

USS Diodon (SS-349) Decommissioning Photo taken 15 January, 1971, Mare Island, Vallejo CA



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Subject: Names

I will try to list these for you. Some may be questionable due to my own poor handwriting and failing memory...

3rd (Top) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:

Wall, Arnold (CO), Elam, Poag, Runyan, HMC Fleming, Butch Koenig, "Rat" Andrezik, Dow, UNK,UNK,UNK, Brown, Werner

2nd (Middle) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:

Chipchak, Johns, Anderson, Zucherro, Hand, Getts, Baxter, MacArthur, Malone, Vickroy, Andrews, Whitehead, Cooke.

1st Bottom) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:

Biascan, Inosanto, Bob Stanley, Ken Jones, Isle, Wasmuth, Baker, Tate, Helwig, Palmer, Levander, Weber, Salter.

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Left Most cut

3rd (Top) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Wall, Arnold (CO), Elam, Poag, Runyan, HMC Fleming, Butch Koenig, "Rat" Andrezik

2nd (Middle) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Chipchak, Johns, Anderson, Zucherro, Hand, Getts, Baxter

1st (Bottom) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Biascan, Inosanto, Bob Stanley, Ken Jones, Isle

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Mid-way cut

3rd (Top) ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: "Rat" Andrezik, Dow, UNK, UNK, UNK, Brown, Werner

2nd (Middle) ROW: Baxter, MacArthur, Malone, Vickroy, Andrews

1st (Bottom) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Isle, Wasmuth, Baker, Tate, Helwig.

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Right most cut.

TM2(SS) Walt (Wally) Levander is 2nd from left, kneeling. He was with me, your webmaster, in Tubes Aft, 1967 & 1968

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2nd (Middle) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Baxter, MacArthur, Malone, Vickroy, Andrews, Whitehead, Cooke.

1st Bottom) ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Palmer, Levander, Weber, Salter.

Decommissioning Crew, 15 January 1971

OFFICERS

- **Commander T. F. ARNOLD, Commanding Officer**
 - **Lieutenant Commander R. F. CHIPCHAK,
Executive/Navigation Officer**
 - **Lieutenant R. A. SCOTT, Communications Officer**
 - **Lieutenant R. C. WHITEHEAD, Engineering Officer**
 - **Lieutenant R. A. COOKE, Operations Officer**
 - **Lieutenant (junior grade) L. L. WALL, Weapons Officer**
 - **Lieutenant (junior grade) N. F. SNYDER, Supply Officer**
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CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

- **Senior Chief Engineman E. B. ENLUND,
Chief of the Boat**
 - **Senior Chief Electronics Technician T. E. RUNYAN**
 - **Senior Chief Electrician J. A. ANDREZIK**
 - **Chief Electrician G. H. KOENIG**
 - **Chief Torpedoman L. R. DOW, Jr.**
 - **Chief Hospital Corpsman C. E. FLEMING**
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CREW

- **ANDERSON, E. A. CSSA**
- **ANDRADE, B. D. FN (SS)**
- **ANDREWS, R. B. RM2(SS)**
- **BAKER, R. W. TA**
- **BAXTER, H. L. FTG1(SS)**
- **BIASCAN, A. E. TN (SS)**
- **BOSWELL, D. L. TM3(SS)**
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- **BURDEN, R. F. MM3(SS)**
- **ELAM, L. W. QM2(SS)**
- **GETTS, E. C. ENI(SS)**
- **GOODWIN, J. L. EM3(SS)**
- **GRIGER, J. M. MM2(SS)**
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- **HELWIG, G. L. IC2(SS)**
- **INOSANTO, P. I. SD1(SS)**

