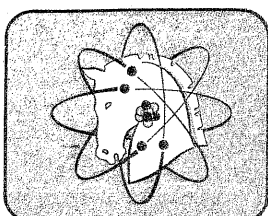


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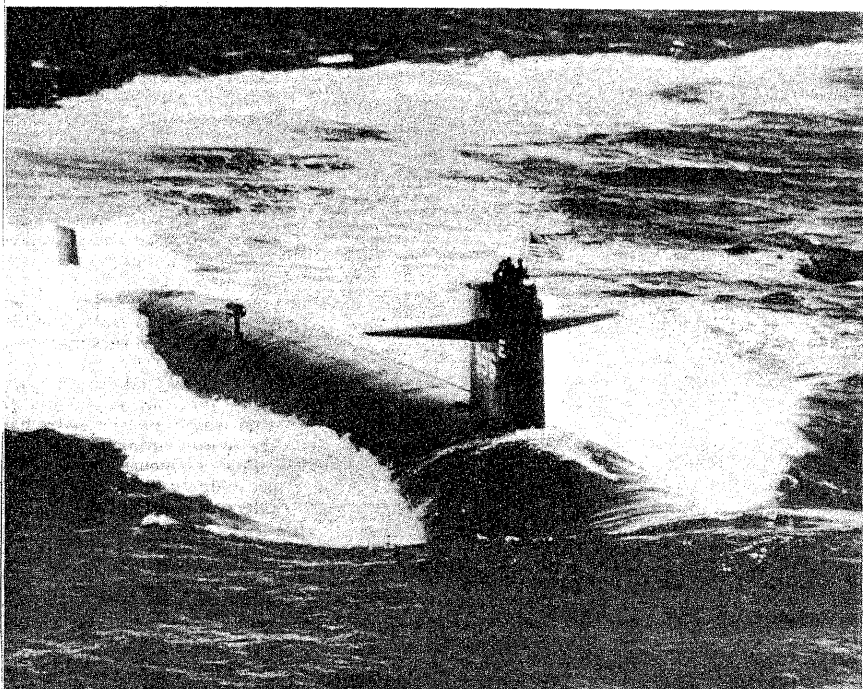


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# Submarine overhaul work begun this week



Nuclear-powered attack submarine *Barb* makes big waves underway

## BARB (SSN 596) IN FOR FOURTH STAY AT YARD

Well-known to many shipyard employees, the *Barb* (SSN 596) has returned to the Mare Island waterfront for a regular overhaul which began this week.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine built by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation first visited Mare Island shortly after her commissioning on Aug. 24, 1963. She returned here for a refueling overhaul in '74 and a restricted availability in '78.

*Barb* has attracted national attention more than once. In July of 1972 she participated in a search and rescue mission to recover the crew of a B-52 bomber which had ditched southwest of Guam. Conducted in the midst of Typhoon Rita, with seas reaching 25 feet in height and winds in excess of 70 knots, her crew was cited for its dedication in making the harrowing rescue.

More recently, the *Barb* executed the first-ever launch of a Tomahawk cruise missile from a submarine in February 1978.

Skipper of the *Barb*, Commander Wade H. Taylor, heads the crew of 100 officers and men.

After graduation from the Naval Academy, CDR Taylor's classroom work continued—first with nuclear power training at Bainbridge, Md., and West Milton, N.Y., then with training at the Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

He then joined the *Henry Clay* (SSBN 625) (Gold) for five Polaris patrols before a two-year stint as engineer officer at the Prototype Nuclear Propulsion Plant in West Milton.

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In 1970 CDR Taylor began three years aboard the *Swordfish* (SSN 579), and in 1975 reported to the *Snook* (SSN 592) as its executive officer. Between these assignments he earned a MS degree from the University of Southern California and served with the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific in Pearl Harbor.

The commander has earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2), Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. Married, he is father of a son and a daughter.



CDR WADE H. TAYLOR  
. . . Skipper of the *Barb*