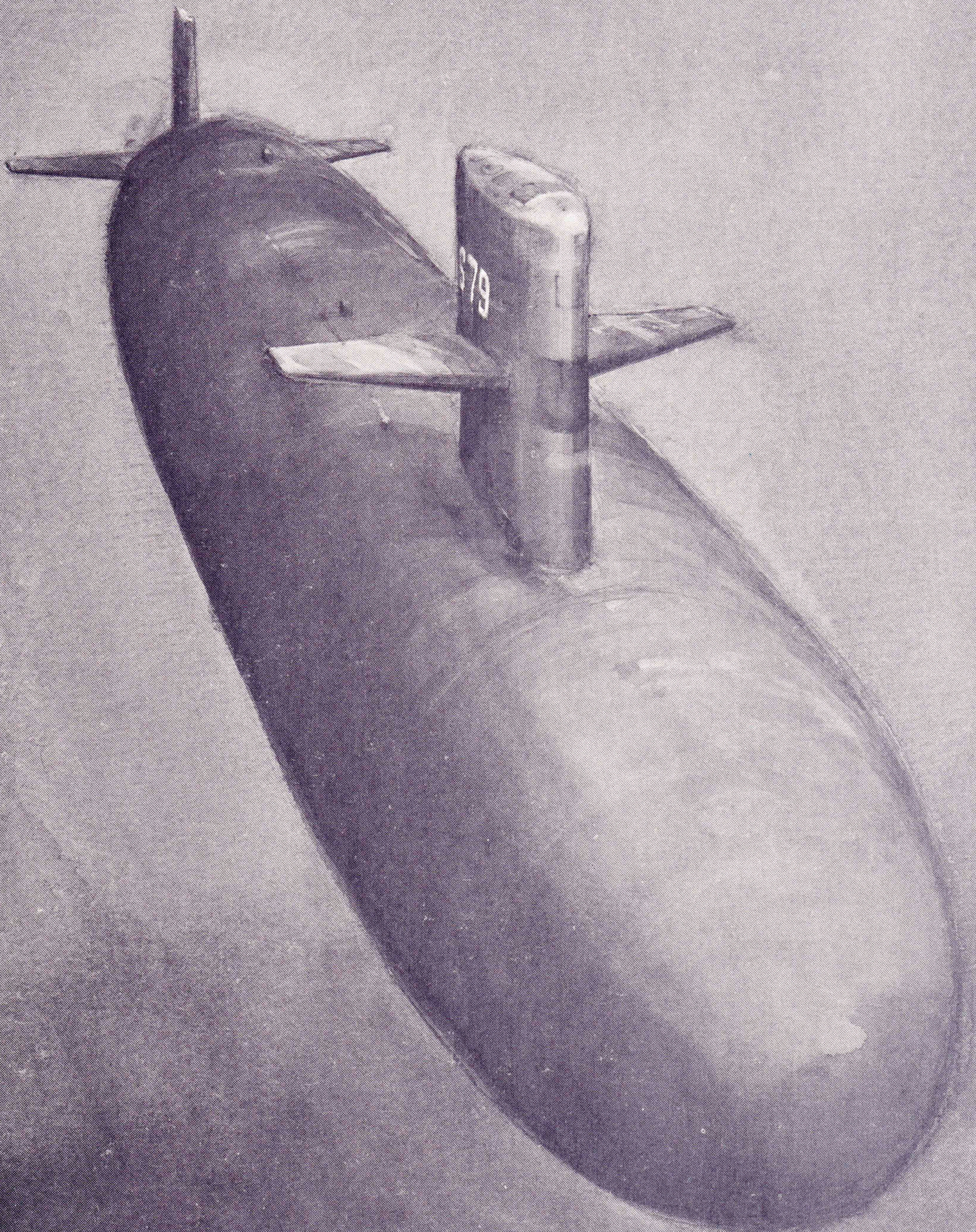


NAUTILUS SEAWOLF SKATE SWORDFISH SARGO SEADRAGON
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PERMIT PLUNGER BARB JACK TULLIBEE GEORGE WASHINGTON
PATRICK HENRY THEODORE ROOSEVELT ROBERT E. LEE GATO
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GEORGE BANCROFT LEWIS & CLARK
JAMES K. POLK WHALE GRAYLING TAUTOG ASPRO SUNFISH
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HENRY L. STIMSON WILL ROGERS RAY MARIANO G. VALLEJO
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PARGO
SAND LANCE LAPON HAMMERHEAD SEA DEVIL GUITARRO
HAWKBILL BERGALL NR-1 SPADEFISH SEAHORSE FINBACK
NARWHAL PINTADO FLYING FISH TREPANG BLUEFISH
BILLFISH DRUM ARCHERFISH

SILVERSIDES

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USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

Silversides is the product of a mature technology. Like the fish whose name she bears, *Silversides* will be more at home in the deep underwater than on the surface.

- Fitted with extremely precise navigation systems, she need never surface to know her exact position.
- Equipped with sensitive sonar, she will look and listen in all directions — ahead, above, below, behind — discriminating, classifying, and identifying the natural and man-made objects that inhabit the seas.
- Her sensors and continuous-reading monitors, like a highly developed nervous system, will keep constant watch on all the physical processes and conditions vital to her well-being and her mission.
- Her crew will work, relax, sleep, and study in safety and comfort for weeks at a time . . . at any depth.



