



Publication for members of USS Illinois Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

2018 Memorial Day Parades

Our newest member Rudy Kraut, the "Pride of Pecatonica"



Parades are all about flags, patriotic music, and smiles!



"Carried with Pride" at Pecatonica Parade



Rockford, IL
&
Pecatonica, IL



Renee Martin our float's driver: carrying waving sub sailors.

Dist. #2 Commander Phil Owens and his wife, Evie.



Our Creed: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishment. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

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Meeting called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Commander Tom Ramsay.

15 members present: Tom Ramsay, Chuck Mongan, Bruce Pickering, Kate Ramsay, John Stines, Connie Stines, Bob Fleck, Jim Helsell, Richard Martin, Patrick O'Brien, Phil Owens, Don Bosseti.

Guests present: Daryl Rorabaugh.

Tolling of Bells Ceremony by Phil Owens.

USSVI Creed by VCDR Chuck Mongan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Chaplain Bob Fleck.

Secretary's Report: Minutes posted in Base newsletter (emailed to members and posted online). Motion to accept the minutes as published by Chuck Mongan and seconded by Bruce Pickering. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Bruce Pickering. Beginning balance on 6/1/2018 was \$1,867.26. Deposits: \$25. Checks issued: \$128. Cleared checks: \$203. Available funds at month-end was \$1,689.26. Bob Fleck made a motion to accept report as presented and seconded by Phil Owens. Motion carried.

Commander's Report by CDR Tom Ramsay.

- **Base Committee Support.** To ensure the Base grows and prospers, the CDR noted that volunteer committee members are needed to help the chairmen of both the Membership and the Events Committees. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting soliciting volunteers. Your support is needed.
- **2018 Base USSVI Award Submissions.** The base sent two award

nominations to USSVI. 1) The submission of Richard Martin's name for USSVI's Meritorious Award, which recognizes those who have exemplified the Motto "Pride Runs Deep", by promoting a positive image of the US Submarine Force through participation in local veterans' affairs, parades, etc. 2) Our December 2017 issue of the Green Board was submitted in the base newsletter competition.

- **Cobia Update.** Chuck Mongan shared info on a work project he and CDR Ramsay worked on this past month at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum. They were helping restore the sail of the USS Rasher, a Manitowoc boat.
- **Subfest 2018.** Subfest is coming July 13-15. Members were reminded about the special reception open to sub vets and their families on Thursday evening (July 12) on the Museum's roof deck.

District Commander's Report by Phil Owens.

- Work is still ongoing for **National's new website**. No new information is available.
- **National has not received many nominations for this year's awards**, and he encourages all bases to become familiar with these awards, so recognition can be given.
- **Bases who succeed** are those who have involved members. Phil encouraged members to become actively involved in the Base.

Events Committee Report by Richard Martin.

- **Memorial Day Parades.** The Base participated in both the Rockford and Pecatonica parades. When the MC for the Pecatonica parade saw Rudy Kraut in the USS Illinois Base entry, the MC ran out into the parade and had Rudy say a few words.

- **Upcoming Parades.** We look for members and their families to join us at the Belvidere Heritage Days Parade on June 24, and the Winnebago and Rockford parades on July 4th. We are awaiting further information regarding Roscoe's parade later this summer. Discussion was held about the possibility of participating in next year's Memorial Day parades in both Beloit and Janesville.

Storekeeper's Report. None.

Chaplain's Report. None.

Old Business.

- **Raffle Permit.** Kate Ramsay shared an email Wayne Orrison sent regarding his research on the base obtaining a gun raffle permit. Wayne found that since our Base is not yet 3-years-old, Winnebago County cannot issue us a permit. Discussion followed.
- **Family Picnic.** Discussion was held regarding the planned Base Family Picnic on Sept. 8 at Thesherman's Park in Edgerton, Wis. Members were asked to think about games and other activities for both kids and members. A motion was made, seconded, and carried for the Base to provide the meat (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers). Members asked to bring side dishes.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. None.

50-50 Raffle. \$60 collected. The raffle won by Phil Owens, he donated his share back to the Base.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Bob Fleck.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Motion was made by Bruce Pickering and seconded by Kate Ramsay. Motion carried.

Next meeting July 7, 2018 at Mustang Bar & Grill, South Beloit, IL, at noon.