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- ISLE, W. L. EM2(SS)**
- JOHNS, R. L. TM1(SS)**
- JOHNSON, R. S. YN3(SS)**
- JONES, K. G. EM1(SS)**
- LEVANDER, W. G. TM2(SS)**
- MALONE, C. W. ETN2(SS)**
- McCARTHY, J. W. MM3(SS)**
- NEWTON, D. K. EM3(SS)**
- PALMER, D. E. MM2(SS)**
- PHILLIPS, A. R. QM2(SS)**
- PLAGMANN, R. A. TM3(SS)**
- POAG, J. A. RM2 (SS)**
- ROYALTEY, S. RM3**
- RUSICH, F. J., Jr. EN3(SS)**
- SALTER, R. A. SKI (SS)**
- SMITH, B. C. RMSN**
- STANLEY, R. A. CS2(SS)**
- STONEY, M. J. TM3(SS)**

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- TATE, J. J. EM2(SS)**
- THOMPSON, L. E. ETR2(SS)**
- VICKROY, R. A. IC2(SS)**
- VOELKEL, T. E., Jr. FN(SS)**
- WASMUTH, C. D. EN2(SS)**
- WEBER, W. A. FN(SS)**
- WERNER, T. R. STS3(SS)**
- WHITEHEAD, P. E. TM3(SS)**
- WOOD, T. J. QM3(SS)**
- WORLEY, T. L. FN**
- ZUCHERO, W. J. TM2(SS)**

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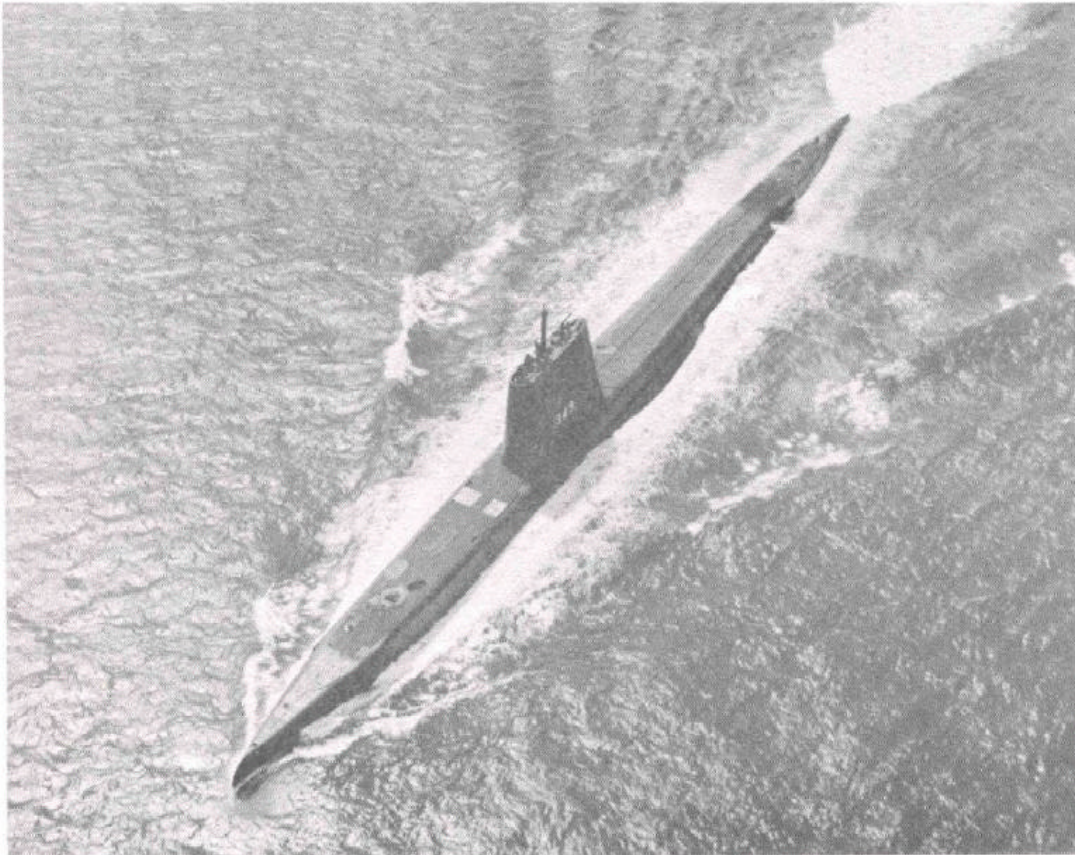
Class: Balao Variant: Perch;
Built at: EB, Groton, CT
Laid Down: 1-Jun-44
Launched: 10-Sep-45
Sponsor: Mrs. Genevieve Cullinane
Commissioned: 18-Mar-46
First CO: Lcdr. James M. Hingson
Decommissioned: 15-Jan-71
Strike Date: 15-Jan-71
Final Disposition: Sold for scrapping 12-May-72 to Nicolai Joffe Corp., Beverly Hills, CA
for \$106,378.

