



# BONEFISH Chronicle



USS Bonefish SS-223



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## OUR CREED

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2nd Edition  
August 10, 2012

## E-Board Members

Base Commander – Frank Campbell  
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## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**Shipmates,**

**Like many of you, I flipped the page on my USSVI calendar to August and there was our namesake USS Bonefish SS-582. While I didn't serve aboard her, there was still a feeling of "that's my Boat." And yours as well.**

**Speaking of calendars, now's the time to put in your order for the next one. The theme of this one is "The Victors" and it's honoring our WW2 Submariners and their Boats. Right now you can preorder them through our storekeeper for an even \$10, and a healthy part of that goes back to the Base treasury. Just shoot an email or phone message to Marty Bruce with your request. Marty's standing by-and anxious to submit the order, so please get in touch with him soon.**

**This month we're going to take possession of our new float trailer. Our float committee will be going all ahead full as the goal is to have a functioning, parade ready float in time for the season next year. The committee members are Andy, Frank McCoy, Marty and Jerry Cornelison. We look forward to their efforts as they put together a working build plan for us. And if anybody has any input on how we can score a torpedo to mount on her, please let us know. Right now that's our preferred plan for the float.**

**Our speaker for the July meeting, Jim Ruester, was informative and well received. Jim is the Public Affairs Officer for Riverside National Cemetery. He talked about its history and how John McCain's father the Admiral was part of the committee which selected that location. Jim also talked about future plans and gave us some insight into how to proceed with a Submariner's Memorial site at the Cemetery as well. He also left us with an open invitation to have a Base meeting and onsite tour in the future.**

**Also at the July meeting, we included in our Tolling of the Boats a Tolling of our Bonefish members on eternal patrol. The eboard unanimously decided we should make that an annual part of our May meeting. (Nobody told me it wasn't May so we kicked it off late this year.) It was very moving to honor our shipmates in that way.**

**Our August program will feature the story of a British Boat doing hull surveillance on an American surface ship, among other things. Andy swears you can read the serial numbers on its screws...**

**Our binnacle list still includes John Raplee, Johnny Meyer, Pat McCoy, Lyn and Lyndie Schive. I'm pleased to report that both George Ozanich and Ora Anderson are no longer on this month's list. Please keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their being back with us soon.**

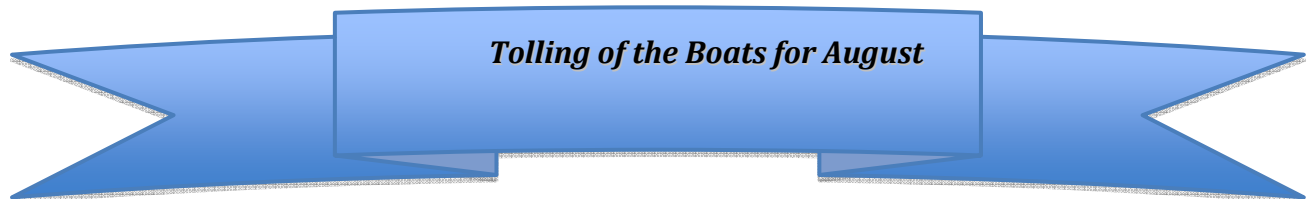
Since everybody was so well behaved at our annual Corona meeting last year, the Van Leeuwen's are going to host us again this year. Mark your calendars for a lot of fun, fellowship and great food once again at our September meeting.

Lastly, a word of caution for when you're in drydock-"Keep an eye on those yardbirds, will you?"

Let me wish each of you Fair Winds and a Following Sea.

I hope to see you at our August meeting.

Frank



**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 when 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 crewmembers 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. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher. They were evacuated by the USS Redfin.



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

Lost on August 14, 1942 after grounding on a reef while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. The entire crew were able to get off and were rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



### **USS Harder (SS-257)**

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crewmembers from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Harder had won a 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.



