



PCU Rickover (SSN 795) Successful Alpha Sea Trials

I would like to spend a moment with all of you reflecting on the successful ALPHA sea trials on the PCU RICKOVER SSN795, as well as her upcoming delivery. The ship returned from ALPHA trials as arguably one of our best ships in recent memory, measured by her material condition, performance and capability underway. This does not happen by accident – it is instead the direct result of some incredibly hard work done by electricians, machinists, our test departments, carpenters, and the rest of the Groton Waterfront Operations organization. Our work does not get done without the support provided by engineering, inspection, planning and production control, material ordering, program office, the dock crew, not to mention transportation and rigging. To those in the shipyard who are not as familiar with the intricacies of making all of this work, it does not seem like a significant challenge or effort to make all this happen. The reality of it is because all of you make it look easy. I am pretty sure that as we were swapping photonics masts, repairing the stern plane op rod, or troubleshooting the first of the class HPAC's, we were not thinking much about her return from sea trials. But because we communicate with each other, because we support each other's efforts, because we stay focused on first time quality, and we become vocal and passionate when we need something, we end up achieving some pretty incredible accomplishments together. And for many of us, we spend 60 plus hours in the shipyard ensuring our area of responsibility is not going to be the hold up. From my perspective, there is no finer group of professional shipbuilders that I want to be a part of...pride runs deep.

I am especially proud of the fact that many on the PCU RICKOVER leadership team are delivering this submarine for their first time. In fact, the majority of the PCU IOWA leadership team has not previously been involved in a submarine delivery, and same can be said for the PCU IDAHO leadership team as well. How is this possible? There are many reasons - "watch team backup", Discipline Steering Teams, Lessons Learned meetings, Risk mitigation efforts, but it all boils down to one thing – our willingness to learn from our mistakes, to not repeat them, and relentless effort to document them for our future shipbuilders. With each milestone we achieve in VIRGINIA Class new construction – the Delivery of SSN795, float off of SSN797, Post Core Hot Ops on SSN799, Pressure Hull Complete on SSN801 – we are becoming a stronger and more capable group of shipbuilders, just as we celebrate SSN795 as one of our stronger and more capable ships. Congratulations to you all!

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

21,000 Problem Solvers



There are right around 21,000 employees working at the Groton and Quonset Point facilities. We work in different areas, trades and specializations. We come from a range of backgrounds. Some of us have decades of experience and others may only have days. What we all have in common is being problem solvers. Without doubt, every single one of us has solved a litany of problems throughout our lives and careers.

Think about that for a minute. 21,000 people with the ability to positively affect our business every day. That is a force to be reckoned with. Embracing this force is at the core of EB's continuous improvement culture. This is because all of us, each an expert in our respective field, are capable of improving the way we work.

The average American spends a staggering 90,000 hours or 13 years of their life at their place of occupation. We should strive to make the most of our time here and provide ourselves and our fellow shipbuilders the greatest opportunity for success.

You know that frustrating process you may be going through boat after boat, every week, or even every day? Frustration at work is often the perception of a problem. We must challenge the need for such frustrations by working together to solve the problems we encounter. This won't always come easy. However, by not accepting the continuity of that frustration we will reap the rewards of our efforts for thousands of hours to come.

Interesting EB Trivia:

What was the name of the first Submarine built entirely in Groton for the US Navy?



Answer: Cuttlefish

Have a process improvement idea, or simply just want a board to bounce ideas off? Discuss your idea with your supervisor. If additional resources are required for implementation, your supervisor can contact Process Engineering.



MDA Apprenticeship Program

The application period for the MDA Apprenticeship Program will be open from June 28, 2023 to July 21, 2023.

Program Description

The MDA Apprenticeship is a four-year program designed to supply Electric Boat with a well-trained workforce. This four-year program offers on-the-job training through work experience with qualified subject matter experts. This program offers classroom courses in mathematics and design disciplines, and design discipline rotations, while providing participants the opportunity to learn leadership skills and take on responsibilities in order to promote long-term personal and career growth at Electric Boat.

How to Qualify

For steps and requirements to apply to the MDA Apprenticeship Program, visit EB University or attend one of the info sessions listed below.

Info Sessions (No Shop Order Provided)

Groton: Wednesday, June 28th @ 2:30 – 4:00 PM, BLDG 88 Cafeteria

Monday, July 10th @ 2:30 – 4:00 PM, BLDG 88 Cafeteria

New London: Thursday, June 29th @ 2:30 - 4:00 PM, New London Cafeteria

Wednesday, July 12th @ 2:30 - 4:00 PM, New London Cafeteria

Conference Call: July 5th, 13th, and 19th @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Call: 646-828-7666, ID: 16032353186

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Bldg 104: 8am to 4pm

New London: 7am to 2pm

7am to 1:30 Th.

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