Minutes
Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - SA.
September 1st 2026, at 19:30 at the Royal British Legion

1. **Chairman's welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all the members to the September Branch meeting.

2. **New Members:** Chris Green, Tommy Tynan, Charlie Willis, Sam Wilson, Ricardo Santana, Connor Lynec, Max Smith, Alex Bagnel, Kirsty Middleton

3. **Visitors:**

4. **Apologies**:

   Members: Steve May, Alex Webb, Tony Griffiths, Malcolm Hogg

   Associate Members: Ralph Wilson

5. **Attendees:**

   Members: as per list.

   Associate Members: as per list.

6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the August 2026 Newsletter.** (Secretary to read out)

   Please show your respect during the Crossed the Bar report by not talking and staying seated, thank you.

SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED IN AUGUST 2026 (Information from all available sources)

Reported Via	Date CTB	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Email from Gemma Goodlad	15th September 2014	Laurance Junior Goodlad	Leading Seaman (Sonar)	TBA	57	Submarine Service in CACHALOT, OPPORTUNE, ONYX, FINWHALE, OPOSSUM & DOLPHIN from July 1988
We Remember Submariners	11th July 2026	Alfred (Alfie) Pink	Petty Officer Electrician	TBA	88	Submarine Service in P331/TRENCHANT, DREADNOUGHT (1963 to 1968?), OBERON & CACHALOT
Submarines Association of Canada	23rd July 2026	Kevin D Brown	Petty Officer	RCN	55	Submarine Service in ONONDAGA, VICTORIA & CORNER BROOK
Norfolk Branch Member No. 6889	1st August 2026	John A Carty	Petty Officer (MA) (SM)	D158884Y	69	Submarine Service from August 1980 to 7th October 1994 in REPULSE (S) (August 1981 to December 1982), REVENGE (P) (July 1983 to September 1986), RESOLUTION (P) (August 1987 to March 1990) & SCEPTRE (September 1991 to November 1993
Submarines Association of Canada	2nd August 2026	Robert Peter Oakley Eveleigh	Petty Officer 1st Class (Sonarman)	RCN 33143-E		Submarine Service from 19th June 1957 to November 1964 in DOLPHIN (19th June 1957 to 2nd October 1957), TACTICIAN (3rd October 1957 to 20th October 1957), TRESPASSER (21st October 1957 to 3rd March 1958), PORPOISE (4th March 1958 to 22nd March 1961), DOLPHIN (22nd March 1961 to 13th March 1962), CACHALOT (13th March 1962 to 31st May 1962) & TOKEN (1st June 1962 to 30th November 1964) Returned to RCN 19th December 1964 in RAINBOW (1st June 1970 to December 1974) Also served in HMCS GATINEAU in 1983 as the Ship's Training Chief
Dolphin Branch Member No.4030	5th August 2026	Derek W Vincent	Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineering Mechanic	P/KX 891234	94	May 1952 to July 1973 in ANCHORITE (1953 to 1955), TACITURN (1955 to 1956), SANGUINE (1956 to 1958), TALENT (1958 to 1960), ALCIDE (1961 to 1963), AURIGA (5th April 1965 & on 'Commissioning' at Devonport on 7th October 1965) & ONSLAUGHT (1968 to 1969)

Barrow Branch Member No. 7060	6th August 2026	Alan John 'Spider' Webb	Radio Supervisor (SM)	D195402R	73	Submarine Service from 1976 to August 1992 in RENOWN (P) 1971 to 1986), SOVEREIGN, CONQUEROR & TORBAY. Also served in COCHRANE, NEPTUNE, WARRIOR & MERCURY General Service in BULWARK (1969 to 1971) & ANDROMEDA (1971 to 1972)
We Remember Submariners	13th August 2026	Peter 'Ali' Potts	Able Seaman (UC)	D191084W	TBA	Submarine Service from 1968 to 1972 in RESOLUTION (P) & 2nd Commission Crew on 10th July 1971 Died 13th August 2026
Vectis Branch Member No. 3944	18th/19th August 2026	Edward R 'Ted' Summerscales	Ordnance Artificer 1st Class	P/MX 888058	90	Submarine Service from March 1970 to January 1976 in CONQUEROR
Friend of SM Museum	August 2026	Peter John Linstead-Smith OBE	Commander (I) (SM) (METOC)	TBA	TBA	Submarine Service including NEPTUNE, FOSM/STWG, MoD London & 2SL Staff

As a mark of respect to our Branch Member Alan John (Spider) Webb who Crossed the Bar on the 6th of August.

Please be upstanding if you are able for a two-minute silence.

7. Minutes of the August 2026 meeting: Proposed: Ian Clark

Seconded: Bob Hagen

8. Matters arising from the August Branch Meeting: None

9. Secretary Report: Julian Talks

Hello all,

The King's Portrait has now been purchased and has arrived at my door, all the way from America. We have asked Warrant Officer Jim Wright if he could arrange the installation of the portrait and fit of a suitable drape ready for the unveiling ceremony, which will take place during the SM125 Event on the 3rd of October.