### **USS Pompano (SS-181)**

Lost on August 29, 1943 (between Aug 8 and Sept 27) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably fell victim to a mine. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before October 5<sup>th</sup>, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

## ***Binnacle List***

John Raplee  
Pat McCoy  
Johnny Meyer  
Ora Anderson  
Howard Carle  
Dave Session  
Lyn Schive

Lindy Schive



Alyce Abels August 7  
LeRoy Vick August 7  
George Ozanich August 13  
Karl Waterman August 27  
Dean Van Leeuwen June 25



**Monthly Treasury Report  
Bonefish Base - USSVI  
July 2012**

<b>Starting Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,597.91</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
USSVI Charitable Foundation 30/30 ckt# 1058	<b>-\$98.00</b>
30/30/30 Base raffle Winner George Ozanich 25	<b>-\$25.00</b>
Miscellaneous	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$123.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Base 30/30/30 Drawing	<b>\$85.00</b>
Base Dues 2010	
National Dues	
submarine mugs	<b>\$16.00</b>
Base Patches	<b>\$5.00</b>
Donations	
Calendars	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$108.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,580.91</b>

Submitted by:

Everett Noyes  
Treasurer  
Bonefish Base - USSVI

***Minutes of Last  
Meeting***

***USSVI BONEFISH BASE  
(SS-223) & (SS-582)  
Redlands, California***

**July 28, 2012**

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### **1200 Hours:**

At the sound of the klaxon, Commander Frank Campbell convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Howard Hoyt, Jan Noyes and Mike Williamson read Our Creed. Bob Schive was asked to lead the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer. Frank Campbell then dedicated the meeting to our Shipmates on eternal patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in service of the first line of defense of our Nation. Don Noyes conducted the POW / MIA Remembrance Ceremony. He then reported the boats lost in the month of June:

### **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of July:

#### **USS S-28 (SS-133)**

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

#### **USS Robalo (SS-273)**

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk. Later information indicated that the four survivors were actually killed by the Japanese on the island.

#### **USS Grunion (SS-216)**

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

Commander Campbell then honored the Bonefish Base members on eternal patrol by continuing the tolling of the bell in their memory.

<b>Jacques Abels, Lt. (SS);</b>	<b>Q1942; 23 October 1917 – 10 May 2011</b>
<b><i>Ronald L. Durling, FTG2 (SS);</i></b>	<b><i>Q1961; 24 September 1941 – 22 February 2009</i></b>
<b>William Lee Newman, MOMM1 (SS);</b>	<b>Q1944; 15 February 1926 – 11 June 2011</b>
<b>Paul Everett Perris, RM1 (SS);</b>	<b>Q1970; 9 May 1950 – 7 February 2010</b>
<b>Gary Lee Stewart, ICC (SS);</b>	<b>Q1973; 17 June 1947 – 31 January 2010</b>

Tolling of the Boats was followed by a moment of silent prayer. Henceforth, all members on eternal patrol will be remembered at our May meeting each year.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**Sailing List:**

John Anderson	Howard Hoyt	Frank Campbell
Frank McCoy	Donald Noyes	Everett Noyes
Dean Van Leeuwen	Mike Williamson	George O'Zanich
Izar Martinez	Daryl E. Brock	Bob Schive
Bob Schive	Jack Baker	

**Associate Members:**

Alyce Abels	Jan Noyes	Shirley Williamson
Marti Noyes		

**Honored Guests:**

Sally Van Leeuwen	Marcia Campbell	Anna Hoyt
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**Minutes:**

June 23, 2012 minutes are posted on the website with copies available for review at the meeting. It was moved (Izar Martinez), seconded (Bob Schive) and passed to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Base Treasurer Brick Noyes presented the Treasurers Report for the months of June 2012 as follows:

**June 2012**

Starting Balance	\$3,526.91
EXPENSES	
30/30/30 Base Raffle winner George O'Zanich	-\$25.00
Total Expenses	-\$25.00
INCOME	

Base 30/30/30 Drawing	\$70.00
Submarine Coffee Cups	\$16.00
Donations George O'Zanich from winnings	\$10.00
Total Income	\$96.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,597.91

It was moved (Mike Williamson), seconded (Bob Schive) and passed to accept the treasury report.

