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SUBMARINE DIVISION



The Duke of Cambridge and Defence Secretary Penny Mordaunt were among those attending the Abbey service



SUBMARINERS HONOURED AT WESTMINSTER SERVICE

HONORARY head of the Submarine Service, the Duke of Cambridge, joined serving personnel, veterans and their families on May 3 as the nation acknowledged the sacrifices demanded by the UK's longest sustained military operation.

The "service of recognition" at Westminster Abbey marked 50 years of maintaining the nation's nuclear deterrent. Political leaders, including newly appointed Defence Secretary Penny Mordaunt, also attended, along with First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Philip Jones.

Leading Seaman Ed Owen, who has completed two deterrent patrols, and Isobel Fraser, who has raised a family over 38 years as a naval wife – and 29 deterrent patrols by her husband Stewart – were among those speaking at the event. Both gave the gathering an insight into what it takes to deliver CASD.

"Being a submariner requires a large personal sacrifice," said Ed, "restrictions on personal freedoms which other people take for granted."

"It involves extended separation from my partner, family and friends. During the past 11 months I have spent just eight days with my girlfriend."

The sacrifices made by families was echoed by Mrs Fraser, who said that the end of each patrol was filled with joy and relief as she and the couple's sons – Donald and Callum – were reunited. And above all was a sense of pride.

"The pride I felt watching you sail home – knowing you were there," she told the Abbey audience. "And in our dreams and our hearts and our prayers – you were always there."



LET Owen



Mrs Fraser

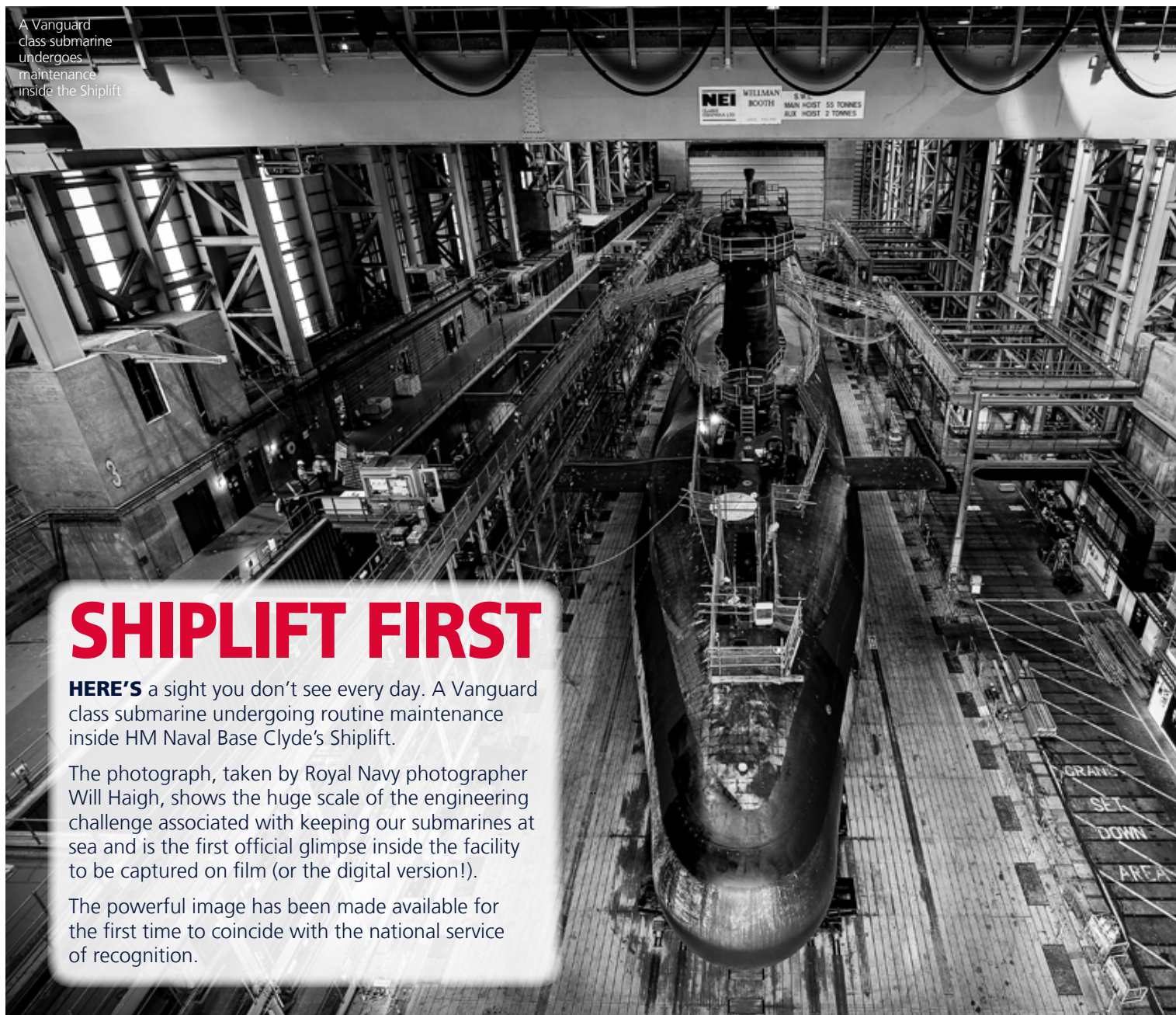
MESSAGE FROM REAR ADMIRAL SUBMARINES (RASM)