Principal Speaker
The Hon. John H. Chafee
 Secretary of the Navy

Secretary Chafee is the former governor of Rhode Island, having served three successive terms in that position before his appointment in January, 1969, as Secretary of the Navy. A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, he is a veteran of six years active service with the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. In 1953 he entered private law practice in Providence and became active in civic and political affairs. He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1956 and reelected in 1958 and 1960.



Ship's Sponsor
Mrs. John H. Chafee

Mrs. Chafee, the former Virginia Coates, is a graduate of Finch College in New York City. She is an active sports-woman who enjoys sailing, skiing, tennis, hiking, riding, and skating. Born in Dublin, New Hampshire, Mrs. Chafee spent her childhood in New York City. The Chafees reside in McLean, Virginia, but maintain a home in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Three of the Chafee children, John, Georgia, and Quentin, live at home. Lincoln graduates on June 11 from Phillips-Andover Academy, and Zechariah attends Harvard.



Prospective Commanding Officer
Cdr. John E. Allen

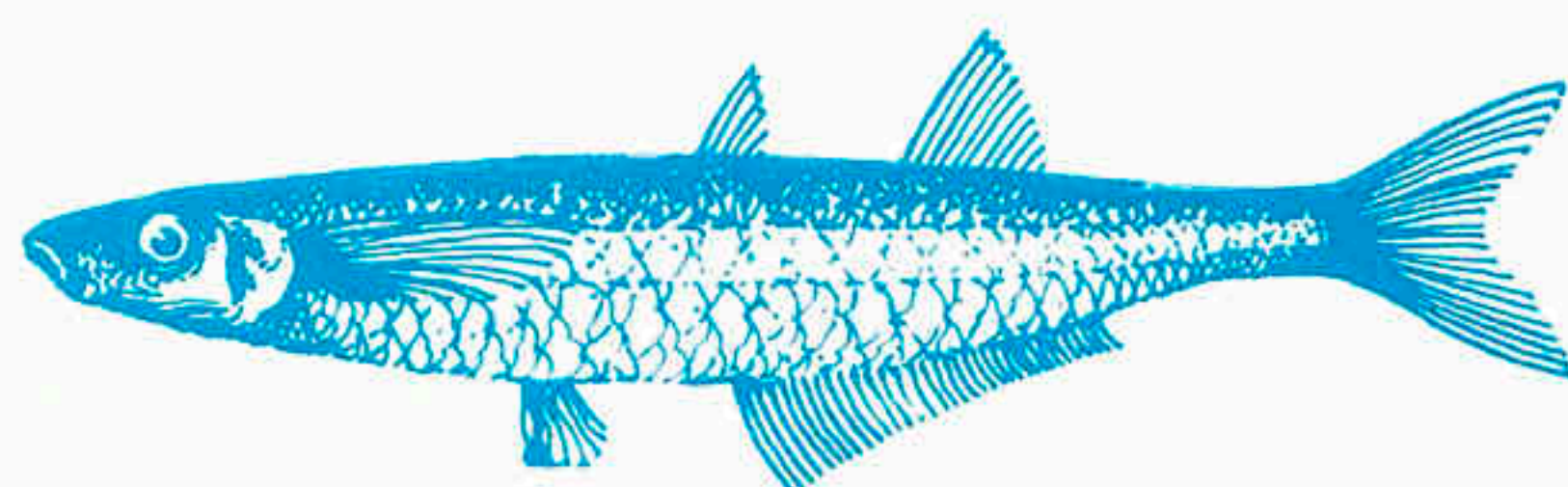
Commander John E. Allen, a native of Mamaroneck, N.Y., is Prospective Commanding Officer of *Silversides*. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he completed nuclear power training in 1962 and was assigned to *USS Lafayette* (SSBN616). In August, 1966, he joined the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron Six, serving there until August, 1968, when he became Executive Officer of *USS Bergall* (SSN667). Commander Allen and his wife, the former Jewelle Carlson, live in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, with their three children.

PROGRAM

National Anthem	United States Coast Guard Band
Invocation	Cdr. John K. Bontrager (CHC), USN
Introduction	Joseph D. Pierce General Manager, Electric Boat Division Vice President, General Dynamics
Remarks	David S. Lewis Chairman and President General Dynamics
Address	The Honorable John H. Chafee Secretary of the Navy
Introduction of Sponsor	Mr. Lewis
Christening	Mrs. John H. Chafee

Silversides (SSN679) is the 10th of 12 Sturgeon-class submarines to be built by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics. Her sister ships *Batfish* and *Cavalla* are under construction on nearby ways. She is 300 feet long, will displace 4,200 tons, and will be powered by a water-cooled nuclear reactor. She will be crewed by 12 officers and 95 enlisted men.

Silversides is named after a World War II submarine (SS236) which sailed on her first patrol four months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. By the end of the war she had sent 23 Japanese ships to the bottom, and was credited with sinking or damaging 221,113 tons of enemy ships. She ranks third among United States submarines in number of ships sunk and fifth in tonnage sunk. For action in the Pacific she was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. *Silversides* was decommissioned in June 1969, after serving since 1946 as a training submarine for the Chicago Naval Reserve.



SILVERSIDES

Named for the gleaming, silvery lateral stripe which graces its sides, the tiny but numerous silversides travel in immense, closely packed schools which are often seen flashing through coastal waters in temperate and tropical seas. North American waters boast a dozen species of silversides (family *Atherinidae*). Although these fish may range in length from 2 inches to 2 feet, the 3-inch reef silversides found in warm Atlantic waters is typical.

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