Tom Ramsay
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 MS1(SS), USN Retired

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We've had a fun summer so far, and I want to thank all of you who made it possible. We had a grand time at Fairbanks Morse Engines, participating in the Rockford and Pecatonica Memorial Day Parades, and on June 9th, we joined with fellow veterans at a special event hosted by Bryden Motors in Beloit.

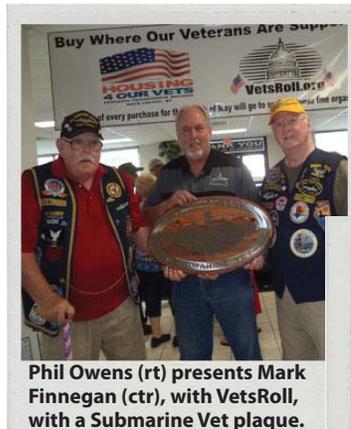
Bryden Motors is celebrating its 73rd anniversary this year. For every vehicle sold in May they pledged to donate \$73 to VetsRoll and the Housing4OurVets program. We were invited to share in a special ceremony when Bryden Motors presented both VetsRoll, and Housing4OurVets with a check for \$3,577. Our hats off to local businesses like Bryden that take such great strides to honor our veterans.

We had a great time there, where our Base was given a table to man

among other veteran groups to answer questions from customers about submarines.

If you missed our last meeting, I placed out a call to members to help us support two of our committee chairman, Dave Spencer, our membership chairman; and Dick Martin, our events coordinator. Both gents, and more importantly your Base, needs volunteers to step forward to help them on their committees.

Involvement is the key to our success, and it is what makes participating in a veterans organization more worthwhile. I will be passing a volunteer list of all our committees at our July meeting, in hopes that one of our committee's work sounds interesting to you. Whether you are new to the Base or an "old-timer" like me, there is an active place for you at the USS Illinois Base.



Phil Owens (rt) presents Mark Finnegan (ctr), with VetsRoll, with a Submarine Vet plaque.



USS Illinois Base members attend in force.



Associate members Connie Stines (above) and Kate Ramsay joined the fun.



Bryden Motors presents \$3,577 checks to VetsRoll and Housing4Our Vets.



New American Submariner Editor takes helm



NEWS from
NATIONAL

This is to notify the membership that Chuck Emmett has ask to be replaced as the editor of our *American Submariner* Magazine. Several personal issues have come up that will require his total commitment.

The AS Magazine editor is considered one, if not the most demanding and difficult positions to fill in all of USSVI. In the latter part of 2013 Chuck stepped up and volunteered to assume the responsibility of producing our publication. The untold hours and energy Chuck has devoted in the last five and half years fulfilling these obligations is well documented, and we all owe him a large debt of gratitude.

Past NC and AS Editor Michael Bircumshaw has again stepped up and volunteered to take on the responsibility as our magazine editor. His past history of successfully managing and improving our National Publication, while previously in this position, assures our magazine will be in good hands.

Please use the following Contact Information for future *American Submariner* Magazine inquires:

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Event Coordinator Report

Richard Martin
USS Illinois Base



It is parade season. We welcome you and your family to join us. We need several people to help carry our banner, with plenty of room to walk proudly by our entry. Those who have difficulty walking, we have seats in the back of a truck so you can ride in style.

Scheduled 2018 Parades

2018 Heritage Day Parade: Belvidere – Sunday, June 24. Line up on Logan Ave. at 2 p.m. and step off at 3 p.m.

4th of July Parade: Winnebago-- Wednesday, July 4. Line up behind Winnebago High School at 9 a.m. and step off at 10 a.m.

4th of July Parade: Rockford – Wednesday, July 4. Line up at 6 p.m. and step off at 7 p.m. Details on where to line up will have to be sent out at a later date, however it's usually in the same area as the Memorial Day parade.

Information about additional events will be coming soon.



Mark your calendar
for SubFest 2018
in Manitowoc, Wis.,
July 12-15.

Hello from Karen Duvalle, curator of the USS Cobia.

“Our 4th Annual Subfest is just two short months away! The dates this year are July 13th – 15th, with the Sub Vet VIP party on Thursday, July 12th again. I’m looking to start filling up the time slots for the sub tours again. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer again this year and if so, please contact me and

let me know what compartment and when (times/day). Volunteers will receive a 2018 SubFest volunteer shirt so let me know what size you’d like. See attached schedule on page 10-- Tom Ramsay and Dick Martin from USS Illinois Base are already aboard.

