



Agenda

Branch Meeting of the Barrow in Furness Branch - SA. October 6th 2026, at 19:30 at the Royal British Legion

1. **Chairman's welcome:** Chairman welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Barrow Branch of the Submariners Association. Advised members that Steve May would act as Secretary in Jules absence.
2. **New Members:**

Tom Wilson
Ross Leedham
Christine Byrne
3. **Visitors:** Nil
4. **Apologies:**

Members: Jules Talks, Jim Wright,

Associate Members:
5. **Attendees:**

Members: as per list.

Associate Members: as per list.
6. **Crossed the Bar reported since the issue of the September 2026 Newsletter.** Chairman reminded all to show respect during the crossed the bar report by not talking and remaining seated.

Steve May read out. One addition to the attached list at the last minute from Lee Marshall – LWEM(O) Daryl "Paddy" Upritchard on the 1st October 2026 – Served on Upholder and Valiant.

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

Reported Via	Date CTB	Name	Rank/Rating	Official No.	Age	Submarine Service
Dolphin Facebook & We Remember Submariners	8 th June 2026	Tom Cornwell	Chief Petty Officer MEA (ML) (SM)	D053246G	82	Submarine Service in DOLPHIN, TOKEN (7 th Jan 1964 to 3 rd Jun 1964), OBERON (4 th Jun 1964 to 7 th Sep1966), REPULSE (P) (at 1 st Jun 1967 & 1 st Commission Crew on 28th Sep 1968 to 11 th Feb 1970) & from 1 st Jul 1974 to 22 nd Jun 1975), RESOLUTION (P) (7 th Feb 1976 on recommissioning at Rosyth on 27th Nov 1976 to 25 th Jun 1978), ORPHEUS (6 th Dec 1978 to 2 nd Jun 1980), PORPOISE (2 nd May 1981 to 30 th Nov 1981) & OSIRIS (2 nd Apr 1984 to 13 th Oct 1985)
Gosport Branch Member No. 7159	26 th August 2026	Brian E Lester	Warrant Officer WEA (SM)	M965141	85	Submarine Service in ASTUTE (1968 to 1969), ARTFUL (1969) & OPPORTUNE (1973 & 1974) Also served on FOSM Staff & in London
Bath Branch Member No. 6608	28th August 2026	Paul Jermy	Leading Cook	D107686W	75	Submarine Service from May 1968 to Jun 1982 in VALIANT (1972 to 1974), ORACLE (1975 to 1977), GRAMPUS (1977 to 1977, ODIN (1978 to 1979) & OTUS (1981 to 1981)
We Remember Submariners	28 th August 2026	Richard H Perkins	Writer	30029706	41	Submarine Service from 22nd Jul 2007 to 27th Jul 2016 in VANGUARD (P) (2008), ASTUTE (2009 & on commissioning at Faslane on 27th Aug 2010 to 2012) & ARTFUL (2014 & on Commissioning on 18th Mar 2016) Later served as Lieutenant (I) RNR
Gosport Branch Member No. 4569 & We Remember Submariners	28 th August 2026	Brian Strong BEM	Able Seaman	P/J932899	89	Submarine Service from 1962 to 1967 in ORPHEUS
We Remember Submariners	31 st August 2026	William (Bill) (Smudge) Smith	Able Seaman	D221482U	60	Submarine Service to 2011 in ??
Northern Ireland Branch Member No. 2459	1 st September 2026	Michael J Beach	Leading Marine Engineering Mechanic	P1071159	80	Submarine Service from Jun 1964 to Jul 1973 in TRUNCHEON, ALARIC, ASTUTE & ORPHEUS

