

#### SUBMARINES ONCE ..

# A Day for Celebration

by Greg Williamson

John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Obliviously John Adams didn't understand the Congressional red tape because the Declaration of Independence wasn't signed until July 4<sup>th</sup> but his statement to his beloved wife is has never been so true. This is a time of the year that all Americans take the time to celebrate with picnics, fireworks, games and bonfires to show the pride that we demanded our freedom and fought so hard to separate ourselves from the Kingdom of Great Britain and start a new nation. It is up to this generation now to uphold those same convictions that our forefathers envisioned when they laid the foundation for this great country. So enjoy the nations birthday as John Adams so passionately described because we are all part of keeping our freedom safe.



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The Shark, which was first launched in 1911, disappeared in 1915 at the height of World War I. It was carrying a crew of 35 at the time, whose fate has since remained unknown.

A vessel matching the Shark's description has been found at the bottom of the Baltic Sea by divers from the company Technical Diving Estonia, Delfi.ee reported.

The submarine's nose was torn by a blast, probably from a mine, the website said Wednesday, citing company representatives.

The divers were not immediately able to enter the submarine because of its diminutive size,



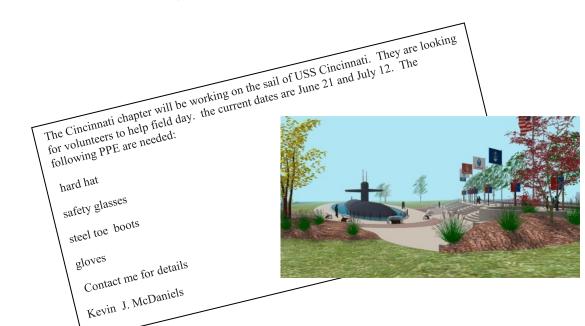
the report said. Sailors had to be shorter than 160 centimeters in order to qualify for a position aboard the Shark.

The submarine is unlikely to survive an attempt to bring it to the surface, but divers will mount a closer examination to confirm it is indeed the Shark.

The Russian Navy has been using submarines since the late 19th century, but initially only used them for coastal defense. The diesel-electric Shark broke the paradigm, having been the first Russian submarine to pull off a torpedo attack against an enemy ship.

#### USSVI HISTORY

A CARD WRITTEN BY JOE NEGRI, A USS TAUTOG SS-199 CREWMEMBER AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF USSVI, IS DISPLAYED AT THE USSVI GROTON BASE.IMAGE AND TEXT FROM P. WAYNE ELLIS (TAUTOG)



#### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bud White Jr,- July 4 Keith May- July 14 Little Bit Adams- July 23 Jim Shipp- July 27



Jeffersonville Freedom Parade Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (a) 11am on spring street from Riverside to 7<sup>th</sup>. Come out and ride or walk in the parade.



#### Pompano Memorial Service

Saturday, Aug 9th @10am. We will have the picnic area reserved after the services. This will be a great time so come out for the day and let's have a great turnout.



## JULY LOST BOATS

#### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting

training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

#### USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd

war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan.

Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese.

Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

#### USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

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