THE CASD 50 service at Westminster Abbey, and reception at Queen Elizabeth II Centre was a huge success. It was fantastic to see so much of the submarine community represented including an excellent showing from serving submariners. Although a memorable and proud day for all who attended, we cannot forget the hundreds of submariners whose duties required them to be elsewhere, whether at sea or alongside. The success of the Submarine Service is a result of your continued hard work and dedication. It is rare for us, the Silent Service, to be afforded the opportunity for such public recognition; but although we focus this year on the success of the SSBN mission, we must not dismiss the sustained effort and operational achievements of our SSN Fleet. We have some excellent events coming up this year including the Clyde CASD50 Parade and Families Day, Submarine Oscars and Submariners Memorial Weekend. Regardless of your role in the Submarine Service, I hope you get the opportunity to take some time out of your busy schedules and enjoy at least one of the forthcoming events.



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

A Vanguard class submarine undergoes maintenance inside the Shiplift



SHIPLIFT FIRST

HERE'S a sight you don't see every day. A Vanguard class submarine undergoing routine maintenance inside HM Naval Base Clyde's Shiplift.

The photograph, taken by Royal Navy photographer Will Haigh, shows the huge scale of the engineering challenge associated with keeping our submarines at sea and is the first official glimpse inside the facility to be captured on film (or the digital version!).

The powerful image has been made available for the first time to coincide with the national service of recognition.

BY GEORGE! NEW SUBMARINE NAMED

FIRST Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Philip Jones, announced the name of the fourth Dreadnought class submarine ahead of the CASD 50 service at Westminster on May 3.

HMS King George VI is the latest illustrious name, taking its place alongside future boats Dreadnought, Valiant and Warspite.

The fourth submarine will be the first warship to be given that royal title. King George VI had strong naval

connections having spent time at the Royal Naval College, Osborne, followed by Dartmouth. He also earned a mention in despatches for his service onboard HMS Collingwood during the Battle of Jutland.

The new Dreadnought class submarines are expected to enter service in the early 2030s, helping to maintain Operation Relentless and protect the country far into the future.





SUBMARINE FLOTILLA UPDATE

OVER the next few months there will be several changes in the organisation of SUBFLOT.

Firstly, the standing-up of the new Safety Environmental Assurance Team (SEA), headed by Cdr Simon McCleary. The SEA will oversee the Flotilla to ensure that all aspects of submarine tasking, both alongside and at sea, is completed safely and in accordance with the relevant legislation. The team is also reviewing our reporting processes, and this has already led to a recent change of policy for Navy Lessons and Incident Management System (NLIMS) and ISIs (SM-PL 311 NLIMS Reporting Policy and CAPTEM 03/19 refer).

The new policy will lead to more SUBFLOT oversight and aim to ensure that the correct lessons and actions are taken following any incident and that trends across all platforms can be more easily identified.

With both HMS Talent and HMS Audacious due to base port move to Faslane later this year, the Flotilla's support organisation is also being concentrated at Belmore House. From this summer there will be an engineering HoD for each submarine type, a SMEO and SWEO (SSN) as well as a SMEO

and SWEO (SSBN), with the corresponding support staff. Following this change all Flotilla staff will be based in Faslane by Q4 2019.

After the CASD50 service in Westminster, the Flotilla's next event is the Submarine Service freedom of Anglesey parade on 25 May (CAPTEM 17/19 refers). The Submarine Service will be given the freedom of Anglesey as part of the 2019 North Wales Armed Forces Day, parading through the town of Holyhead. On completion, a memorial service will take place at Maeshfryd Cemetery, Holyhead, to commemorate the loss of HMS Thetis.

CASD50 events also continue and the focus should now be on CASD50 Divisions in Faslane. This is the largest ceremonial event to have taken part on the Clyde for decades, with further details to follow. If you are in the Submarine Flotilla you will have a role to play in the important event.

Finally, the Submarine Flotilla's policy on the use of internet, social media and communicating has been renewed – see CAPTEM 15/19.