Friend of the Submarine Museum	8 th September 202	David Maxwell Perfect	Commander (X) (SM)	Not Reported	77	Submarine Service in DOLPHIN (1973), COURAGEOUS (1973 to 1975), REPULSE (1976), CONQUEROR 1977 to 1978), OPPORTUNE (IL 1979), NEPTUNE 1980 (COQC No. 2/80A), TRAFALGAR (IL 1982 & on Commissioning on 27 th May 1983 to 1985), OSIRIS (CO 1986), SCEPTRE (CO 1987 to 1989, NEPTUNE COCOQC 1990 to 1991) & FOSM Staff (1994 to 1995) Also served in BULWARK (Spring 1970 NL)
Submarines Association of Australia	12 th September 2026	Donald Francis Webb	Commander (X) (SM) RAN	Not reported	78	Submarine Service from August 1972 in DOLPHIN, ONSLOW, OTAMA, COQC No. 1/81A, OTAMA (CO 1981) & OKANAGAN (CO)
Submarines Association of Canada	13 th September 2026	James Sinclair Feener	Chief Petty Officer Sonar Technician	Not reported	90	Submarine Service from Dec 1964 to Nov 1975 in DOLPHIN, CACHALOT (Apr 1965 to Aug 1965), DOLPHIN, ONONDAGA (Jun 1966 to Apr 1967), STADACONA, ONONDAGA (May 1968 to Aug 1972) & SUBRON 1 (Aug 1972 to Nov 1975)
We Remember Submariners	14 th September 2026	Colin George (Florrie) Ford	Leading Marine Engineering Mechanic	Not reported	75	Submarine Service including SPARTAN & SCEPTRE
Submarines Association of Canada	15 th September 2026	Lloyd Blagdon	Chief Petty Officer 1	Not Reported	81	Submarine Service in OJIBWA (Aug 1966), OKANAGAN (on commissioning on 22 nd Jun 1968 to Jan 1970), OKANAGAN (Jul 1970 to Apr 1976), Subron 1 (Apr 1976 to Jul 1977), ONONDAGA (July 1977 to Oct 1980) & SUBRON 1 (Jan 1986 to Dec 1988)
Dolphin Branch Member No. 3416	22 nd September 2026 aged 103	Alex Alfred (Alex) Maxim	Able Seaman (LR2)	P/SSX 36211	103	Submarine Service from 9 th Oct 1942 to 23 rd Aug 1948 in DOLPHIN (9 th Oct 1942 to 26 th Oct 1942), CYCLOPS, H28, P316/TEMPLAR (8 th Jan 1943 to 29 th Jun 1948) & DOLPHIN Recalled for RFR from 17 th May 1951 to 11 th Oct 1952 in MAIDSTONE, SCYTHIAN (17 th May 1951 to 29 th Jul 1952), RNH (30 th Jul 1952 to 19 th Aug 1952) & DOLPHIN

7. Minutes of the September 2026 meeting: Proposed: Les Hambling

Seconded: Bob Hagan

8. Matters arising from the Septembers Branch Meeting: None

9. Secretary Report: Julian Talks

Hi Everybody,

The King's Portrait, as you can see is where it should be, pride of place on our wall (Cheers fill the room), it was installed by Warrant Officer Jim Wright and his team and the unveiling ceremony was performed by our Branch President Barrie Downer at our SM125 celebrations on Saturday the 3rd of October, there are some great photo's of this occasion to put in the November Newsletter.

While we are on the SM125 theme, I would like to apologise for not being here to do my own speech, so thank you very much for standing in. I would also like to thank everyone who made the 125th Anniversary Event a day to remember for our Branch, the Building Crews, and the Royal Port of Barrow. Special thanks go to our Chairman Steve McKay for his amazing speech at the Town Hall Parade and our Social Sec Alex for organising an excellent party in this very room for everyone to let their hair down after standing on parade for so long. I have also sent thanks on behalf of the Branch to our King's representative Colonel Chris Sanderson the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, our very good friends from the Morecambe Bay Branch, the Reverend Chris Lamb, Lesley and her teams at the Town Hall, Maggie at BAE Systems for arranging funding and support, the fabulous Scarborough Sea Cadets Band, the totally professional Parade Commander Logan O'Brien, the Barrow Sea Cadets, and lastly our talented singer Jo Farrow. This just leaves me with one question, has anyone straightened the Dolphin's yet?

In other news....

On the 30th of August, the Branch was invited to celebrate Civic Sunday with the Mayor of Barrow. The event started with a short march from the Town Hall to St. Georg's church for a Service. After returning to Barrow Town Hall, we enjoyed being entertained by the Just in Time Dance Band from South Cumbria while we tucked into the Tea and Stickies. Thank you to the 11 Branch Members who attended to support this event.

On Tuesday the 3rd of September we attended the Merchant Seaman's Day' at the Town Hall. There was a short service followed by some maritime poems read by the Mayor of Barrow and Bill McEwan.

On Sunday the 20th of September it was the Battle of Britain Parade with celebrations afterwards at the Legion. Thank you to those who attended in support our friends in RAFA at this great event. It's plain to see from the photos that you all had a great time at this event.

And finally, a reminder of the Trafalgar Night Dinners that the Branch have been invited to, there are three in total.

