



50th Anniversary • 1963 - 2013



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The April Word

Hello Again.
Just back of an extended holiday, which now that I am retired. My thanks go to my Vice Chairman Kenny Collins for standing in for me at the last meeting and also for writing the introduction for the March newsletter.



Also my apologies for not asking him first.

During the cruise we called in at Charleston and Bob Palmer and I took the opportunity to visit Patriots Point, which is the Maritime Museum. We went on a World War II vintage submarine and also USS Yorktown an aircraft carrier.

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We then had a look at the Cold War Memorial located nearby but unfortunately we couldn't find the plaque by provided by SOLMA assisted by the Submariners Association to recognize the magnificent effort provided by the Royal Naval Submarine Service. We also went to see the Seraph Memorial, which has American connections as it had two CO's for a short period, a British (Lt Jewell) and an American. This was to facilitate the escape of the the French General Giraud who said he would only travel on an American submarine. It was the submarine used in various clandestine operations and included Operation Mincemeat better known as "The man who never was". All in all a very fascinating visit. Hopefully Ben will find room for a photo or two of the Seraph Memorial, which features the actual Seraph Periscope, the torpedo-loading hatch and other artifacts.



Jan Mead is doing well selling tickets for the 50 Anniversary Ball and they are going fast. If you don't to be disappointed then see Jan for your ticket. They are a snip at £30 each and I understand Ben is including the menu elsewhere in this edition.

We will have the Sea Cadets on hand to give you a warm welcome, and a small 3 piece orchestral group from Casterton Girls School near Kirkby Lonsdale to give live background music during dinner. We are very fortunate in having Admiral the Lord Boyce and his wife as our principle guests along with a supporting cast of the new RASM Rear Admiral Prior, Jim McMaster the National Chairman, the newly elected Mayor of Barrow along with their wives. The main ingredient for a successful night is of course you so please come along and support the branch in its 50th anniversary celebrations. I don't think there will be any of us around for our centenary.

Prior to this on the 14th May we will be holding our 50th Anniversary meeting. Note that this meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month planned for exactly the same date as the founding meeting albeit 50 years on. At that meeting we will be graced with the Submariners Association President Admiral Sir James Perowne and the newly elected Mayor Councillor Colin Thomson.



I hope you have been enjoying these monthly newsletters? I know I have. They take a lot of effort and the time is approaching when Ben has said that he needs to step down. To keep the newsletter rolling we are looking for a replacement to carry on when Ben finishes at the end of this year. It doesn't have to be the same format, in fact whoever takes over will have free reign to produce as he feels and is within his capabilities. Please step forward if you have any editing skills and let's keep the newsletter going.

As I am already late in getting this off to Ben I will finish for now but hope to see you all at the AGM.

Dave Barlow
Chairman

Ron Hiseman
Secretary



Welcome to the April newsletter, time flies and my first year in office for the second time is just about complete. It has been an interesting and eventful year. There have been some changes in the Branch officers with Colin resigning as Social Secretary and Alex taking over. Alex will be confirmed in the post at the AGM. My thanks to Colin for his sterling work and my hopes that the Branch get fully behind Alex and support the functions he puts on. Alex is keen and has some good ideas for forthcoming events. A reminder that the May meeting has been rearranged to the 15th May. It is intended to hold a quick meeting followed by a social night. Tickets are on sale now for the Anniversary dinner dance so please see Jan Mead for tickets. As cold as it has been there is a rumour that spring is around the corner and hopefully we will have a hot summer in which to enjoy the events of our anniversary year. Enjoy the year and make it one that will live in the Branch's memory for a long time. The Branch attended 2 major launch's during this period, HMS Upholder (1st Diesel submarine for the RN since P&O Class) and HMS Talent (last dynamic launch of a submarine in Barrow).

1989 the Evening Mail included the Branch in their Barrow Directory, unfortunately the Branch was listed in the section "Organisations for the Elderly".



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 47

HMS Triumph



CELEBRATION: The October 1991 commissioning day for the Barrow-built *HMS Triumph*

THE Barrow-built *HMS Triumph* is a Trafalgar-class nuclear-powered submarine.

The boat was ordered in July 1986; laid down in February 1987 and launched by Mrs Anne Hamilton on February 16 in 1991.

Triumph was commissioned into the Royal Navy on October 2 in 1991 and is likely to become the last of its class still in service by 2022.

It was built in the Devonshire Dock Hall and was launched by use of the shiplift.