**Binnacle List:**

Pat McCoy, John Raplee, Howard Carle, Lyn Schive, Lindy Schive, Ora Anderson, Johnny Meyer, Dave Session

**Reports:**

**E-Board Meeting:** held on July 14, 2012, with minutes available for review by those interested.

**Old Business:**

We are continuing moving forward for a link(s) on our base website that will pay a monthly fee to the base for the link(s).

The first issue of the base newsletter has been well received.

**New Business:**

Please do not forget to vote in the USSVI national election. You can vote online or by paper ballot. If you need help, please let us know.

Please take and complete a member bio sheet.

Please let the storekeeper if you would like to order a 2013 calendar.

**Good of the Order:**

John Anderson shared information concerning the USS Miami fire, the USS San Francisco is back in commission.

Frank Campbell introduced Jim Ruester, Public Affairs Officer for Riverside National Cemetery. He gave background on the cemetery, information on memorials, and the benefits available to veterans and what is needed to prove service (DD-214).

**Adjournment:**

The Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 13:27.

Lunch was served and then the raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl E. Brock  
Secretary

**Meeting Dates:**

**The Bonefish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) meets at 1200 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month.  
Currently meetings are being held at the American Legion Post 79,  
at Fairmont Park, Riverside.**



***Base Membership Breakdown***

Do You Know the Ratings of the Your Bonefish Shipmates?

We have 5 Radiomen – Dit Dah

5 ET's  
4 FT's  
3 ST's  
3 EM's  
2 Officers  
2 EN's  
2 IC's  
2 MM's  
2 QM's  
1 SM  
1 TM  
1 YN  
1 MT

Seems like we could man a boat and go to sea with our compliment of Shipmates. If only we could climb down the weapons shipping hatch

## *Member Profile for June*

### **Bob Schive (RM1 (SS))**

Served from June 1969 to August 1979

Qualified in 1971 on USS Puffer (SSN 652)

Bob was born in Phoenix, AZ while his dad was in the Coast Guard serving on the West Coast. Moved to Philadelphia, PA where he lived until 1962, at which time the family moved to Huntington Beach, CA. Bob attended Mater Dei High School and Golden West Junior College, before deciding to join the Navy

In 1969, he joined the Navy rather than be drafted into the Army. The thought of a warm bunk over sleeping in a fox hole was more enticing. Basic training was in San Diego, California. He attended Radioman "A" and "C" school in San Diego. It was in Radioman "A" school where they did a presentation of submarines that caught his attention, and thought it was what he wanted to do. After "C" school instead of going to Sub School he was sent straight to the USS Puffer, home ported in Hawaii. They said there was a shortage of Radioman on the boats, due to Vietnam. With the addition of Bob, there were now 6 Radiomen on Puffer, so much for a shortage and straight to the seaman gang he went. During Bob's tour on Puffer he made several West Pac cruises visiting Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam, Philippines, Okinawa, oh and wonderful Adak, Alaska. There's a story there.

Bob reenlisted on Puffer while in the Tonkin Gulf with the guarantee of additional training and new construction. So off to New London for so many classes he can't remember. He was then sent to Pascagoula, MS for new construction on board the USS Parche (SSN 683). He remained on board Parche after new construction and sea trials to move it's homeport to Charleston, SC. There he was able to visit additional see more of the world going to Puerto Rico, St Croix, St Thomas, and of course places up and down the eastern seaboard.

Bob departed Parche late 1974 for shore duty at NAS Los Alamitos for two years. This duty was 2 radiomen working 8-5 Monday through Friday. Bob thought he had died and gone to heaven. He says that was the fastest 2 years he can ever remember. From there he went to the USS DRUM (SSN 677). Drum was in overhaul at Bremerton, WA. After the overhaul he was able to add British Columbia to his list of countries visited along with ports of call down the western seaboard. Homeport was San Diego. Bob Left the Drum and the regular Navy on December 7, 1978. He was awarded the good conduct medal and star for 8 years of not being caught, National Defense medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the MUC for one of Puffer's West Pac cruises. He is especially proud of his Citation from COMSUBGRU Five for his duty on Drum during it's overhaul. He was a RM2(SS) at the time and the leading radioman. He says this is where the shortage finally caught up with him.