“The last two years we’ve gotten over 2,000 visitors in those 3 days! We couldn’t do this without your help! Thanks for your support!”

<http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/special-events/subfest/>



Josh takes home an Olympic Gold



Josh Pickard, highlighted below joins his team in opening the games.



May 5, 2018 was a special day for one of our honorary members, Joshua Pickard, grandson of USSVI members John and Connie Stines.

Josh, who is a regular at our meetings, participated in the 2018 North-western Illinois Region (Area #1) Special Olympics, held at Harlem High School in Machesney Park, IL.

While we were touring Fairbanks Morse's manufacturing facility on May 5, Josh was making history.



Shown here making a mad dash to the finish line. GO JOSH!

Josh now wears the Gold.



He took home a Gold Medal in the Relay Race, and placements in other events.

Way to GO! Josh we are proud of you.



More News from National

As of June 12, USSVI is still 145 members short of regaining War Veteran Status.

We will get that status back at some point in the future, but since we have not gained any ground since the moratorium on Associate memberships was put in place, and it has not had a significant impact on that status, USSVI's Board discussed at length and voted unanimously to lift the moratorium on the acceptance of Associate Members.

This means that USSVI will again be accepting Associate membership applications.

Check out your knowledge about Submarines!

You probably know quite a bit about U.S. Submarines, but let's test your knowledge about the classes of submarines from around the world.

Match the submarine class with the nation flying this submarine's flag.

Classes of Submarines from around the world.

1. Collins
2. Ula
3. Victoria
4. Song
5. Tupi
6. Akula
7. O'Higgins
8. Rubis
9. Romeo
10. Nahang
11. Gur
12. Vanguard

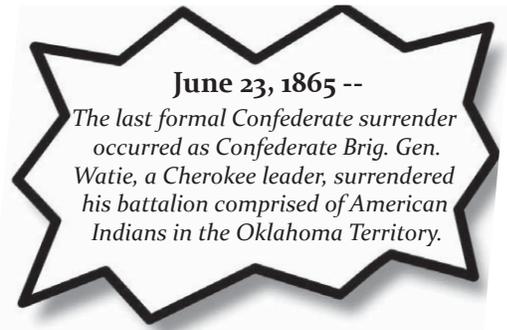


- _____ A. Chili
- _____ B. Iran
- _____ C. Australia
- _____ D. Egypt
- _____ E. Brazil
- _____ F. Republic of China
- _____ G. Turkey
- _____ H. India
- _____ I. Norway
- _____ J. Britain
- _____ K. France
- _____ L. Canada

ANSWERS:
 1 (C), 2 (I), 3 (L), 4 (F), 5 (E), 6 (H), 7 (A), 8 (K), 9 (D), 10 (B), 11 (G), 12 (J).

India submarine





Highly sensitive Sub data stolen

The Washington Post (Washington, D.C.)--“Chinese government hackers have compromised the computers of a Navy contractor, stealing massive amounts of highly sensitive data related to under-sea warfare,” it was reported. The breach included “secret plans to develop a supersonic anti-ship missile for use on U.S. submarines by 2020.

The breaches occurred in January and February, officials said. The hackers targeted a contractor who works for the Naval Undersea

Warfare Center, a military organization headquartered in Newport, R.I., that conducts research and development for submarines and underwater weaponry.

Data stolen included 614 gigabytes of material “relating to a closely held project known as Sea Dragon, as well as signals and sensor data, submarine radio room information relating to cryptographic systems, and the Navy submarine development unit’s electronic warfare library.”

Navy unveils new dress uniform

Navy Times.com (Vienna, VA) – The Navy is rolling out a new dress white uniform for sailors, the first change since 1980.

The uniform features “noticeable blue accents, along with side and front zip-pers designed to make changing in and out of the uniform easier.” Sailors interviewed by



the Navy Times remarked that the change added character to the uniform, giving it a dressier look.

While the trouser design remains unchanged, the top “consists of a jumper flap with navy blue piping on cuffed sleeves, stars and navy blue piping on the navy collar, and a yoke.

NR-1 Control Room finds home in museum

Navy Seas Systems Command (Washington Navy Yard)--The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard partnered with the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum to preserve the salvaged control room of the one-of-a-kind miniature submersible, NR-1.

