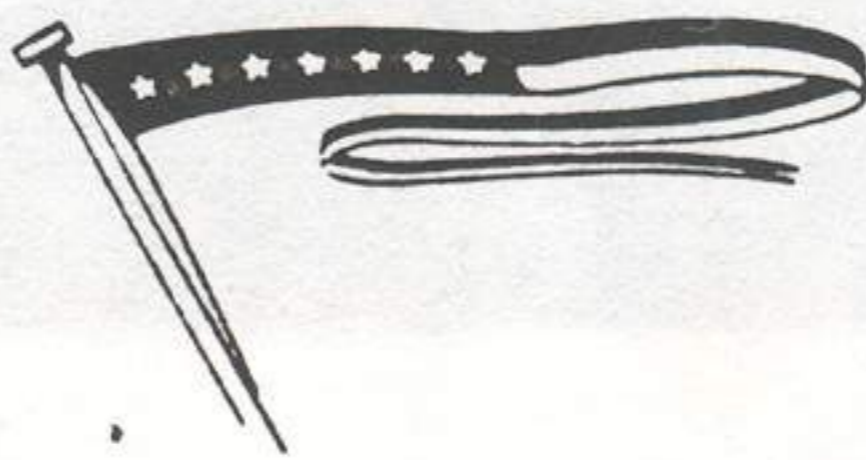


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USS SEA OWL (AGSS 405)



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COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAREWELL TO THE SHIP

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SHIP SEA OWL

USS SEA OWL was launched at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire on 7 May 1944 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Thomas L. Gatch, wife of RADM Gatch, USN. The ship was commissioned on 17 July of the same year and proceeded to the Pacific to take part in the war against the Japanese. From her base at Pearl Harbor, SEA OWL made three war patrols, in the course of which she sank two destroyers, one supply submarine, one patrol craft, and a four-masted schooner. In addition to the destruction of enemy forces, SEA OWL rescued six downed flyers.

At the end of the War, the ship was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet as a unit of Submarine Squadron SIX at Balboa, Canal Zone. In October of 1949 SEA OWL reported to Submarine Squadron EIGHT at New London, Connecticut and is still a part of the same squadron. In 1951 SEA OWL was converted at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to a fleet snorkel class submarine, her present configuration. The addition of a snorkel and more effective sonar equipment greatly enhanced the ship's ability to remain submerged for longer periods with a minimum chance of detection and provided the detection capability to make her a highly effective weapon for the present day primary duty of Anti-Submarine Warfare. This past July, SEA OWL celebrated the 25th anniversary of her commissioning and has had a total of 11,746 dives.

SHIP'S OFFICERS

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 LT F. F. BOWERS, USN

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 IC2(SS) G. H. BRESLIN
 CS2(SS) G. E. BRIZIUS
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 SN(SU) R. DAMICO
 CSC(SS) L. R. DICKERSON
 EM2(SS) S. M. DRINKALL
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 QM3(SS) W. T. EVANS
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 ETN3(SS) B. P. HAYES
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 SK3(SS) J. R. INGLIS
 STS3(SS) F. C. KENYON, III
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 STS2(SS) F. S. LAKE
 QM3(SS) H. T. LANDWEHR
 EN2(SS) T. L. LANSDOWNE
 STS3(SS) M. D. LAROSE
 EN2(SS) H. N. LATHROP
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Y LCDR W. C. HALL JR.	MAY 45	MAR 48
CDR C. K. MILLER	01 MAR 48	APR 50
CDR G. C. COOK	APR 50	JUL 52
Y CDR L. S. TAYLOR	JUL 52	FEB 55
LCDR J. R. HART	FEB 55	JAN 57
LCDR A. M. HAYES JR.	JAN 57	DEC 58
Y LCDR W. D. WESSINGER	DEC 58	DEC 60
LCDR W. H. MC CRACKEN	22 DEC 60	JUN 62
Y LCDR R. R. MC KECHNIE	25 JUN 62	JUN 64
CDR R. W. SHANNON	12 JUN 64	JUN 66
Y CDR H. A. CHERRIER	06 JUN 66	JUN 68
Y CDR J. R. BAUMAN	04 JUN 68	JUL 69
Y CDR D. N. KOLARAS	03 JUL 69	NOV 69