

SUBMARINE DIVISION



The award winners



CELEBRATING SUCCESS WITH A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

The annual Submarine Service Awards – or Submarine Oscars – attracted over 450 people on September 29.

The event, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Glasgow, was hosted by RAdm John Weale, RASM, with Command Warrant Officer, WO1 Andy Knox, as Master of Ceremonies. Adding some celebrity to the occasion was Bruce Dickinson, legendary frontman with Iron Maiden.

The event was sponsored and run by the British Forces Foundation with support from the Donald Gosling Foundation, Babcock, Thales UK, Veolia and Rolls-Royce.

Several awards were presented during the night:

- **The Conqueror Trophy** went to HMS Vengeance.
- **The Submarine Engineering Excellence Award & The Valiant Trophy** to HMS Ambush.
- **The Defence Engagement Award** to HMS Artful.
- **The Sovereign Bowl** to Cdr Hopton and his Marine Engineering Department.
- **Howard Johnston Prize** to Lt Oakley.
- **Lord Fieldhouse Memorial Prize** to Lt Dobson.
- **Max Horton Prize** to Lt Bartlett.
- **Electronic Warfare Prize** to CPO Lyon.
- **The RNRMW Award** went to Helensburgh and Lomond Carers.
- **Family Awards** to Gemma Brownson, Jan Brennan, Christine Stewart & Kim Cleminson.
- **Industrial Partners Awards** went to Babcock's Graphics & Print Room teams, and HMS Neptune's Mess Manager.
- **RASM Commendations** for outstanding performance went to Lt Wiseman, WO2 MacFarlane, CPO Budge, PO Kimber, ET Piper, AB Knowles, as well as Faslane Flotilla Recovery Cell and Artful's Mechanical Engineering Department.
- **Long Service & Good Conduct** presentations were made to Cdr McGuire (15 years' service) and WO1 Jones and WO1 McLoughlin (25 years' service).

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM REAR ADMIRAL SUBMARINES (RASM)

The first issue of the newsletter landed well with positive comments and suggestions for improvements. Please keep the suggestions coming and help us deliver a newsletter which is informative and engaging.

I was delighted that so many of you could join the celebrations at the annual Oscars event, including visiting submariners from the US Navy, hosted by HMS Trenchant. As well as those recognised on the night, I know that there are many out there who work selflessly to make a difference to our service.

Planning for next year will start soon so I urge you to get involved and ensure those deserving recognition get it.

Finally, I hope that I will see as many of you as possible at the SM Remembrance weekend in London on November 3-4.



Rear Admiral
John Weale OBE
RASM / ACNS(SM)
/ FOSNI

MARKING 50 YEARS OF CASD

Since April 1969, and the fifth patrol of HMS Resolution, there has always been a RN Ballistic Missile Submarine at sea, providing a Continuous At Sea Deterrent (CASD), and ensuring that the UK remains safe.

Next year will mark 50 years of unbroken service in maintaining CASD and the Royal Navy is planning to recognise the human endeavour and commitment necessary to sustain this vital operation.

There will be both public and private events held throughout 2019 to acknowledge sacrifices made and a CASD 50 Committee has been established with representatives across the Royal Navy to help plan events. The events will not only include current and former service personnel and their families but also the civilian and industrial partners who support them and the communities in which they live.

If you would like to get involved, or are looking for more information, please email NAVY_CASD50-MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk



HMS Vengeance



An artist's impression of the new SMERAS training facility

SMERAS WORK CONTINUES AT PACE

The work transforming HMNB Clyde into the focal point for all submarine training – or Single Integrated Operating Base – continues, with progress made on the new Submarine Escape, Rescue, Abandonment and Survivability (SMERAS) training facility.

Site clearance began in 2017 with construction starting earlier this year. The new facility will feature a training pool with mock-up of a submarine hull and will be able to

realistically simulate wind and wave effects found at sea. There will also be a two-storey administrative and classroom area.

By the end of October, the steel works and pool walls will be almost complete and concrete floors installed.

Work will continue through winter with the aim of finishing construction by May 2019, followed by a period of commissioning and testing to ensure readiness.

Up to now training has been based at Fort Blockhouse in Gosport. Completion of 'The Tank' has been a rite of passage for generations of RN Submariners, although since 2009 focus has shifted from submerged pressurised escape to abandonment and survivability.

