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From: Commanding Officer, USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555)

To: Director of Naval History

Subj: USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR  
YEAR 1996

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(2) Commanding Officer's Photograph  
(3) Welcome Aboard Package  
(4) Ship's Photograph  
(5) Sailing List

1. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is a deep diving research and development diesel-electric submarine. USS DOLPHIN is under the operational control of Commander Submarine Development Squadron FIVE. Commander Joseph P. Peterson is the Commanding Officer of USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555), homeported in San Diego, CA.

2. The following chronology of events reflect the ship's operations for calendar year 1996:

a. 22 FEB - 23 FEB 1996: Conducted Fast Cruise and Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE).

b. 10 MAR - 15 MAR 1996: Conducted Fast Cruise, ISE and participated in Exercise JTFEX 96-1. Conducted Personnel Transfer (PERSTRANS) on 13 March 1996 in San Diego Harbor.

c. 25 MAR 1996: Conducted ISE. Returned to port the same day.

d. 17 APR - 19 APR 1996: Conducted ISE and search for Ex-USS BAUSSELL (DD-845) (sunk by SINKEX in mid-1980's).

e. 20 APR - 24 APR 1996: Conducted ISE. Ship experienced a seawater leak from the Diesel Sea Water (DSW) Valve FOUR. Ship returned to port to make repairs.

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f. 13 MAY - 18 MAY 1996: Conducted ISE and operations in support of SWELLEX '96. Ship conducted a PERSTRANS at Pier 160 at NRaD; San Diego, CA on 15 May 1996.

g. 20 MAY - 22 MAY 1996: Conducted ISE.

h. 23 MAY 1996: Experienced a Freon Leak from R-12 Freeze Plant. Emergency Ventilated Ship. No equipment damage or personnel injury.

i. 1 JUN - 6 JUN 1996: Conducted ISE. RTP on 3 June 1996 for a tour of ship for RADM Shipway. Ship underway again on 3 June 1996 to continue ISE.

j. 25 JUN - 28 JUN 1996: Conducted ISE.

k. 1 JUL - 2 JUL 1996: Conducted following inspections: Operational Readiness Examination, Engineering Readiness Examination, Communications Readiness Examination and Navigation Evaluation - all satisfactory.

l. 8 JUL - 11 JUL 1996: Underway to search and locate ex-USS AGHERHOLM (DD-845) (sunk on July 18, 1982 as part of a SINKEK). Ship located and photographed with underwater camera system.

m. 18 JUL 1996: Conducted pier side Permanent Magnet-Diesel Current (KAMAN) Generator testing.

n. 19 JUL - 25 JUL 1996: Conducted ISE and exercise in support of the Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare program.

o. 1 AUG 1996: Ship entered into a Restricted Availability Maintenance Period (RAV 1-5) including a drydocking at Naval Station, 32nd Street, Graving Dock.

p. 20 AUG 1996: Ship towed to Naval Station San Diego. Ship crossed the sill of Public Works Graving Dock Number ONE at 0726. Ship rested on the keel blocks at 1255.

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q. 29 OCT 1996: Ship departed Public Works Graving Dock Number ONE at 1016. Ship towed to pier 160 at NRaD; San Diego, CA.

r. 22 NOV 1996: Ship experienced heavy smoke from Number ONE Ship Service Motor Generator during test run. Emergency ventilated. No injured personnel and no equipment damage.

3. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) performed various complex research and development projects throughout the year. Material deficiencies limited amount of underway projects. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) was awarded the Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet Battle Efficiency "E", Communications Green "C", and Engineering Red "E" Awards for Special Category for the calendar year 1996.



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