



# BONEFISH Chronicle



USS Bonefish SS-223



USS Bonefish SS-582

## OUR CREED

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June 10, 2013

## E-Board Members

Base Commander – Frank Campbell  
Senior Vice Commander – John Anderson  
Junior Vice Commander – Don Noyes  
Treasurer – Brick Noyes  
Secretary – Daryl Brock  
COB – Bob Schive  
Chaplin – Don Noyes  
POC – Mike Williamson  
Storekeeper – Marty Bruce  
Kaps 4 Kids Chairperson – Shirley Williamson  
Webmaster – Marty Bruce

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

The submarine of the month for June is one of the more storied Boats of WWII, the USS Barb SS-220. I probably first heard of her on one of those old "Silent Service" episodes that so captured my fancy. In 1947 she was converted to a GUPPY conversion. In 1954 she was "loaned" to the Italian Navy and rechristened the Enrico Tazzoli. Looking back, it could very possibly have been that Italian Boat we made fun of in the Med in 1969-and there's no way I would have known and appreciated her true history at that time. Now I think I could, but she's not around anymore-scrapped in 1972.

That makes me appreciate even more the Museum Boats that we can still walk aboard. I've been on the Drum, the Pampanito and the Bowfin-all true to their WWII origins. I do appreciate the other Museum Boats like Croaker, which are exhibited in the GUPPY formats they later acquired. It's still nice to know, though, that an old black and white movie (or calendar) isn't the only option for remembering and honoring the heritage those old Boats have passed down to us.

And that's the best lead in to remind you of our July meeting: Frank McCoy is going to regale us with stories about his recent East Coast Museum Boat Visit. He couldn't see them all, but come join us in July to get the skinny on the ones he did visit.

Don't wait 'til July, however. Our June meeting two weekends from now will be featuring shipmate Phil Jaskowiak from the LA-Pasadena Base. Phil wrote a book about his time aboard the USS Casimir Pulaski, "The Polack: Memoirs of Family Tragedy, Heroism and Cold War Submarine Adventure." (A guy with a Polish name writing about a ship with a Polish name-think there's a joke he hasn't heard?) Or a couple of stories he didn't put in the book? Come join us and find out.

In addition, you'll get the latest on the progress of our SubVet's Memorial Plaque for Riverside National Cemetery. Our progress is most impressive.

For current business, I anticipate that, after taking into account any member feedback, the EBoard will approve proceeding with our Brass Plaque memorial to be placed at Riverside National Cemetery. This is a tremendous beginning toward our goal of a substantial Submarine Memorial there. We'll have an update for you at the next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

With much appreciation for his support and steadfastness on the EBoard, I have regretfully accepted Andy Anderson's resignation as our Senior Vice Commander. Andy decided he wasn't able to continue to the end of his term. We're happy he intends to continue his presence with us going forward. In his place, I am happy to announce that I have appointed Mike Williamson to fill the position going forward. (I initially tried to talk him out of it, but truth is I am both delighted and thankful for his continuing support.)

Thank you for your vote! Since our beginning, Bonefish Base has always had one of the highest participation rates in all of the USSVI elections and we'd like to continue that record. There's currently an election going on for our new District 6 Commander. San Diego Base CDR Bob Bissonette is running

unopposed-you can vote for him or for a write in-but please vote. I've attached a ballot. You can print it and deliver back to me or do it the easy way-just send me an email with your choice. That's all there is to it. I'd like to be able to say we once again are leaders in the participation listings.

One more attachment this month is the Bonefish XO's recollection of her final days around the fire. It expands well beyond what we were able to cover in last month's program. If you have difficulty printing the attachments let me know and I'll bring your hard copy to the meeting.

As to the Binnacle List, our chaplain tells me most of you are in much better shape than you were last month. Well Done!! Keep it up, and who knows—maybe John Raplee will earn a liberty card this month. Lyn Schive is back on the binnacle list as she continues to deal with the side affects of the radiation and chemo from last year. Her latest obstacle is a fractured back. Lyn is back home after spending a week in the hospital. Her recovery is estimated to take 3-4 months.

