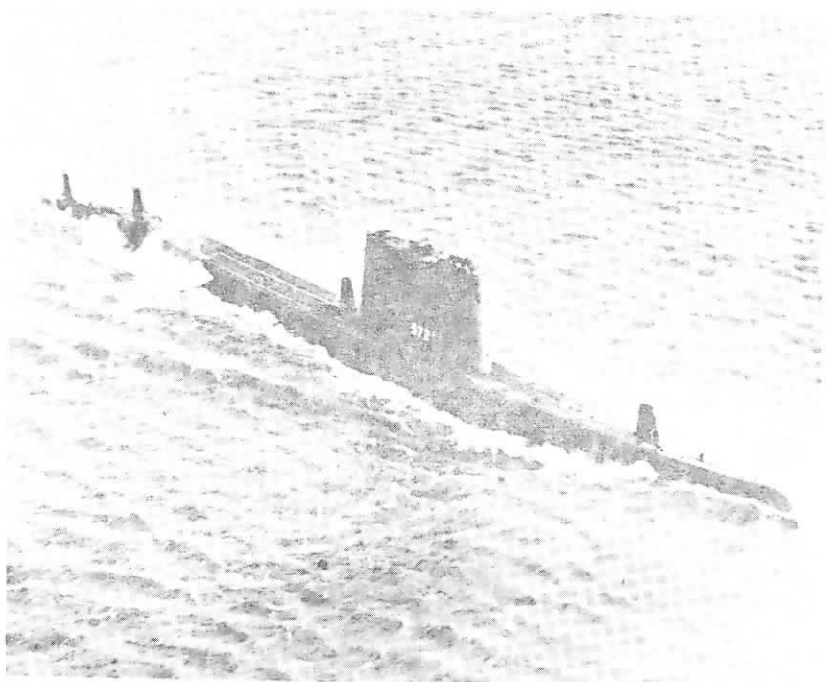


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USS SAILFISH (SS-572)

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

USS SAILFISH (SS 572) SHIPS HISTORY

The keel of the USS SAILFISH (SS 572) was laid on December 8, 1953 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, New Hampshire. She is the first submarine to be designed and built as a radar picket. SAILFISH and SALMON, her sister ship, are the longest diesel electric submarines in the fleet.

On April 14, SAILFISH was commissioned and on July 20th she put to sea for the first time under the command of LCDR S. R. McCORD. Her first dive took place southwest of the Isle of Shoals off Portsmouth, N. H. near the spot where her namesake met disaster 17 years before. USS SQUALUS (SS 192), lost in 1939, was renamed SAILFISH after being raised and repaired.

After a shakedown cruise to the Caribbean SAILFISH joined operational forces of the fleet as a unit of Submarine Squadron SIX, Norfolk, Virginia. In 1957 SAILFISH deployed to the SIXTH fleet in the Mediterranean and covered waters from Gibraltar to Suez. During 1958 SAILFISH operated out of Norfolk providing services to units of the Atlantic Fleet.

In April 1959 SAILFISH was transferred from Squadron SIX to Submarine Squadron TEN in New London, Connecticut after completing a routine overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. In March 1961 SAILFISH was redesignated as an attack submarine.

In September 1962, SAILFISH completed a seven month overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, during which the ship's electronic installation was modified to fit her new role as an attack submarine. She departed in October, 1962 for a four month Mediterranean deployment. During 1963 SAILFISH operated out of her homeport of New London with short cruises to Bermuda and Puerto Rico. In 1964 she continued routine operations, participating in fleet exercises, evaluating new concepts within the submarine force, training new submarine personnel and undergoing type training.

In January 1965 SAILFISH entered Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for an extensive FRAM II Conversion lasting 13 months. In February 1966 SAILFISH resumed operations and participated in Exercise Springboard 66. In July she made another deployment to the Mediterranean, returning to New London at the end of the year for local operations.

In July 1967 SAILFISH was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for Submarine Division 101. The 1967 deployment was highlighted by a port call at Portsmouth, England. SAILFISH transferred to Submarine Squadron EIGHT, New London, in November 1967.

1968 found SAILFISH returning to Philadelphia for routine overhaul. Before resuming regular operations SAILFISH conducted a post overhaul shakedown cruise to the Mediterranean.

In July 1969 SAILFISH's homeport was changed from New London, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After transiting the Panama Canal and a port call in Acapulco, Mexico, SAILFISH arrived in Pearl Harbor to become a unit of Submarine Squadron SEVEN. The next two months were spent in pre-deployment upkeep and training in preparation for her first Western Pacific deployment.

SAILFISH's first WestPac proved varied. SAILFISH operated with units of three navies and called at Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Hong Kong. The deployment was highlighted by a call at Kobe, Japan near the site of Expo 70. SAILFISH returned to Pearl Harbor in late May 1970.

The remainder of 1970 was filled with a busy schedule of operations, inspections and the workup for the impending deployment. SAILFISH returned to WestPac for the second time in February 1971.

SAILFISH's WestPac cruise ended in August 1971 when the ship returned to Pearl Harbor via port stops in Australia and the Fiji Islands. Preparations were then made for a routine overhaul at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard commencing in October 1971.

SAILFISH completed overhaul in July 1972 and transited to her new homeport of San Diego, arriving late August 1972.

On 1 December 1972, SAILFISH returned to WestPac, Operating with the navies of Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, as well as with U. S. forces. SAILFISH provided over 1100 hours of submarine services. SAILFISH returned to San Diego on 28 May 1973.

SAILFISH is now a unit of Submarine Group FIVE.