Its first skipper was Commander David Michael Vaughan, a former pupil at Sedbergh Public School, Cumbria.

His first command had been aboard the Barrow-built *Osiris*.

Triumph sailed to Australia in 1993, travelling 41,000 miles (66,000 km) submerged without support – the longest solo deployment by a Royal Navy nuclear submarine.

After the 9/11 terror attacks in the USA, *Triumph* formed part of a task group in 2001 as part of the American-led invasion of Afghanistan, Britain's contribution being known as Operation Veritas.

In November 2000, *Triumph* was reported to have run aground travelling at 22 knots and at a depth of 200 metres while off the western Scottish coast.

The boat had been taking part in a



ON DUTY: Members of the *Triumph* crew leaving Barrow on month-long sea trials in June 1991

Submarine Command Course and suffered only slight damage.

In March 2011, *Triumph* took part in Operation Ellamy, firing Tomahawk cruise missiles at Libyan air defence targets.

One of these strikes hit a command and control centre in Colonel Gaddafi's presidential compound.

The submarine was the 10th Royal Navy vessel to bear the name, the first being built in 1561.

STATS:

Displacement: 5,300 tonnes, dived

Length: 85.4m (280ft)

Beam: 9.8m (32ft)

Draught: 9.5m (31ft)

Propulsion: Rolls Royce reactor

Speed: 32 knots, dived

Complement: 130

Armament: 5 x 21in torpedo tubes; Tomahawk cruise missiles and spearhead wire-guided heavyweight torpedoes.




BARROW BRANCH
1982 - 1991

One of the first things that sticks out is the brevity of the meetings, usually being over in 30 to 45 minutes. One assumes that from then on it was social drinking time, maybe we should get back to that routine a bit more. Mind you members attending we about half of our usual attendance nowadays.

1982 was a big year in UK history with the Falklands; it didn't appear much for the Branch as the only mentions was the agreement to set a bottle on the bar to collect for the South Atlantic fund.

It was reported that with the decommissioning of Dreadnought her ship's trophies would be distributed to SOCA Branch's and Barrow should get pick of the bunch. Does anyone recall what if anything we got?

The trophy of Mr Popes being played for in March and December 1983 won by J Tiffney, 1984 won by Mike Bycroft who also won it again in 1987. 1985 was won by D Birkhead. Ian Walsh was victorious in 1988

The subject of a ladies section was raised in 1984, members decided that their addresses would be made available to the ladies but nothing they organised would be officially sanctioned by the Branch or become affiliated members of SOCA. The ladies appear to have held a couple of meetings.

1985 cost of reunion ticket was £2:50, I bet our Chairman would wish that this year's price was similar but that's inflation for you, plus the cost of accommodation.

Problems experienced by the Branch do not change. In 985 we had 61 members although some members had not been seen or paid their subs. This is still happening so if you haven't paid your subs yet please do so. For those who have not paid last years or longer will be lapsed following a reminder letter.

Jan 87 saw the Branch agree to move from the Harbour to the Duke of Edinburgh, and in 1990 it moved to the Crow's Nest

Ron Hoseman



Alex Webb
Social Secretary

Firstly, may I say what a fan I am of the news letter. Having said that, please can I ask if there is any significance in March's edition where my social secretary article, where I suggest we all have a good time involving the use of alcohol is followed immediately by an article about submariners drink problems. Incidentally I left the Andrew in 2010 so none of those figures applied to, or were caused by me.

Important dates for your diary are:

Tue 14th May - Anniversary Meeting. Will be a special meeting, starting earlier than usual and finishing with the raffle and a quiz (max of one hour), interrupted by pie and peas at half time. A prize will be given for the winning team.

I have started a list to ascertain numbers for the quiz and requirements for pie and peas. If you have already added your name then great, if not I will be circulating the list at April's meetings and closing the list at the end of April. If you need to be added, but won't be at the meetings, please contact me direct No Name No Pie

Sat 18th May - Of course is the anniversary dinner dance at the Forum tickets now on sale from Jan Mead.

Sat 29th June we have been invited to the Coxn's Conference disco at the Legion. Kick off at 19:30. There will be a disco and raffle, but no food.

Sat 20th July - To continue our anniversary celebrations; A Day Out at Cartmel Races - this list will open in May and close at the July meeting. Cost is looking to be around £20 per person, depending on numbers. This will include transport, entry and race card.

