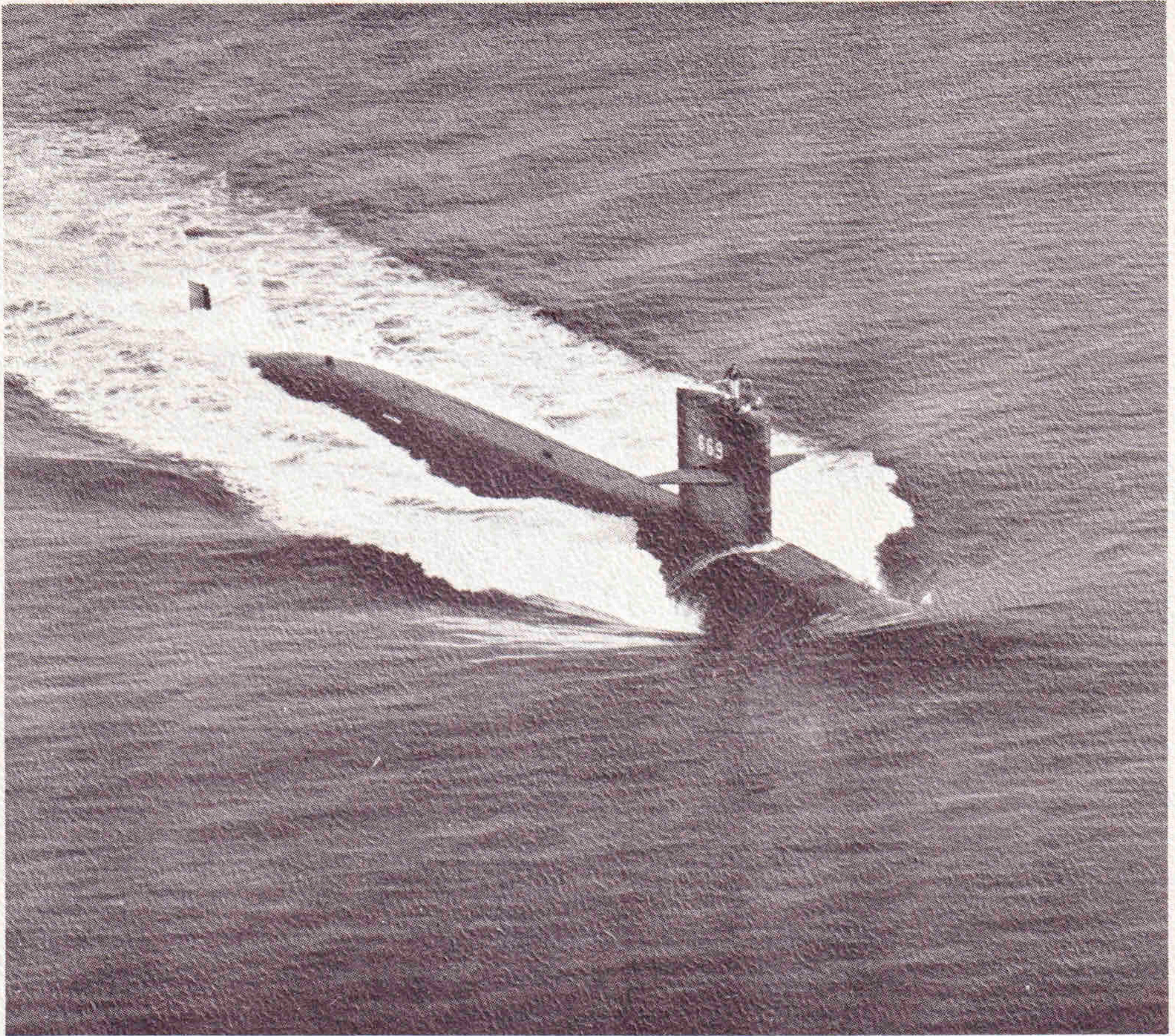


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USS SEAHORSE SSN-669

CDR W. A. HARDING, USN

COMMANDING OFFICER

SHIPS HISTORY

USS SEAHORSE (SSN-669) is the third ship of the fleet named for a small warm water fish whose appearance resembles that of a horse. She is named in commemoration of the fleet submarine USS SEAHORSE (SS-304), which was awarded the presidential unit citation for World War II service.