The NR-1 was conceived by ADM. Hyman G. Rickover, following the loss of the USS Thresher in 1963.

NR-1 was affectionately named the Nerwin by its crew members

The NR-1, 145 feet long and 13 feet wide, was launched on Jan. 25, 1969. During the next 40 years, the mini-sub undertook a variety of missions -- including search, recovery, oceanographic research, geological surveys and installing and maintaining underwater equipment.



SEA STORIES



Famous Goat's tour aboard USS Archerfish

When you run across a sea story too good to be true, you know if it came from a submarine sailor, it is probably true! Here is a sea story, which is an excerpt from www.ussarcherfish.com.

It was Jan. 18, 1961, the USS Archerfish (SS-311) was preparing to leave New London for the West Coast. "All that is left," one sailor said, was to "say goodbye to bar maids, taxi drivers, cops and shore patrol." And, that was on the docket for that night.

When a couple of the boat's sailors were wandering down Bank Street, they ran into a shipmate who knew of a farmer who wanted to sell a rooster and a Billy goat. Sounds good! They jumped into his pickup truck and headed for Groton, where they bought both the goat and rooster for \$15 and then headed back to New London.

Once back, they proudly paraded down Bank Street with their new menagerie until they were stopped by Shore Patrol. The discussions between Headquarters and Shore Patrol were interesting. "They've got WHAT?" Determining that the goat and rooster were sober, but the state of mind of the sailors was questionable, Shore Patrol told them to get off Main Street "and STAY OFF!"

OK. Food sounded good, so they ended up at the "Hygienic Restaurant." The goat was hungry, so they ordered him a large salad and a bowl of cereal for the rooster, which was appreciated by both.

When everyone finished eating it was time to head back to Sub Base. The rooster and the goat went with them in the trunk of a taxi.

It took two cabs to get them there. When the Marine on the gate leaned over to check I.D.s, he could hear the goat banging his horns on the inside of the trunk. To mask the sounds, they all started stamping their feet and banging the roof of the taxi.

After a pause to consider the situation, the Marine decided it wasn't worth the trouble, and he waved them through the gate.

Once at the boat, the topside watch just shook his head as soused sailors led the goat across the brow and back to the after-battery hatch. There was a battery charge in progress and they had a tough time getting the goat down the ladder. They finally yelled "Look out below," held it over the hole by its horns and dropped it. The guys playing poker in the mess hall got a shock when they saw what hit the deck!

There wasn't room to keep the goat in the after-battery, but there was lots of room in the after-torpedo room, so they headed aft. When they reached the forward engine room door, the goat really put up a fight as he didn't like the noise of the charging engine. They tied him to the ladder in the after-engine room and went back to the mess hall to watch the poker game. The goat also made it to the aft Goat Locker (of course!).

Hearing all kinds of commotion, the duty officer, discovered the "goat" in the engine room and demanded it be removed immediately. It was much easier to get a goat onto a submarine, than taking one off.

After several unsuccessful attempts they tied a line around the goat's horns and a couple of guys went up the aft-room ladder to pull. One sailor held the goat's butt on his shoulder while topside tried to pull the goat up. The goat bellowed and shit all down his back. After a lot of pulling, a lot of pushing, and a lot of shitting, the goat was finally on the deck.

Not knowing what to do, several guys tied the goat to a dumpster on the Pier, where they left him as a gift to the Marines.



Tolling of the Bells for Lost Boats

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country."



June

USS O-9 (SS-70) lost on June 20, 1941 when it sank off the Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH, while undergoing a deep test dive. Loss of 33 crew.

USS S-27 (SS-132) lost on June 19, 1942 while charging batteries. In poor visibility, it drifted into the shoals off St. Marcarius Point in the Aleutians. (60 miles from Kiska, then held by the Japanese). When it became apparent she could not be freed and the boat began taking a dangerous list, the captain transferred the crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a three-man rubber raft. All crew rescued.

USS R-12 (SS-89) lost on June 12, 1943 when it sank off Key West. The boat was on the surface "riding the vents" while taking position for a practice torpedo approach. The collision alarm sounded alerting flooding in the forward battery compartment. Before hatches could be closed, the boat sank in 600 feet of water. Cause of loss unknown. Loss of 43 crew. Those on the bridge (captain, 2 other officers, and 3 men) survived.

