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(4) Sailing List for USS HOUSTON (SSN 713)

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MISSION OF THE COMMAND

USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) is a Los Angeles class fast attack submarine assigned to Submarine Squadron ELEVEN based in San Diego, California. HOUSTON's peacetime mission is to develop proficiency through training to fully employ all of the capabilities of a attack submarine.

USS HOUSTON COMMAND HISTORY
1989

During the Calendar Year 1989, USS HOUSTON (SSN 713), homeported in San Diego, California, maintained a high level of operational readiness, along with undergoing several difficult pre-DMP upkeeps. USS HOUSTON also took part in several operations in support COMTHIRDFLT.

1. **COMMAND ORGANIZATION:**

COMMANDING OFFICER	JAN89-MAR89	CDR A. J. DIONIZIO, JR., USN
	MAR89-DEC89	CDR J. H. SOHL, III, USN
	DEC89	CDR S. R. SZEMBORSKI, USN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LCDR J. M. WILLY, USN
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CHIEF OF THE BOAT	STCM(SS) D. WILLIAMS, USN
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2. **IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:**

COMSUBRON ELEVEN	CAPT O. D. SCARBOROUGH III
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3. **COMMAND HISTORY**

JANUARY USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) returned from a six month deployment to the western Pacific. HOUSTON conducted a short standdown and commenced a IMA upkeep with USS MCKEE (AS 41)

FEBRUARY The USS HOUSTON continued with upkeep. The prospective Commanding Officer, CDR J. H. SOHL III reported and HOUSTON conducted operations in the Southern California Operations Area to support Change of Command.

MARCH On 1 March Commander J. H. Sohl, III, relieved CDR A. J. Dionizio as Commanding Officer. Ship continued local operations in Southern California Operations Area.

APRIL USS HOUSTON participated in local operations in the Southern California Operating Areas and the Puget Sound Operating Areas.

MAY - From May until June USS HOUSTON participated in the JUNE filming of the Paramount movie "Hunt for the Red October" in Puget Sound off the coast of Port Angeles, Washington and off the coast of Los Angeles, California. HOUSTON completed a Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of EXCELLENT in May and completed an outstanding Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection in June.

JULY HOUSTON conducted a pre-deployment upkeep and certification for a deployment to the northern Pacific.

AUGUST - HOUSTON conducted an extremely successful deployment to
SEPTEMBER the northern Pacific. For a portion of this deployment HOUSTON was awarded a Navy Unit Citation. (The ship's first award)

SEPTEMBER On return from deployment USS HOUSTON conducted a underway Submarine Indoctrination course for the Secretary of the Navy's Guests. In late September HOUSTON participated in PACEX 89 and due to its high state of operational readiness HOUSTON was the first Squadron ELEVEN submarine out of port for PACEX 89.

OCTOBER HOUSTON conducted a difficult pre-shipyard arrival upkeep and inspection period in San Diego, California. During this month all ship's systems were inspected and repairs initiated.

NOVEMBER HOUSTON conducted a CNO special operation in conjunction with John Hopkins University in the eastern pacific.

DECEMBER USS HOUSTON passed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation conduct by Submarine Group Five in the Southern California Operations Areas. On 8 December 1989 CDR J. H. Sohl, III was relieved of command by CDR S. R. Szemborski, USN.