The first SEAHORSE was a one gun schooner purchased in 1812 for service on Lake Borgne near New Orleans. As part of an American squadron that fought an heroic holding action against the numerically superior British fleet, SEAHORSE was instrumental in supporting Andrew Jackson's victory over the British in December 1814 and January 1815.

The second SEAHORSE (SS-304) was launched on 9 January 1943, and commissioned into the Navy on 31 March 1943, at Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California. During World War II, SEAHORSE conducted eight war patrols in the western Pacific, sinking more than 73,000 tons of Japanese shipping. For her outstanding performance and distinguished service during her second, third, and fourth patrols, SEAHORSE was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. In addition, she received nine battle stars and was awarded the Submarine Combat insignia for six of her war patrols.

The present USS SEAHORSE (SSN-669) joined the fleet in commissioning ceremonies at Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, under the command of CDR George T. Harper, Jr. After refresher training, SEAHORSE was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, and became a member of Submarine Squadron Four. In the more than ten years since her commissioning, SEAHORSE has participated in a wide variety of operations, both in concert with other units and on independent missions. She has been awarded one Navy Unit Commendation and two Meritorious Unit Commendations.

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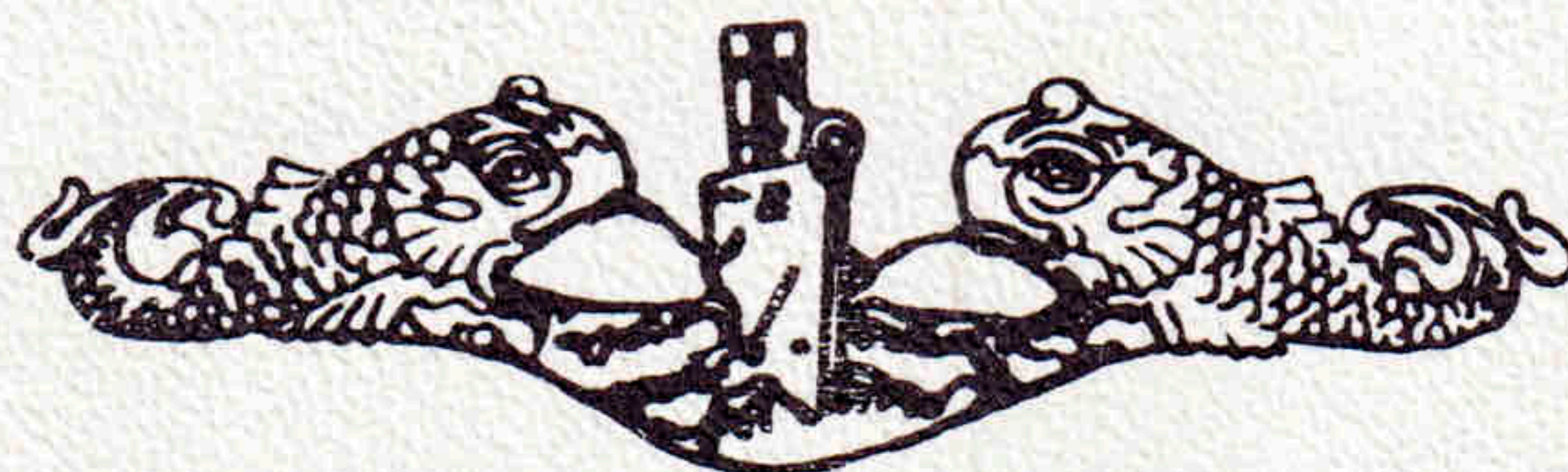
Built By
GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat Division

Groton, Connecticut

VITAL STATISTICS

Keel Laid	13 August 1966
Launched	15 June 1968
Commissioned	19 September 1969
Sponsored By	Mrs. Paul R. Ignatius
Length	292 Feet
Beam	32 Feet
Displacement Surfaced	4060 Tons
Speed	Over 20 Knots
Diving Depth	Over 400 Feet
Crew	12 Officers 105 Enlisted

USS SEAHORSE (SSN-669) is a nuclear powered attack submarine of the STURGEON Class, especially designed as an anti-submarine weapon. The extensive use of sound isolating materials and great care in noise reduction of all moving parts gives SEAHORSE an inherent silent quality and maximum performance of her advanced sonar systems. She combines the endurance and environmental independence of nuclear power with deep submergence and high speed. These capabilities, coupled with the latest in submarine weapons systems, make SEAHORSE one of the Navy's most effective anti-submarine weapons. Quiet, deep diving, and swift, SEAHORSE is also very lethal to hostile surface shipping.





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