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USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728)
COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization USS FLORIDA (UIC: 35957). The ship's mission for 2005 was to support the Engineering Refueling Overhaul (ERO) Testing and SSGN Conversion. The ship's parent command was Commander, Submarine Group TEN, and the ship was home ported at Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia. The ship started out the year in Drydock 4 and ended the year moored at Pier 5 South at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), Portsmouth, Virginia.

2. 2005 Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 - 03 Jan	Inport in Drydock 4 at NNSY, Portsmouth, VA. Crew returned to standing watch, operating a MWR sandwich mess and living aboard the living barge, YRBM 28. ERO testing and SSGN Conversion in progress. Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO) in progress, at St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, VA.
01 Jan	Shifted parent commands from Commander, Submarine Group TWO to Commander, Submarine Group TEN.
24 Jan	Commenced ERO Cold Operations Testing.
04 Feb	Conducted a Fast Cruise on FLORIDA in preparation for undocking.
08 Feb	RADM Kenny toured FLORIDA and awarded dolphins to LT [REDACTED] onboard FLORIDA's living barge, YRBM 28. Berth shift of FLORIDA's living barge, YRBM 28, from Drydock 4 to Pier 5, NNSY, Portsmouth, VA.
09 Feb	Conducted partial flood down of Drydock 4 in preparation for undocking.
10 Feb	Conducted final flood down of Drydock 4 with berth shift of FLORIDA from Drydock 4 to Pier 5, NNSY, Portsmouth, VA. Continued support of the ERO and Conversion to SSGN.
11 Feb	Holiday routine for FLORIDA due to undocking one week ahead of schedule.
18 Feb	Completed ERO Cold Operations Testing.

30 Mar	Readiness to steam
27 Aug	Habitability
01 Aug	Complete mast and periscope installation
08 Aug	Commence Command and Control System Testing
16 Sep	Initiated four new Chief Petty Officers
28 Sep- 30 Oct	Completed ERO Hot Operations Testing
12 Oct	Commence Dockside Missile Systems Operational Sequence
01 Nov	Commence IPPTP
30 Nov- 01 Dec	Reactor Safeguard Exam
15 Nov	Complete IPPTP
22 Nov	Complete CCS Installation Testing. Complete Dockside Missile Systems Operational Sequence.
25 Nov	Celebrated Thanksgiving in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA.
29 Nov	Commence Crew AWS-CCS Training
01 Dec	Re-opened the ship's galley on the barge.
12 Dec- 15 Dec	Completed Phase I Crew Certification with COMSUBRON SIXTEEN
08 Dec	Command Christmas Party held at Jillian's in Norfolk, VA.
15 Dec	NTCSS Installation completed onboard the ship.
23 Dec - 02 Jan	Christmas Stand-down in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA.

3. Narrative

a. The start of 2005 found USS FLORIDA enjoying the holiday season inport in Drydock 4 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), Portsmouth, VA. The crew was able to spend needed time with their families and returned to standing watch, operating a MWR sandwich mess and living aboard the living barge, YRBM 28. Progress towards ERO testing and SSGN Conversion continued at NNSY. ILO continued, at St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, VA.

b. On 01 January FLORIDA shifted parent commands from Commander, Submarine Group TWO to Commander, Submarine Group TEN.

c. Completed critical steps in refueling operations by completing Cold Operations, Hot Operations and the Reactor Safeguard Exam in 2005.

d. The holiday season soon arrived and FLORIDA celebrated Thanksgiving with their families and with a feast for the duty section in NNSY. The ship closed out 2005 in NNSY, Portsmouth, VA with Christmas Stand-down commencing on 23 December and the year ending with ERO testing complete and the SSGN Conversion in full swing.