USS Herring (SS-233) lost on June 1, 1944 on her 8th war patrol within shore battery range of Point Tagan, Matsuwa Island, in Kuriles, after sinking both a freighter and passenger-cargoman. She was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery during WWII. Loss of 83 crew.



USS Herring (SS-233) Memorial in Battleship Park, Mobile, Ala.

USS Golet (SS-361) lost on June 14, 1944 on her 2nd war patrol, during a surface attack by antisubmarine forces north of Honshu, Japan. Loss of 82 crew.

USS Bonefish (SS-223) lost on June 18, 1945 during her 8th war patrol during a savage depth-charge attack at Toyama Bay in the Sea of Japan following her sinking of a passenger-cargoman. She was the last SubPac submarine lost in World War II. Loss of 85 crew.

Vet Roll ups eligibility years

As you know, the mission of VetsRoll, Inc[®] is to thank and pay tribute to these heroes -- especially our WWII and most senior Veterans and 'Rosie-the-Riveters' -- by transporting them to Washington, D.C. over four days of honor and remembrance, at no cost to our heroes.

The qualification dates have been changed beginning with the May 2019 trip. **Applications now being accepted for active duty 12/31/66 or earlier.** First preference is given to those who served 1953 or earlier.

Applications available online at: www.vetsroll.org/



Mark your calendar for the next USS Illinois Base, USSVI, meeting. We meet monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Next USSVI Illinois Base Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 7, 2018

Time: Noon

Location: Mustang Bar & Grill

482 Gardner St. • South Beloit, Illinois

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Share this application with a fellow submariner!



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular Life Associate

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With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

Nat'l Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____
Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 115.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 70.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 25.00;
 (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 30.00
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00
Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. Consult the local base for those figures.

How did you find USSVI? Friend, Boat Assn, Local Event/News, Internet, Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) _____

Associate Applicant is: Veteran Spouse of Veteran Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____ / ____ / ____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** ____ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** ____

YR entered Mil Service: ____ **YR left Mil Service** ____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

- Check if your Military Service falls within any of these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, thru Jan 31, 1955; Aug 5, 1964, thru May 7, 1975; and from August 2, 1990 to date.
- Check if you have been awarded an Expeditionary Medal.

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____
2. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____
3. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____
4. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____
5. _____ **Hull#** _____ **Rank/Rate** _____ **From Yr.** ____ **to Yr.** ____

Next of Kin: **Name:** _____ **Relationship:** _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

Addr: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____
(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Upon completion, please deliver to: Your Base Chapter Secretary, or if you do not know of a base location near you,
 Mail to: USSVI National Office, P.O. Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870

Questions: Call 1-877-542-DIVE or email office@ussvi.org



FRIDAY - JULY 13TH							
	Fwd Torpedo	Officer's	Control	Mess	Fwd Engine	Aft Engine	Aft Torpedo
9:00			Warren Goodwin	Larry Jordan			Ron MacDonald
10:00							
11:00	Tom Pieper						
12:00							
1:00			Kelly Smith	Tom Ramsay		Lenny Kleinmark	
2:00							
3:00							
4:00				Richard Martin			
5:00							

SATURDAY - JULY 14TH							
	Fwd Torpedo	Officer's	Control	Mess	Fwd Engine	Aft Engine	Aft Torpedo
9:00			Kelly Smith	Larry Jordan		Lenny Kleinmark	
10:00							
11:00			Warren Goodwin				
12:00	Tom Pieper						
1:00				Tom Ramsay	John Lindstedt		
2:00							
3:00							
4:00						Lenny Kleinmark	
5:00				Richard Martin			
6:00							

SUNDAY - JULY 15TH							
	Fwd Torpedo	Officer's	Control	Mess	Fwd Engine	Aft Engine	Aft Torpedo
11:00				Richard Martin			
12:00							
1:00							
2:00	Tom Pieper			Tom Ramsay		Lenny Kleinmark	
3:00							
4:00							
5:00							

2014 SubFest Tour Guide Sign-up List.

If you are interested in volunteering on the boat as an in-place tour guide during SubFest, let Karen Duvall, the Cobia curator know. She can be reached via email at kduvalle@wisconsinmaritime.org or by calling the Wisconsin Maritime Museum at Phone: (920) 684-0218, ext. 105. For more information, visit the Museum's website at: www.wisconsinmaritime.org