**Finally, our Nostalgia Note:**

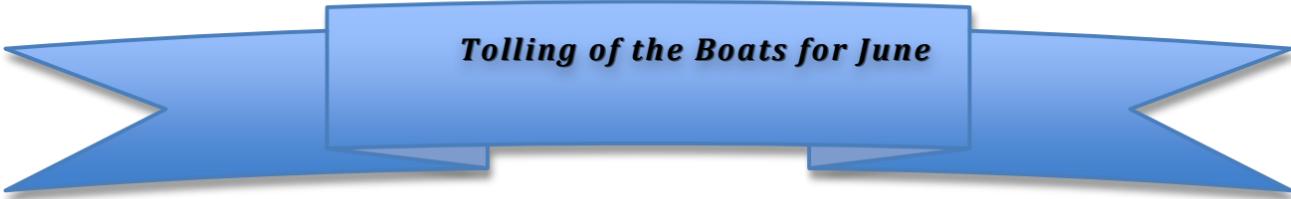
"Post a menu on the kitchen door informing your family that they are having steak for dinner. Then make them wait in line for an hour. When they finally get to the kitchen, tell them you are out of steak, but they can have dried ham or hot dogs. Repeat daily until they ignore the menu and just ask for hot dogs."

Mind your bubble. I look forward to seeing you at the Spaghetti Factory on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Frank

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**Frank Campbell**  
Base Commander  
USS Bonefish Base USSVI



***Tolling of the Boats for 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 to be sunk by a shore battery.



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

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



### **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 rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



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

Lost on June 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it floundered 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 and lost 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.



***Binnacle List***

John Raplee  
Lyn Schive



***June Birthdays***

Johnny Meyer – June 3  
Jerry Cornelison – June 5  
Jim Hayes – June 19  
Dean Van Leeuwen – June 25



***Treasurer's  
Report***

See the Meeting Minutes



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

**May 25, 2013**

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**1204 Hours:**

Commander Frank Campbell convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Jerry Cornelison, Karl Waterman and Andy Anderson read Our Creed. Michael Williamson led the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Noyes gave the opening prayer. Jerry Cornelison and Johnny Meyer then reported the boats lost in the month of May.

**Tolling of the Boats:**

**USS Lagarto (SS-371)**

Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill 2 weeks later.

**USS Scorpion (SSN-589)**

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.

### **USS Squalus (SS-192)**

USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.

### **USS Stickleback (SS-415)**

Lost on May 30, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.

### **Tolling of our members on eternal patrol:**

Frank Campbell and Johnny Meyer then tolled our members on eternal Patrol:

**Lt. Jacques Abels;** qualified 1942, USS Thresher SS-200,  
23 October 1917 – 10 May 2011

**FTG2 Ronald L. Durling;** qualified 1961, USS Gudgeon SS-567,  
24 September 1941 – 22 February 2009

**MOMM1 William Lee Newman;** qualified 1944, USS R-13 (SS-90),  
15 February 1926 – 11 June 2011

**RM1 Paul Everett Perris;** qualified 1970, USS Bonefish SS-582,  
9 May 1950 – 7 February 2010

**ICC Gary Lee Stewart;** qualified 1973, USS Wahoo SS-565,  
17 June 1947 – 31 January 2010

Tolling of the Boats and members was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Sailing List:**

<b>Members</b>		
George Kinnison	Joe Canchola	Bob Schive
Frank Campbell	Mike Williamson	George O'Zanich
Don Noyes	Brick Noyes	Johnny Meyer
Daryl Brock	Dean Van Leeuwen	Frank McCoy

John Anderson	Karl Waterman	Marty Bruce
Jerry Cornelison		
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Alyce Abels	Shirley Williamson	Jan Noyes
Marti Noyes		
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Gary Kinnison	Sally Van Leeuwen	Pat McCoy
Marcia Campbell		

#### **Minutes:**

April 27, 2013 minutes are posted on the website with copies available for review at the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as written and available.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Base Treasurer Brick Noyes presented the Treasurers Report for the month of April 2013 as follows:

Starting Balance		<b>\$3,592.18</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Shirley Williamson won the raffle	\$23.00
Total Expenses		<b>\$23.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Raffle	\$70.00
	Donations for memorial plaque	
	Johnny Meyer \$5, Daryl Brock \$20	\$25.00
Total Income		<b>\$95.00</b>
Ending Balance		<b>\$3,664.18</b>

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurers report.

