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NOAA to survey sunken U.S. Navy WWII submarine in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Live webcast followed by media phone interviews

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On Fri., Aug. 25, media and the public will be able to watch the first archaeological survey of the wreck of the USS *Bugara* (SS 31), a U.S. Navy submarine that received three battle stars for its service in World War II.

It was on June 1, 1971, when the *Bugara* sunk while under tow to a disposal site off Cape Flattery, Washington. It now lies within NOAA's Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary in about 800 feet of water. No one was aboard the submarine when it went down.

Maritime archaeologists and scientists from NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, the Ocean Exploration Trust, and the Navy will be available for phone interviews following the remotely operated vehicle dive from the Exploration Vessel (E/V) *Nautilus*.

The dive will be live-streamed to the public at <http://www.nautiluslive.org/> with live updates available on Twitter at @EVNautilus and dive highlights on Facebook and Instagram at NautilusLive.

WHAT:

Weather permitting, live ROV dive to the wreck of the USS *Bugara* in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

WHEN:

Fri., Aug. 25, starting at 8:30 a.m. Pacific/11:30 a.m. Eastern

WHERE:

Live streaming at <http://www.nautiluslive.org/>.

WHO:

- Frank Cantelas, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
- George Galasso, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
- Dr. James Delgado, SEARCH Inc.
- Dr. Robert Neyland, Naval History and Heritage Command
- Dr. Christopher Roman, Ocean Exploration Trust

PHOTOS and VIDEO:

Background materials and historical Bugara photos are available

at: <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/science/nautilus17/>. A shared folder of Bugara photos and video for media will be populated as the ROV dive begins and will be available

at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BwAXuXpxPxpXZHhZWVJVnFucFE>

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