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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for USS DOLPHIN (AGSS-555) in accordance with reference (a) for calendar year 1985.

  
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USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555)

Ship's Historical Narrative (1985)

January

The new year found the ship heavily involved in a restricted availability to replace of the Main Storage Battery and to complete much needed repairs.

February

Following completion of the battery replacement and the follow-on sea trials, a week of at sea type training culminated by a highly successful dependent's cruise was conducted. Two days were utilized for the dependent's cruise to accomodate everyone.

March

On 1 March, Commander Robert H. Paleck, USN relieved Commander Gerald P. Hudson, USN as Commanding Officer at ceremonies on pier ALPHA at the Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego. Guest speaker was Captain J. H. Maurer, USN, Commander Submarine Development Group 1. The remainder of the month was devoted to a week of type training, followed by two weeks (one inport and one at sea) of successful services to Submarine Laser Communication (Airborne) (SLCAIR).

April

One additional week of SLCAIR services started the month; after completion of these services, the ship entered a Temporary Availability with the USS MCKEE (AS-41) for minor repairs.

May

Following sea trials, the ship conducted one more at sea type training period which included a successful demonstration of the ship's ability to deploy, survey, and utilize a deep ocean transponder field to efficiently navigate in proximity to the ocean floor over a predetermined area. Concurrently, "side scan sonar" was employed by the ship to chart and search the ocean bottom. The remainder of May and into June was occupied with the overhaul of both diesel engines and extensive pre-overhaul preparations.

June

In mid-month, the ship departed for the overhaul site in Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, CA arriving on 16 June 1985.

July - December

Regular Overhaul in Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, CA.