**Binnacle List:**

John Raplee

**Old Business:**

Daryl Brock gave an update on the process of the Memorial plaque and requested the base to vote on approval of the design as presented, with inclusion of the World War II patrol pin, and authorizing him to proceed with the submission to the Riverside National Cemetery. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

Marty Bruce reported the updates to the website and indicated if you have any photos please get them to him and he will upload them.

**New Business:**

All members were reminded that our Bonefish Base will participate in the Corona July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

The base commander called upon Michael Williamson to share some of his experiences on the USS Bonefish while he was a crewmember. Much of the information related to shipyard actions and repairs.

Jerry Cornelison's birthday was recognized.

**Adjournment:**

The Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 1:05 for lunch and raffle. The program was Storytime, where various members shared their sea stories . An enjoyable time was had by all.

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 Old Spaghetti Factory, 1635 Industrial Park Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374**



***BONEFISH BASE  
Member Items***

If you want to send me an article or an item of interest that would be good to pass along to our members, and would like it published in our newsletter please feel free to do so, but do it before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, as that's when I start putting the newsletter together. Please no politics.



***Ship's Store  
Inventory***

**Marty Bruce, Base Storekeeper**

- 46 – Bonefish Patches
- 5 - Large Submarine Veteran Shirts
- 21 – Extra Large Bonefish Base Shirts
- 3 - 2XX Bonefish Base Shirts
- 4 - 3XXX Bonefish Base Shirts



***Base Library***

**Karl Waterman, Librarian**

Want to check out a book or DVD, just contact Karl at [karlwaterman@verizon.net](mailto:karlwaterman@verizon.net). You can view what is in the library on our website.

### Interesting Websites / Items

<http://www.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/>

USSVI website for ordering apparel, hats, vest, etc

<http://www.submarinesailor.com>

Good site for looking up shipmates.

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### Book Review

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Book Read – “Operation Storm” – This book was written by John J. Goghegan

This book was about the Japanese attempt to build Submarine’s that would carry aircraft. As most of know they had built several and even managed to bomb Brookings, Oregon early in the war. This is about Yamamoto’s plan to build a force of about 48 submarines capable of carrying 2-3 Seiran planes, designed specifically to fit into the hangers of the Sen-toku submarines. Their initial targets were to be New York, Washington D.C., and LA, but not surprising as the US Submarine force put a strangle hold on what resources the Japanese were able to import, the plan was reduced to 18 subs, and the plan was modified in 1944-45 to bomb the Panama Canal in the hopes of stopping the flow of US warships to the Pacific. The Japanese were able to build just 4 subs, the I-400, I-4012, I-13, and the I-14, due to the inability to supply enough material to build them, and also the inability to obtain fuel. Only the I-13 was lost during the war.

These boats were capable of cruising 25,000 miles without refueling, if the Japanese had enough fuel to fill their tanks. They are also considered the strategic predecessors to today’s ballistic missile submarines. They definitely were the predecessors to the Regulus Missile Program.

Interesting book.

Bob

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## ***Calendar of Events***

Next E-Board meeting June 8th  
at Mimi's on Hospitality Way in  
San Bernardino at 8a.

July 4<sup>th</sup> parade at Corona.  
Parade starts at 10am. More  
details to follow.

May's monthly meeting to be  
held at the Old Spaghetti  
Factory in Redlands on the  
25th at 12 noon. Try to  
arrive early to order your  
lunch.

Memorial Day Remembrance  
at the Roncador Memorial at  
Pt Loma San Diego at  
10:00am. If not retired must  
have base pass to get on  
base.