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From: Commanding Officer, USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555)  
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Subj: USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR  
YEAR 2000

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
(3) Sailing List

1. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is the Navy's deep diving research and development diesel-electric submarine. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is under the operational control of Commander Submarine Development Squadron FIVE. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is commanded by Commander Stephen Z. Kelety, and is homeported in San Diego, California.

2. The following chronology of events reflect the ships operations for the calendar year 2000:

- a. 01-08 Jan: Holiday Stand down
- b. 24-28 Jan: Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) Obstacle Avoidance Sonar Testing
- c. 31 Jan-04 Feb: Underway for COMPTUEX
- d. 10-12 Feb: Underway for ISE
- e. 22-24 Feb: Underway for Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) Antenna Testing
- f. 07-10 Apr: Underway for ELF Antenna Testing
- g. 12-17 Apr: Moored Downtown San Diego, CA for open visiting
- h. 24-28 Apr: Underway for Submarine Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (SEPIRB) Testing
- i. 01 May: Transit to Avalon, Santa Catalina, CA for liberty call
- j. 02-03 May: Anchored off Buoy Santa Catalina, CA
- k. 04-05 May: Transit to San Diego, CA, conducted ISE

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- l. 10-12 May: Underway for ISE and Navigation Evaluation
- m. 22-26 May: Underway for SUBLINK testing
- n. 05-09 Jun: Underway for ISE, Engineering Readiness  
Evaluation and Operational Readiness  
Examination
- o. 12-16 Jun: Underway for ISE
- p. 16 Jun: Began Restricted Availability 3-5
- q. 18 Jul: Deadstick move to Graving Dock, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval  
Station, San Diego, CA Drydocked the ship
- s. 09 Nov: LCDR Christopher Orwoll relieved LCDR Frank  
Pearson as Executive Officer
- t. 15-31 Dec: Holiday Standown Period

3. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) completed another successful year receiving the Battle "E", Engineering "E", Damage Control "DC" and Navigation Red/Green "N". The ship participated in several exercises and tests aimed at developing more effective means of detection and defense against enemy diesel submarines in the Littoral environment. She also played a key role in numerous submarine communication experiments. The ship began the third and final restricted availability in the fifth overhaul cycle, completing needed maintenance and upgrades to ensure DOLPHIN remains the Navy's foremost deep submergence test platform well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

  
S. Z. KELETY