Sat 10th Aug - Sat 10th August, BBQ confirmed at the Crofters in Holbeck. They are going to give us this area free of charge, the outside bar will be set up. And because it's outside we can enjoy reduced bar prices from those inside. I have been allowed to do our own catering (keeping the cost down). I am looking at a set meal; burger, hotdog, bit of chicken, salad and sauces. Entertainment (hopefully) will be live music (I will confirm this soon). This will be the only family do this year, so am looking to get some suitable entertainment, games etc. Prize will be given for best outfit. Timings will be from 2 – 9, with BBQ being served 4 – 6, entertainment on at 7 and finish at 9pm. Costing will be £7:50 per person. To make this cost effective I need 100 attendees. So bring your families, grand children, and any friends you can. Tickets will go on sale from June.



Fri 9th Nov - Ladies Night formal black tie event - still a work in progress and I will keep you informed.

Sat 7th Dec - Annual Christmas Party, disco, 4 piece rock and roll band and all the festive entertainment fun I can manage.

Remember "Apart from playing solitaire its not much fun being on your own".
Lets have a party!!!!

Alex Webb
Social Secretary

LETTERS

Dear Sir



Rhoda (Mum) and Jason

My name is Chris Costello and I am writing to see if you could do a little piece on my son Jason Elvis Costello. He had served with the royal navy Submarines until he sadly suffered a stroke in 2009. He is such a credit to himself and the Royal navy never a word of why me he gets on with his life as best he can he is still out of work but never a day goes by that he does not look for something, he likes his walking he is on Facebook and Twitter, likes a little bet, likes to view the stars with his new telescope. We as parents Chris his Dad and Rhoda his mum are so proud of him he is still only a young man 44 but a super son. It would be great if some of his old comrades could read this and maybe get in touch with Elvis via facebook or twitter, or even to drop *Jason a line to his home at 16 Newlands drive Ripon HG42JY North Yorks*. If there was a picture of Astute that could go with this that would be great as he is very proud of his framed picture of Astute with the picture of her royal ladyship Camilla. As Astute would have been his new attachment before his illness. Many thanks

and I hope you can do this for Jason . PS he always enjoys the newsletter well done



Yours Sincerely
Chris and Rhoda Costello

10 Years On

In the dark of the ops room, a team of highly-skilled men were about to unleash their deadliest weapon on key Iraqi targets Hidden in the depths of the Gulf, the signal was given. Commander Andrew McKendrick gave his crew the order to fire the first missile from Devonport submarine HMS Turbulent.

Ten years on and the boat's then Commanding Officer speaks of the build-up to the moment that first missile was launched.

It was Christmas and six months into the deployment when HMS Turbulent was re-tasked to the Gulf.

There, her crew would train intensively for weeks before conducting the launch of Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles into the heart of the Iraqi regime.

"We were on a notional countdown to when we thought we would be conducting our first strikes," Andrew McKendrick, now a Captain, told The Herald.

Laying in the shallow waters of the Gulf, the boat was surrounded by dozens of allied ships and submarines.

Most of them were Tomahawk-capable vessels.



There was no room for error. "Our first launch had been planned probably a few days beforehand," Cpt McKendrick said. "We did our first strikes on the night of March 21 and 22, 2003.

"It was pitch black; it was night. We were keeping UK time. It was dark quite early. "There was incredible concentration. It was faces in glowing screens. It's whispered orders, concentration and then that moment when the discharge system actually ejects the missile.

"I'll always remember my officer on the periscope, the communications officer. "We had seen footage of Tomahawk firing before but of course we had never done it.

"This missile leaves the water in an absolute blaze of rocket motor. There was an expletive from the officer about how bright it was as it soared away into the night.

"I do remember somewhere deep in the submarine there was a cheer as the first one left.

"The training harnesses and tempers the adrenaline but it was there. I have absolutely no doubt."

A submariner since 1983, it was the first time the then Commander would give the order to fire and the first time for his Trafalgar Class submarine.

"You feel this great thump and whoosh as the air blasts back into the submarine; it's something you can't mistake on board," he said.

"It was remarkable to an extent; to find myself after that period in the Submarine Service to actually be using the submarine's weapon system was A, remarkable and B, it was all about getting it right."

As the world's eyes were watching, the atmosphere below the waves was one of absolute concentration.

"We had been away from home for a long time," Cpt McKendrick said.

"We had trained intensively for this mission and you're very aware people are watching and the importance that your strike is conducted properly. The co-ordination is so fine, both in terms of de-confliction of these missiles as they are flying but also when and where they are to arrive – that absolute focus.