The new SMERAS facility and the Future Submarine School at Clyde will become a rite of passage for all Submariners in the years to come.

SMERAS build Oct 2018





SUBMARINE FLOTILLA UPDATE

Autumn is nearly upon us and the prospect of arriving and leaving work in the dark can leave some feeling a little jaded. This term is typically a busy one and the tempo continues to remain high at Flotilla with a number of units regenerating or returning to sea after a period of maintenance. The significant work undertaken by the waterfront team will result in increased A boat availability by the end of the year with the programmed complex maintenance package on the SSBN progressing as planned. Last month also saw the arrival of HMS TRENCHANT who are here to undertake her displaced BMP - already making a great impression and helping out their fellow boats. In Devonport, Cdr Steve Waller has now taken over the role of SOSM(R) and is firmly focused on HMS VANGUARD's refit and HMS TRIUMPH's extended maintenance period.

SUBFLOT continue to host monthly Warfare Forums with Lt Cdr Paul Hayes (SUBFLOT SWO) assisted by units delivering on key subjects. Open to all departments, the next forum will take place 6 Nov in the FOST Small Lecture Theatre.

Warrant Officer Coxswain Garry Parkes and his team continue to deal with a plethora of diverse N1 issues at the HMNB Clyde Recovery Cell with their primary role to manage the recovery of personnel assigned into margin activity. The cell is owned and maintained by Faslane Flotilla under the command of Commander Jim McGuire to ensure that recovery of personnel is managed expeditiously to support the Flotilla's operational commitments.

Flotilla also continue to work with other Clyde organisations to make life easier for personnel on the waterfront.

Current areas being explored include PED policy on the VALIANT jetty, friends and families visiting submarines alongside and a bus shelter outside of the Green Area. In order to promote a sense of ownership and responsibility, we will soon introduce a policy for XO's to complete a formal set of rounds of their part of the Jetty. Prior to sailing it will then be signed back over to the Jetty Management team.

An NBCTM is now on the streets providing more detailed guidance. As we fast approach what is traditionally our busiest period, programme pressures can lead to a spike in Safety related incidents. I urge you all to remain vigilant and honest to minimise the risk of harming ourselves and others. Remember 'Safe to ourselves, Deadly to our Enemy'.



HMS Ambush



ART PRINTS SURE TO GO DOWN A BOMB

Submariners can own their very own piece of submarine-themed art when limited edition "Bomber" prints go on sale.

Artist Stuart Brown was commissioned to paint an oil of a Vanguard Class SSBN returning from patrol in 2016. The painting, funded by Babcock International and in recognition of CASD 50, was unveiled by RASM on October 9 and now has pride of place in HMS Neptune Wardroom.

The RASM fund have purchased 350 numbered prints which are now up for sale, but submariners need to be quick because they're going down a bomb!

The 50x70cm prints cost £65 and ideally should be picked up from HMNB Clyde, Devonport, Portsmouth, or Northwood HQ. However, if you are interested and cannot collect then contact Teacher (gareth.jenkins469@mod.gov.uk) and he will try to assist.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Christmas cards featuring the Peregrine Awards Global Operations winning photo of HMS Trenchant (above) will shortly be available to purchase from the messes. Cards will be sold in packs of ten at a cost of £5 per pack. These cards have been funded by the RASM Fund.

SUBMARINE CALENDAR – WHAT'S ON – GET INVOLVED

3-4 November 2018 – Submarine Service Remembrance Weekend, London.

16 November 2018 – West of Scotland SA branch meeting (WO&SRs Mess HMS Neptune).

8 December 2018 – West of Scotland SA Christmas Dinner

21 December 2018 – West of Scotland SA Meeting (WO&SRs Mess HMS Neptune).

WHAT'S IN NEXT MONTH

HUNTER KILLER

REMEMBRANCE

WARM WELCOME FOR AMBUSH FAMILIES

HMS Ambush recently welcomed their loved-ones to their workplace when they had a families' day on September 21.

Over 100 family members took the chance to tour the submarine, and also attended a family social event at Clyde's Senior Rates' Mess the day before.

The fantastic, fun, event was in recognition of the crucial support Submariners' families provide which in turn allows their loved-one to go to sea and conduct successful operations.



Warrant Officer 2
Adam Grimley
and Gabriella

KEEP UP TO DATE
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Twitter
@RNinScotland



HMNB Clyde Facebook
'hmnbclyde'



Instagram
submarineservice