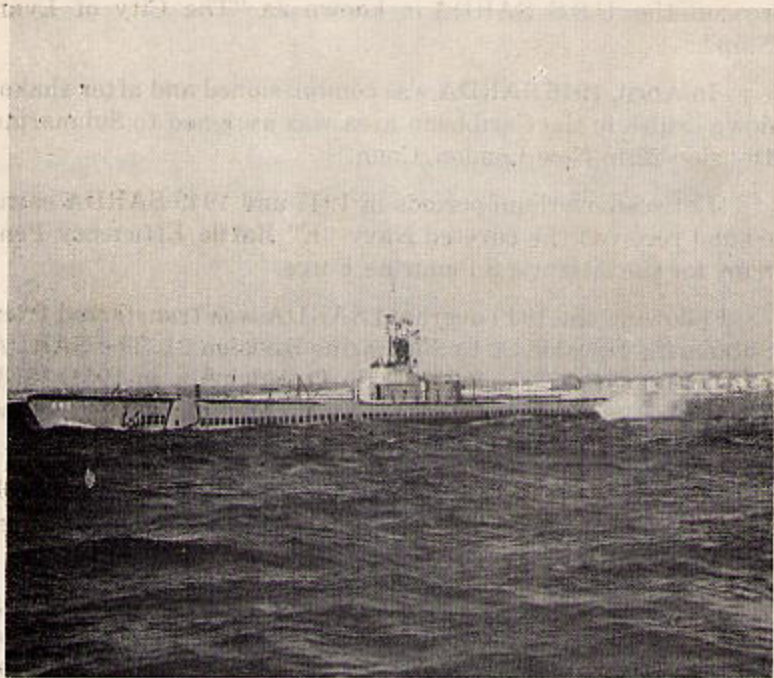


# WELCOME ABOARD



## USS SARDA SS-488

# U.S.S. SARDA (SS-488)

## Ship's History

The U.S.S. SARDA was built at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, during the latter part of World War II and was launched on 24 August 1945. The building of SARDA was financed during the Seventh War Loan by bonds purchased by residents of Lynn, Massachusetts. For this reason the U.S.S. SARDA is known as "The City of Lynn Ship".

In April, 1946 SARDA was commissioned and after shake-down cruise in the Caribbean area was assigned to Submarine Division 22 in New London, Conn.

Between overhaul periods in 1947 and 1949 SARDA earned and received the coveted Navy "E" Battle Efficiency Pennant for the Atlantic Submarine Force.

Following the 1949 overhaul SARDA was transferred from Submarine Division 22 to Submarine Division 21. The SARDA underwent four more overhauls in Philadelphia, in 1951, 1953, 1955, and 1956, returning after each to training duties in New London, Conn.

The SARDA has specialized in training duties for both Enlisted and Officer personnel. However the SARDA has participated in many maneuvers and trips.

Some of the places visited by the SARDA include Bermuda, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Panama, Halifax, Jamaica, Brazil, Cape Verde Islands, and numerous U. S. sea-board ports.

The U. S. S. SARDA has had eight commanding officers to date.

Commander C. W. Nimitz, Jr. 1946 - 1948

Commander J. M. Hingson 1948 - 1950

Commander D. G. Fleming 1950 - 1952

Lieutenant Commander R. I. Clayton 1952 - 1954

Lieutenant Commander J. L. Boyes 1954 - 1955

Lieutenant Commander F. T. Rawlings, Jr. 1955 - 1956

Lieutenant Commander R. D. Thompson 1956 - 1957

and our present Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander W. O. Bennett.

**PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS****ACCOMMODATIONS**

Length ..... 312 Feet  
Beam ..... 27 Feet

Officers ..... 10  
Crew ..... 72

**ARMAMENT**

Ten 21 - inch torpedo tubes, six forward and four aft.

**PROPULSION PLANT**

Two direct current electric motors, each driving one shaft, and receiving power from either a combination of one to four Diesel - generator sets (surfaced) or from the ship's batteries (submerged).

**THE CREW**

All submariners are volunteers and must meet rigid physical and mental requirements. After a period of indoctrination in the operations of the Submarine and its equipment, each man is required to demonstrate his proficiency in all phases of submarining before he is designated "Qualified in Submarines" and receives the coveted "Dolphins", the emblem of the Submarine Service.

The Officers and men of the SARDA hope your visit with us will be both interesting and enjoyable. We urge you to ask us about our ship and our work - - - . Submariners are proud of their service and anxious for you to know more about it.



W. O. BENNETT  
LCDR, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer



