 2018 Bonefish Base meeting minutes approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes was not able to attend the meeting and Commander Brock presented the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2018.

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 3,240.01</b>
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	
Opportunity Drawing	10.00
Storekeeper (Bob Schive)	169.96
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 179.96</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Opportunity Drawing	37.00
Trailer Repair Donation	5.00
Stores: Hats, Pins, Patches	195.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 237.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance –May 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 3,297.05</b>

Don Noyes **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  
Dan Rowland  
Shirley Williamson

**Old Business:**

Commander Brock reminded shipmates present of the following events:

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

**Bourns STEP Program October 3-4, 2018, 8AM-4PM.** Members were encouraged to sign-up

Noting specific times of participation.

**New Business:**

**USSVI National elections are now in progress.** Members were encouraged to cast their Votes. Ballots were made available for members not able to access the National website.

**USS Sea Wolf:** The Dolphin Base of San Jose, California is interested in purchasing Sea Wolf

For a price not to exceed \$1,000 pending Dolphin Base's ability to secure storage space.

**Program:**

Karl Waterman made a presentation on the Community Emergency Response Teams (ERT)). The free CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The presentation was well received and members present thanked Karl for his most informative presentation.

**Good of the Order:**

District Commander Mike Williamson updated shipmates present on the USSVI POC information that he has received during the past month.

**Sailing List:**

<b>Members</b>		
Daryl Brock	Izar Martinez	Fred Tredy
Frank Campbell	Dave Norton	Karl Waterman
Joe Canchola	Donald Noyes	Michael Williamson
Gerald Cornelison	Dan Rowland	
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Jan Noyes		
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Marcia Campbell	Sharon 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.**