"The thing that impressed me most was these guys had been away nearly for nine months and the concentration and professionalism was absolute.

"It was all about getting it right and you perhaps think about the more profound issues afterwards.

"It was the most demanding work schedules I've ever taken part in.

"Morning, noon and night we were exercising different scenarios. In between that we were sitting down to work out how we would meet that demand.

"For me it was the satisfaction onboard after so long away in proving your worth.

"These people [the crew] had brought the submarine from the depths of Devonport Dockyard back to the Gulf and delivered – that for me was the culmination of a very long period of ops deployments. Bringing all that together is one of my abiding memories."

As the first maritime unit to return to the UK from Iraq after 300 days deployed, HMS Turbulent was given a hero's welcome as she made it back to Devonport proudly flying the Jolly Roger.

"It was a sparkling day, added Cpt McKendrick, a father of two.

"The families followed us up the harbour. It was a great day.

"The feeling of being ashore in Devonport after being away for 10 months was quite unreal.

"The crew were remarkable. The other remarkable people were the families and friends of the crew."

Project 955

A third Project 955 Borey-class nuclear-powered strategic submarine will start trials in the White Sea in June, United Shipbuilding Corporation President Andrei Dyachkov said on Monday.

The Vladimir Monomakh was floated out last December and is due to enter service in 2014.

The first Project 955 Borey-class submarine, the Yury Dolgoruky, was commissioned into the Northern Fleet in January, and the second, the Alexander Nevsky, will be handed over to the Russian Navy by the end of the year, a Navy official told RIA Novosti last Friday.

The Alexander Nevsky has been undergoing trials at the Sevmash shipyard since 2012. There will be three sea trials this year and a Bulava ballistic missile will be test-launched from the submarine in the summer, the official said.

The first three vessels in the Borey series are capable of carrying 16 Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missiles. A total of eight Borey-class submarines are to be built for the Russian Navy by 2020.



Sevmash will start construction this year of two upgraded Borey class Project 955A submarines the Alexander Suvorov and the Mikhail Kutuzov capable of carrying 20 ballistic missiles each.

Borey class submarines are to become the mainstay of the navy's strategic nuclear deterrent, replacing the ageing Project 941 (NATO Typhoon class) and Project 667 class (Delta-3 and Delta-4) boats.

Membership Fee's

A Gentle reminder for an increasing number of members to pay their subscription promptly for those who pay by cash, its supposed to have be paid by the February meeting at the latest.

For those who pay by Standing Order, check it is for £12.50 yearly and payable in December previous or January of the year its due.

Those who have not increased their payment will be asked for £5.00 to cover the 2 years you have underpaid.

For those who pay National Management Committee NMC direct by Standing Order check that you are paying your Branch subscription. NMC are not currently collecting it and returning any overpayment above their £7.50 yearly.

Better still cancel your Standing Order to NMC and make one out to the Branch for £12.50 yearly which includes your National subs and the Branch will pay on your National dues.



New Head of Royal Navy Takes Charge after a Ceremony on board HMS Victory



The 43-year Naval career of Britain's most senior sailor, First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope, concluded today as he handed over to his successor after nearly four years at the helm.

Admiral Stanhope said it had been "a privilege to serve with and an honour to lead" the Royal Navy, which is now headed by Admiral Sir George Zambellas.

HMS Astute returns to HMNB Clyde after a 150 Day deployment to the USA.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Lincoln Branch
1st March 2013
George Green
Stoker Mechanic
Aged 89
Submarine Service 1942-1947
Vox, Sceptre, H50 & Sanguine

Non Member
19th March 2013
Albert Elliot
Able Seaman
Aged 85
Submarine Service 1947
Truculent

Non Member
19th March
Derek Rochester
CPO (WEM)
Aged 74
Submarine Service including
STWG Faslane

Gatwick Branch
20th march 2013
Dennis Peel
Petty Officer (LTO)
Aged 91
Submarine Service 1941-1944
Taku & Unbroken

Gosport Branch
26th march 2013
Ken Crocker
ERA 1st Class
Aged 82
Submarine Service 1953-1969
Auriga, Astute, Springer, Totem,
Cachalot, Alliance, Auriga(2)
& Otus

SAA Victoria Branch
March 2013
Fred Delaney
Aged 93
Submarine Service WWII
L27, Satyr & Solent