1. 17th October – Morecambe Bay at the Morecambe Golf Club £50 Stag
Contact Barrow Branch Secretary
2. 21st October – Barrow Submarine Crews at the Town Hall - £35 Stag
Contact Cdr Ed Higgins (via Barrow Branch Secretary)
3. 23rd October – Barrow Sea Cadets at the Golf Club - £45 Partners Welcome
Contact Barrow Branch Secretary for an application form

Late addition: Brisbane Park Infants School – Scarecrow Festival to celebrate SM125 – 1430hrs, 7th October 2026 (tomorrow)

Any Members wishing to attend any of these events who have not already made contact, please do so soon to avoid disappointment.

Thank you

Jules

10. Social Secretary's Report. Alex Webb

Hi Chairman Ladies & Gentlemen,

September over and we are starting to get a little busier after the summer break. First up we had 'our ladies' afternoon tea. 15 beautiful ladies turned up at the Town house and were fed and watered by the branch. Thanks to all my supporters for this - Jan, Kath & Nikki as hosts- looking after the girls and Bob, Peter, Steve May as drivers ferrying them back and forth. A great day was had by all. Unfortunately, one of our ladies, Eileen, couldn't make it due to not being so well. So we took Eileen a bunch of flowers and chocolates around to cheer her up. Eileen says thanks to you all.

Then we had our DTS at the West Shore Club over on Walney, another great afternoon doing silly things, laughing and blowing the froth off a couple. Obviously, there was a rum toast or two and pie and peas to help soak it all up. Thanks to Peter Lamb for the second bottle of rum, who generously gave his winnings from the Hope and Anchor the previous Thursday, so we used it to toast the Battle of Britain peeps we sadly lost.

That leads very nicely into the Battle of Britain parade which, albeit a bit windy, was a dry and very good service. Followed by the obligatory run to the Legion to blow the froth off a couple, down rum or two and be treated to pie and peas from the RAFA.

So what's coming up?

Big day on Saturday 3rd with our 125th Anniversary celebrations, I will leave it there because this is a joint effort and I wouldn't be surprised if it is mentioned once or twice.

On the 15th of October we are having a social fund pay back at the legion, a drop of rum and chip butties for those who want to attend. Also, it marks my 50th anniversary of joining the Royal Navy and Jan's birthday; purely coincidental!!!!

Then on the 23rd we have Trafalgar night at the golf club courtesy of the Barrow Sea Cadets. If you haven't booked this yet then you may need to pull your finger out; done strictly through the Sea Cadet Unit on Barrow Island.

The members' draw was not won in August or September so stands at £25 for the meeting, big eats isn't completely decided yet but I wouldn't be surprised it was burger or hotdogs. As I always say it isn't cheap to put food on and I won't charge for it but a donation would be greatly appreciated to help keep my head above water.

As always I shall be around with scratch cards at £2 a go with the chance of winning £30, so dig deep.

Yours Aye

Alex

Stand Easy

11. Treasurer's Report: Richard Cambridge

Cash - £328.27
Business Acc - £5654.86
Savings Acc - £4646.74

12. Website Managers Report: Ian Clark – Website Updated

13. Newsletter Editor's Report: Barrie Downer – Newsletter now on the website and currently working on "In Depth Newsletter".

13. Welfare & Sick Call: Ralph Wilson (Associate Member) had operation on his eye.
Cliff Shipton – Now at Home in the care of his wife Sue but also has Carers and Physio attending daily.

14. AOB:

- i) Barrie had received an email from Morcambe Bay Branch thanking everyone for the SM125 celebrations the previous Saturday.
- ii) Barrie also stated that the National Memorial Arboretum had now changed its name to Royal British Legion National Remembrance Gardens.
- iii) Jake thanked Graham Croud, Des Murphy & Claire Nolan for their assistance with AE1/AE2 Memorial work including getting the Flagpoles in place and with pictures.
- iv) Steve May mentioned that in the absence of the Secretary he had received shortly prior to the meeting a PowerPoint from the SAC regarding a timeline of actions to achieving Charitable Status. It was decided that there will be a committee meeting to discuss this in detail as it had not been read properly at the time of the meeting and on completion of committee meeting the PowerPoint to be distributed to all members to view prior to the next monthly branch meeting so it can be discussed properly by all members.
- v) Those who are members of the British Legion were reminded that the British Legion Barrow will be holding their AGM on Tuesday, 13th October 2026 at 1900hrs in the Concert Hall and are hoping to recruit some additional committee members at the meeting.
- vi) Steve May reminded all that the Military Vs Cancer Christmas Ball will be held in Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle on the 5th December 2026. Flyers were also placed on the tables.

16. The date of the Next Branch Meeting is Tuesday 3rd of November 2026

17. Meeting Shut at 2010hrs

18. Up Spirits & Loyal Toast: The President