

**BONEFISH BASE**  
**27AUG2022**  
**General Bonefish Meeting**  
**“All Rise”**

**Sunrise: 0618/45**

**Sunset: 1923/17**

**“Plan of the Day” (Minutes)**  
**In-Port**  
**“Zacatecas Café”**

**Sailing List: Gene Adams, Daryl E. Brock, Michael Williamson, William Hawkins, John M. Lucio, Timothy Martz, Brick Noyes, George M. Riolo//Ray Ferbrache from the San Diego USSVI, M. Noyes, R. Hawkins**

**1137hrs: 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”**

- **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.  
*Amen***

- **Tolling of the Boats: (United States Submarines lost in the month of August)**

**USS BULLHEAD SS332** was on her third war patrol when she and her crew of 84 were lost due to a Japanese army bomber scoring two direct hits off the coast of Bali. It was surmised that due to nearby mountains BULLHEAD had to short of radar time to react to the bomber. **06AUG45 84 Souls lost.**

**USS FLIER SS250** was on her second war patrol when transiting the Balabac Strait on the surface at approximately 2200hrs on **12AUG44** she struck Japanese mine. She sank in about one minute. Fifteen officers and men escaped the doomed Flier. Eight of them made it to the beach of Byan Island after spending 17 hours in the water. Philippine guerrillas guided them to a *coastwatcher*, who arranged for the submarine Redfin to pick them up on the night of 30-31 AUG 1944. **78 Souls lost.**

**USS HARDER SS257** was on her sixth war patrol when she was lost with all hands due to enemy depth charges **24AUG44**. She was sunk by enemy vessels off Dasol Bay, Luzon. The HARDER received the **Presidential Unit Citation**. Her Commanding Officer, Commander Samuel D. Dealey was considered a **‘submariner’s submariner’** was awarded the Medal of Honor as well as four Navy Crosses. **79 Souls lost.**

**USS S-39 SS144** was on her 5<sup>th</sup> war patrol when she grounded on submerged rocks off Russel Island. She did all she could to break free of the rocks but the seas were heavy and the Boat went from 35\* list to port to a 60\* list. The entire crew was able to safely abandon the ship. **0 Souls lost.**

**USS COCHINO SS345** In August 1949 the **USS COCHINO (SS345)** and the **USS TUSK (SS426)** were patrolling the area along the Kola Peninsula to ascertain if the Soviet Union had detonated an atomic bomb. While operating on this ‘Training’ mission on 25AUG 49 the Cochino ran into a violent polar storm off Norway. The seas were so heavy that snorkeling was made impossible. The batteries were discharging hydrogen. Cochino suffered several hydrogen explosions making the air toxic to breathe. The commanding officer ordered her abandoned to Tusk. Souls lost 1 off the **USS CONCHINO (SS345)** a Bureau of Ships technician, *Robert W. Philo* and 6 **USS TUSK (SS426)** crew members perished.

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• **Binnacle List: Jan Noyes, Brick Noyes, Dan Rowland, Howard Hoyt, Jerry Cornelison**  
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- **Old Business:**  
**July’s Minutes and Treasurers Report were accepted.**

**Gene Adams brought up the continued need for quality speakers at our meetings and urged Bonefish members to look for people that would be beneficial to be heard from.**

**Bonefish Base Commander, Gene Adams advised that the USSVI elections are closed. The new officers will be announced at the USSVI National Convention in Buffalo.**

**Gene Adams passed around the Most Patriotic Entry Trophy the Bonefish Base was awarded at the 04JUL2022 Parade at Huntington Beach. He**  
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suggested that the trophy be given to the Pasadena USSVI Base to house. This was seconded and passed.

Michael Williams brought up that the Adopt a Highway program off Alabama off-ramp in Redlands that we participated in has gone away. This due to the Covid pandemic. Now it is due to CALTRANS construction. They have removed all the BONEFISH signs and will not be replacing them.

It was discussed that Michael Williams will be the BONEFISH BASE representative to Riverside National Cemetery as to why the Viet Nam era Medal of Honor recipients are no represented at the Medal of Honor Memorial. Seconded and passed.

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- **New Business:**

Anyone needing to 'Reach out' to the Veterans Administration in regard to medical issues are urged to do so. They have 'advocates' to assist submarine veterans. This would be under the Pacted Act.

We are set up to participate in the Veterans Day parade in Riverside on 11/12/2022. Redlands will be having a Veterans Day parade on 11/11/2022. The logistics of having our 'Float' in both parades will be worked out. The Veterans Day parade in Oregon won't be on our schedule.

There are no new updates on the Riverside National Cemetery Memorial

**Guest Speaker: John M. Lucio**

**'BELGOROD K-329 Russia's City Killer.'**

*This OSCAR II (NATO designation) was initially laid down in July of 1992. The boat is now one of Russia's Special Projects Platforms. She has many missions she is expected to complete for Moscow.*

*The ship has been redesigned to have the ability to launch several Poseidon Drones. These have the ability to be controlled remotely. They are armed with two megaton thermonuclear weapons each. She can also operate covertly. One of her designations is to be able to find underwater cables and if need be destroy them.*

*The BELGOROD is the first of several of this class of submarine. She is the largest submarine in the world. The ship is actually thirty feet longer than Russia's Typhoon boat.*

*The BELGOROD has the capability of carrying, launching, and retrieving a mini submarine adding to her covert capabilities.*

*This submarine and her counterparts are extremely expensive to convert to and there are a lot of moving parts to keep control of.*

*Her drones can be launched preset to attack any particular target any time in the near future.*

*The Russians have been trying to get the class boat into the fleet for ten years. The initial boat, the BELGOROD was delivered to the Russian navy last month.*

*It's not known how many of these ships will make it into the Russian navy and how well they will perform. They may end up being about the best 'Dooms Day' used yet.*

**\*\*This was one of the best presentations Bonefish Base has had.**

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**Adjourn—First Call to the Noon Meal in the Crew's Mess**