Dolphin Branch
March 2013
Joe Shields MBE
CPO Coxswain
Submarine Service 1972-2007
Resolution, Odin, Osiris,
Onslaught, Walrus, Onyx,
Opposum & Sceptre

*Lord these departed shipmates
with Dolphins on their chest are
part of an outfit known as the best.
Make them welcome and take
them by the hand you'll find with-
out they are the best in the land.
So Heavenly father add their
names to the roll of our departed
shipmates still on patrol let them
know that we who survive will
always keep there memories
alive.*



HMS E1 & E2

A Memorial is to be established in Ramsden Square commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Launch of the first Australian Submarines HMAS AE1 and AE2 In 1913 - and their mixed crews of RN and RAN Submariners. AE1 was lost with all hands on 14th September 1914 - the first Submarine loss of WWI and AE2 was lost in the Sea of Marmara on 30th April 1915 having become the first Submarine to successfully complete the passage of the Dardanelles on 25th April 1915.

As you know the Memorial is being established by 'AE1 incorporated' and the 'AE1 and AE2 Descendant Families' with the assistance of the Barrow Branch.

The Memorial is to be unveiled by Admiral the Lord Boyce Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Patron of the Submariners Association in a ceremony at 1430 on Saturday 18th May 2013. He will be assisted by Lord Abinger whose ancestor Lt the Hon Leopold Scarlett was lost in AE1.

For further information please contact Terry Spurling or Tom Tribe on the provided e-mails below


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First & Last

15th April 1910 the first submarine built in Japan No.6 sank during diving trials with the loss of all hands.

The last submarine to leave Canada, SM5 was HM/S Acheron.

The last Submarine to leave Australia, SM4 was HM/S Trump 1969


March 2013
Members Birthdays

J. Dalton	01/04
A. Hookway	02/04
T. Rawbone	02/04
P. Lorking	03/04
S. Taylor	08/04
A. Anderson	10/04
R. Hiseman	12/04
A. Pitts	15/04
S. May	18/04
J. Hart	18/04
D. Dunford	19/04
D. Baker	23/04
G. Buxton	24/04
I. Winstanley	28/04
J. Houlding	29/04
M. Freeman	30/04

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News Letter

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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month ie last week of April for the May 2013 issue. Please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month**. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.



Social Calendar 2013

May

**Tuesday 14th Branch
Monthly Meeting
RBL 1930**

**Committee Meetings
on an as Required basis**



Do You Remember

**Limers
The RA in Gosport
Elephants Foot prints**



Solve the submarine wordsquare

We hope you enjoyed last month's wordsquare.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page.

This month's wordsquare is based on Barrow submarines launched in the 1980s and 1990s.

If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at bill.myers@cnmedia.co.uk

CLUES

1. TRIUMPH
2. VANGUARD
3. VICTORIOUS
4. VIGILANT
5. VENGEANCE
6. TRAFALGAR

7. TURBULENT
8. TIRELESS
9. TORBAY
10. TRENCHANT
11. UPHOLDER
12. TALENT



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



WHERE'S MY NAME? This picture shows *HMS Triumph* at Barrow in October 1991. See if you can find the 12 names of local boats in the wordsquare

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE MEMORIAL



2013 marks two important Anniversaries. These are the 100th Anniversary of the launch of the first two Submarines for Australia by Vickers, Sons & Maxims at Barrow-in-Furness and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association.

Two Submarines for the Australian Navy – AE1 and AE2 - were built in Barrow in 1912/13 and, manned by joint Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy crews, left Barrow for Australia in March 1914. Both Submarines were lost early in WWI – AE1 with all hands in September 1914 and AE2 in April 1915.

The Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association was founded at an Inaugural Meeting the original 'Bay Horse' at Hawcoat on 14th May 1963 with eighteen Founder Members.



To mark these two Anniversaries AE1 Inc. and the AE2 Memorial Groups & Descendant Families, in conjunction with the Barrow Submariners, are establishing a permanent Memorial to the two Submarines and their crews in Ramsden Square in Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday 18th May 2013.

The Memorial, in black marble with white lettering, is in the form of a Triptych detailing the AE1 Crew on the LH Panel, the AE2 Crew on the RH Panel and Spare Crew with general information on the two Submarines on the Central Panel.