Remarks:

Guppy II Conversion: four 126-cell Guppy Batteries; aux. engines removed; motor and reduction gear replaced with 2 direct drive motors of 2700 HP each. First submarine to be taken up in the marine railway at New London. Boat made 2 patrols during the Korean Conflict.

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DECOMMISSIONING



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SHIP'S HISTORY

DIODON was built by the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut. Her keel was laid on 1 June 1944, and she was launched on 10 September 1945. On 18 March she was placed in commission by her first commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander J. M. HINGSON, U. S. N. On 22 March 1946 she submerged for the first time. Now, after 6616 dives, she is being decommissioned.

After a series of training and shakedown cruises DIODON was transferred to the Pacific Fleet in June 1946, via the Panama Canal. Her new port was San Diego, California, a place she has called home to this date. In her new port she became a member of Submarine Squadron SEVEN. DIODON's home yard was Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. Approximately every two years she returned to her homeyard or San Francisco Naval Shipyard, at Hunter's Point in San Francisco for overhaul.

In August 1947 DIODON's overhaul was in the form of an extensive conversion, to a Guppy type submarine. This conversion consisted primarily of the addition of high capacity batteries, a snorkel breathing tube, and streamlining the hull and superstructure.

In 1949 DIODON became a member of Submarine Squadron FIVE. While in that squadron, DIODON rescued six aviators who crashed off Guam in training exercises. She received the battle efficiency "E" in 1950 and again in 1961. Also in 1961 she was selected from among all submarines in the Pacific to receive the Majorie Sterret Battleship award. In 1962 and 1963 DIODON was awarded the fire control efficiency "E". In 1969, off San Clemente Island, SEALAB III was flooding and unable to surface. DIODON rendered assistance by using her air banks to pressurize SEALAB III and allow her to surface. In that same year DIODON transferred to Submarine Squadron THREE where she remained until decommissioned.

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DIODON has participated in many major Pacific Fleet exercises. In addition to conducting local operations and training in the Southern California waters, DIODON has operated all along the North American coast and in the Western Pacific. While in the Eastern Pacific, and in transit from the Atlantic, DIODON visited such ports as: Bermuda, Bahia, Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, Nome, Kodiak, Dut Harbor, Seward, Juneau, Adak, Seattle, Tacoma, Port Angeles, Billingham, Victoria British Columbia, and Long Beach. While deployed, DIODON visited Pearl Harbor, Yokosuka, Sasebo, and Nagasaki, Japan, Buckner Bay Okinawa, Hong Kong, Guam, Subic Bay, Republic of the Phillipines, Brisbane, Australia, Keelung and Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and Pusan, Korea. After twenty-five years of service, DIODON is being stricken from the naval registry in her final port of call, Vallejo, California.



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LEVANDER, W. G.	TM2(SS)	WORLEY, T. L.	FN
MALONE, C. W.	ETN2(SS)	ZUCHERO, W. J.	TM2(SS)
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PROGRAM

Music by 12th Naval District Band

National Anthem

INVOCATION
Chaplain KLAPPS

REMARKS
CAPT E. O. PROCTOR, USN
COMSUBGRU SFRAN BAY AREA

REMARKS AND READING OF
DECOMMISSIONING ORDERS
CDR T. F. ARNOLD, USN
Commanding Officer

Lower Colors and Commission Pennant

Crew March Off

BENEDICTION
Chaplain KLAPPS

MUSIC

Guests are cordially invited for refreshments in
Commander Sbnmarine Group, San Francisco, Wardroom
Building 459, Mare Island