On the 30th of August, a few members of the Branch attended the Civic Sunday event with the Mayor of Barrow. Thank you to those who attended, and I hope you enjoyed the Band concert with tea and stickies.

On Thursday the 3rd of September we have 'Merchant Seaman's Day', this year it will be held in the Town Hall at 10:30am, all are welcome to attend. There will be a short service followed by some poems read by the Mayor of Barrow and Bill McEwan.

On Sunday the 20th of September we have the Battle of Britain celebrations, please come along to support our friends in RAFA at this great event. There will be entertainment in the afternoon along with Pie and Peas in the Legion. Please see the poster in the newsletter.

On Saturday the 3rd of October we have our 'Big Day Out' This is the SM125 Event where Veteran Submariners, Serving Submariners, Associate Members, Morecambe Branch Members, Military Veterans, the Royal Australian Navy, Submarine Builders (including the AUKUS team), Town Councillors, Sea Cadets and the people of Barrow can come along to celebrate 125 years of Submarine History.

The invitations have been sent to all our Branch Members and other Branches. Thank you to those members that have let me know they are coming but to those who are still deciding, please make sure you RSVP by the 18th of September. Numbers are limited for the band concert and refreshments in the Town Hall, followed by entertainment and refreshments at the Legion. Please see a copy of the invitation and program of events in the newsletter.

We have received an invitation from the Secretary of the Morecambe Bay Branch.

The MBSA is holding a Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Morecambe Golf Club on Saturday 17 October 2026 starting at 1900 for 1930. I have attached the menu for your information and to aid your decision making.
The Chairman, President, and Members of the MBSA would like to invite your members to attend our Trafalgar Night Dinner. The cost of the dinner will be £50.00 and includes a 3-course dinner with wine, as well as the Traditional Tot at the start of the meal and the Port on completion of the dinner. The Guest of honour is Rear Admiral Tim Chittenden, a submarine nuclear engineer, and latterly the Lifeboat Operations Manager of the Workington Lifeboat Station. As last year the dinner will be stag.
I look forward to hearing from you in due course, should you have anyone interested in attending.

The Barrow Sea Cadets will be hosting their Trafalgar Ball on the 23rd of October at the Golf Club in Barrow. Invitations have been sent out, and I have some printed copies for anyone who would like to attend but cannot print the invitation. It is £45 per head, and all proceeds will go to Barrow Sea Cadets so I am sure we will all agree that it is a very good local cause for our branch to support.

10. Social Secretary's Report. Alex Webb

Hi Everybody

August another very quiet month on the social side due to it being the holiday season and everyone is working on their tans. So what's coming up?
Saturday 12th September is our Ladies Afternoon Tea. I am after a couple of volunteers to help drive these ladies around.
Saturday 19th September is our DTS in the West Shore Club.
The Members' draw was not won in August and, given I won't be at the September meeting it will stand at £25 for the October meeting.

Yours Aye Alex

Barrow Submariners Association Social Planner 2026 (Mod 3)

Date	Day	Event	Venue
		September	
12th	Sat	Ladies Afternoon Tea	Townhouse
19th	Sat	DTS West Shore Club	Walney
20th	Sun	Battle of Britain Parade	Barrow
		October	
15th	Thur	Jan's Birthday & 50th RN Anniversary	Hope & Anchor (Ulv)
23rd	Fri	Trafalgar Night	Fairfield
		November	
8th - 10th	W/E	Remembrance Parades	Barrow
		December	
18th	Fri	Christmas Party	Legion
27th	Sun	DTS Seaweed Corner	Walney

NOTES

1. Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month at 7:30pm
2. Meetings include: Rum Issue, Scratchcard, Members Draw & Snacks.
3. Prices of Events & Dress Code TBC.
4. Quiz Nights TBC Prior to Event.

Stand Easy …….

11. Treasurer's Report: Richard Cambridge reported the accounts, Cash £271.97, Business £7239.02, Savings £4634.61.

12. Website Managers Report: Ian Clark reported that the website had been updated.

13. **Newsletter Editor's Report**: Barrie Downer reported that the Newsletters has been posted to the postal members and is also on the website.

14. **Welfare & Sick Call:**

15. **AOB:**

- The Chairman showed the members a selection of coins that could be purchased, Spoof Coin £15, SM125 Coin £15, HMS Dreadnought £12.50, also a choice of HMS Dreadnought caps for £18 and £15.
- Jake reported that the AE1&AE2 Memorial flagpole footings would be completed on Thursday the 9th of September and the flagpoles would be installed on Friday the 10th, all ready for the Battle of Britain on Sunday the 20th.

16. The date of the Next Branch Meeting is Tuesday 6th of October 2026

17. **Meeting Shut at** 20:05