SUBMARINERS STARS OF THE BIG AND SMALL SCREEN

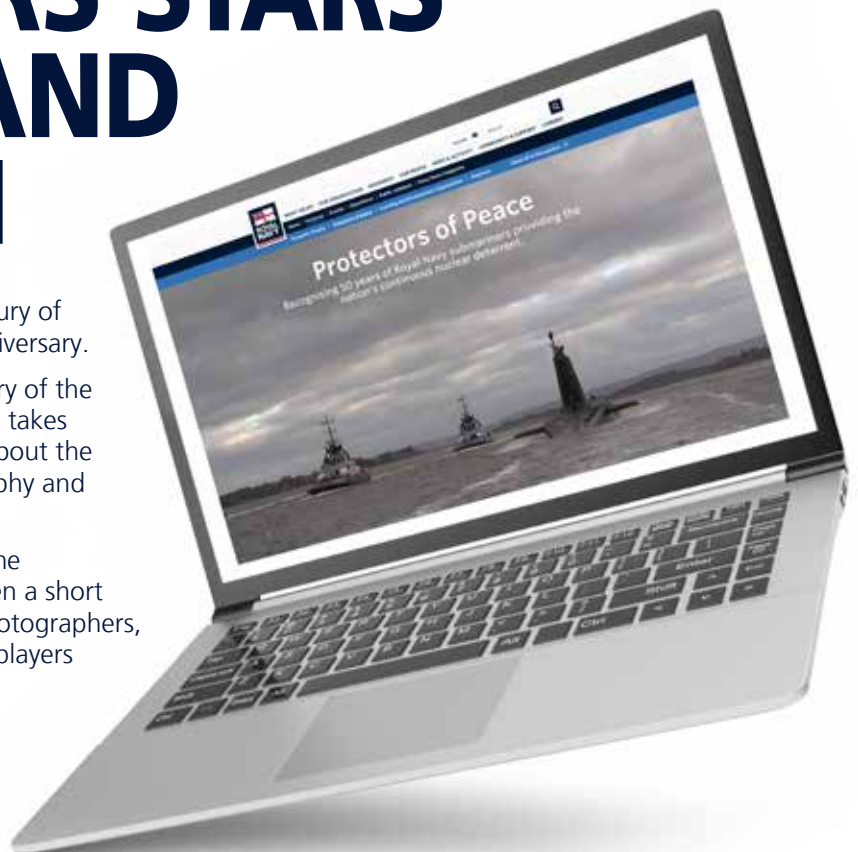
A NEW Royal Navy webpage – dedicated to half-a-century of CASD – has recently been launched to highlight the anniversary.

Entitled "Protectors of Peace", the page traces the history of the nuclear deterrent from 1969 to the present day and also takes a look at the future. There's also plenty of information about the people behind the mission and some fantastic photography and video content too.

The Submarine Service was also recently centre stage at the Army v Navy rugby match at Twickenham on May 4 when a short video on CASD 50, produced by Faslane's Royal Navy Photographers, was played several times over the big screen before the players took to the field.

Visit HM Naval Base Clyde's Facebook to view the video.

To visit the "Protectors of Peace" website search for it on the Royal Navy webpage or go to:
<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/casd50>.



SUBMARINERS ON THE RUN FOR CHARITY

TWO submariners based in the South West are on the run to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Fund.

WO Damien Holloway and WO Julian Spencer have set themselves the challenge of competing in marathons, half marathons and endurance events, under the name "Current Semper" which is Latin for "always running".

Damien's programme of events also includes cycling, and he started last month with a 71-mile sportive cycle race in Devon in which he earned a silver award. Other cycling challenges include the 100km Dartmoor Classic in June and another 88-miler across Dartmoor.

Meanwhile Frank has so far entered 40 races, including two ultra runs of 32 and 44 miles respectively. He'll also be running in the Cornish Grand Prix and multi terrain series.

Explaining why they chose Macmillan Cancer Fund, Damien said: "Most of us unfortunately know somebody who has cancer or who has passed away from the disease. Macmillan helps support them and is a fantastic cause."

Damien and Frank have set themselves a target of raising £1,500. To donate please visit their Virgin Money Giving page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/CurrentSemper>



Frank and H

ART DONATION HELPS SUBMARINERS' CHARITY ROW



One of Ashleigh Bysouth's submarine-themed paintings

TALENTED artist and MOD Guard, Ashleigh Bysouth, has donated a submarine-themed painting to help the HMS Oardacious rowers raise money for charity.

The HMS Oardacious team is made-up of four Royal Navy submariners – Lt Hugo Mitchell-Heggs, Lt Callum Fraser, PO Dylan Woods and AB Matty Harvey – who are preparing to take part in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. The world's toughest rowing race, the challenge will see the quartet navigate over 3,000 miles unsupported to raise cash for the RNRMC.

The team are holding a fundraiser in October and approached Ashleigh to donate art to a charity auction. The MOD Guard, who works at HMNB Clyde, was happy to gift some of her artworks to the cause.

For more on HMS Oardacious' challenge visit their webpage: www.hmsoardacious.com

SUBMARINE CALENDAR

10 Jun – SWS Week, HMNB Clyde.

29 Jun – Armed Forces Day.

WHAT'S IN NEXT MONTH

Submarine Service Freedom of Anglesey.

RNTMS / DINS OF INTEREST

RNTM 01-020/19 – Submarine Service Golden Hello.

RNTM 05-010/19 – 1SL's Warrant Officers' Conference 2019.

RNTM 08-002/19 – Travel & Subsistence Guidance and Procedures.

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