The Memorial is to be unveiled by the Patron of the Submariners Association – Admiral the Lord Boyce KG, GCB, OBE, DL together with Lord Abinger – a descendant of the brother of Lieutenant the Hon. Leopold Scarlett – who was the Third Hand of AE1. The Unveiling Ceremony will be followed by a Black Tie Dinner in the evening in FORUM 28 in Barrow Town Centre – arranged by the Barrow Branch of the Submariners Association and celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

The AE1 and AE2 Memorial is being funded partly by AE1 Incorporated, the AE2 Descendant Families and contributions from other Supporters. A Community Bank Account with Barclays Bank, Richmond Branch has been opened. Donations by supporters can be made to this account. Account details are as below and donors can transfer money direct to:

Account name: AE1 and AE2 UK Memorial Fund

Account number: 43007863

Sort Code: 20 - 72 - 17

IBAN number for the account: GB44BARC20721743007863

SWIFT number: BARCGB22xxx

Cream of Vegetable Soup: Homemade soup served with parsley croutons and crusty bread roll (V)

Terrine of Chicken and Duck: Tender cubes of chicken and duck breast with a hint of port served with a Cumberland dressing and garnished with redcurrants, leeks spring onion and rocket

Melon with a Twist: Fantail of seasonal melon served with a compote of pineapple and basil, accompanied by a duo of passion fruit syrup and raspberry coulis (V)

Traditional Roast Beef: Thickly cut slices of silverside of beef served with a Yorkshire pudding and red wine jus

Italian Wrapped Chicken: Chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella and green pesto wrapped in Parma ham served with a red pimento sauce garnished crispy leeks

Poached Fillet of Salmon: Salmon fillet served creamy dill sauce (V)

Cumbrian Strudel: Spinach, red onion and Cumbrian cheddar strudel moated by a green pepper sauce

All served with fresh seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Eton Mess-Crispy meringue mixed with fresh strawberries fresh cream and fruit coulis

Sticky toffee pudding: Homemade sticky toffee pudding served with butterscotch sauce and fresh cream

Platter of local cheeses: Local cheeses served with biscuits fresh grapes and celery sticks

Freshly brewed coffee with mints

To all Diesel men – Memories!!!

Life for a D/E Boats Crew As It Use To Be Circa 1967

1. Other than hands and teeth you did not wash. Up to 12 week patrols
2. You never undressed, except footwear, to turn in your bunk or any other time
3. You never ever had more than 5.5 hours un-interrupted sleep
4. All your kit has to fit into 50cm X 40cm X 40cm locker or under your mattress
5. You “will” smell of diesel plus body odours
6. In general divided into three watches when dived. 2 hour watches 8am to 8 pm then 3 hour watches back to 8am. Four watches on the surface passage routine.
7. All rates kept watches except the Steward, two chefs, tanky and Coxswain
8. No air conditioning in hot climates
9. Little heating in cold climates
10. When surface running, a 30 knot wind, of the outside ambient temperature, will pass down the tower thru the control room and engine room. You could of course go on watch in the sound room in T shirt and jeans then surface in North Atlantic in winter and get stuck on the helm with no chance to get warm clothing until all settles down.
11. In harbour when charging the batteries the same wind will pass from the accommodation hatch to the engine room.
12. No shaving except last night of the patrol
13. In wet or rough weather on the surface vast quantities of water come into the control room some to be caught by the Elephants Trunk and Bird Bath the rest you mop up.
14. There is no place or opportunity to dry anything
15. If a visitor or very junior member of the crew you may have to sleep with a Mk8 or Mk 23 torpedo, sacks of vegetables, full gash bags and sundry other gear.
16. At what ever time you surface you will have to get up to assist in ditching gash
17. You will never be left inboard unless sick which means a pierhead jump for some other poor numpty, or the boat is day running in the lochs close to Faslane
18. Once the fifty odd crates of beer are used up by the 68 man crew, no beer.
19. Multi choice at meals, no bunhouse galley, 1. Take it, 2 Leave it, 3 Wear it
20. When snorting the air pressure inside the boat will vary from 21 inches to 30 inches normal is about 30 inches your ear drums soon become flexible and will pop in your sleep. (mine still do when I fly)
21. Your bedding will be a khaki nylon sleeping bag and pillow.
22. Foulweather and water proof clothing will be blue plastic/nylon, gortex had not been invented. Reasonably dry but sweat like a pig.
23. Heads, three traps with doors, do not shut if going deep or you will be in there until you come shallow. Old T Boats, you do not want to know.

Makes you wish you had been a Nukey Poo. NO FECK THAT FOR A GAME OF BOOTNECKS.

Blood Reed