Bob did join the reserves after leaving the regular Navy but that didn't last too long. He was discharged in 1980 due to him being dissatisfied with being assigned to a destroyer and he wanted like heck to get back to the boats.

Bob met Lyn in 1979 and after a world wind affair of 3 months they were married and have been married 33 years. They have 4 boys and 1 lone daughter. The family continues to grow as they have 2 grand-daughters and 4 grand-sons, and doggone proud of each and every one. Bob went to work for Pacific Bell in 1980, which then became Pacific Telesis, then SBC, and now AT&T. He has 32 years and is looking forward to retiring some time down the road.

In addition to Life membership in the Bonefish Base and USSVI, Bob is also a member of the American Legion and the CFO of Lyn's business. He enjoys his grandchildren, traveling, golf, cards and wishes he had time to work on his Jeep so it could be restored to what it was like when he bought it in 1976.



### **Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper**

29 – 2011 Calendars  
46 – Bonefish Patches  
10 – 2012 Calendars  
4 - USSVI Member (Year) Patches  
4 - 5 year USSVI Pins  
5 - Large Submarine Veteran Shirts  
21 – Extra Large Bonefish Base Shirts  
3 - 2XX Bonefish Base Shirts  
4 - 3XXX Bonefish Base Shirts



### **Karl Waterman, Librarian**

Want to check out a book or DVD, just contact Karl at [karlwaterman@verizon.net](mailto:karlwaterman@verizon.net)



<http://www.archive.org/details/SubmarineEmergenciesEscapeTrainingTankProcedure> - 20 minute video of Escape Tank Training.....

<http://www.archive.org/details/EscapeFromADisabledSubmarine> - that is if you're operating in shallow waters.....

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TORPEDO JUICE.....Not Just a Sea Story      Compliments of Chaplin Don.....

The Mark-14 torpedo on the US Submarines used during WWII, were propelled by a miniature steam

engine. The steam engine would burn a non-lethal combustible liquid fuel. The mixture was 180 proof grain alcohol, croton oil, and water. This fuel was stored in many tanks throughout each boat. War Patrols would put the crews at sea for weeks and extending into months, so after hours of being depth charged nerves would get on edge. When not on duty the crew would come up with various ways to entertain themselves and calm their nerves. Thus the experimenting started.

The Idea of mixing non-lethal torpedo fuel with grapefruit or pineapple juice than filter it through a loaf of bread for something different to drink had to come from some of these off duty "Bubble Heads". The name "Torpedo Juice" and the drink caught on with the crews of almost all the WWII Submarines and each boat tried to out do the next with their own version of the concoction. Ask a submariner about "Torpedo Juice" and he will come up with a story.....Not Just a Sea Story. Today the United States Submarine Veterans-Great Lakes Base introduces you to the version of "TORPEDO JUICE". After drinking this you may have your own Sea Story to tell.

Oh, by the way...we called it Pink Lady....and when you marinated cherry's in it for a month, well, let's just say you only needed just one.....Bob

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[www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) There is still time to vote for National Officers. Your ballot has to be received no later than August 31 ....Bonefish is at 66.7%, just 8 more members need to vote to be at 100%.....If you voted by mail, your vote doesn't show up where they are posting the electronic votes....if you haven't voted yet time is getting short...../do your part

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### ***Calendar of Events***

Next E-Board meeting August  
11<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's on Hospitality  
Way in San Bernardino at 8a,

Veteran's Day Parade in  
Murrieta, on November 11th

August meeting on August  
25th at 12 noon at American  
Legion Post 79 at on Dexter  
in Fairmount Park Riverside

Waiting on a date in October  
to tour Fast Attack Sub at  
Point Loma Sub Base