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Senate - postponement of Polar Sea scrapping

Senator Cantwell (D-WA) issued a press release announcing an agreement with the US Coast Guard to postpone the scheduled scrapping of the icebreaker Polar Sea through the end of 2012. The postponement allows the Administration and Congress more time to consider all options for fulfilling the nation's critical icebreaking missions. (6/15/12).

Damaged SSN May Be Scrapped

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The informal word is that the USS Miami, (SSN 755), which was damaged by fire in Portsmouth NSY last week, may be in such bad shape that she has to be scrapped, although COMNAVSEA says that the Navy is determined to repair her. Of course he has to say that, I suppose. But remember the USS Port Royal. Let's face it, the Navy does not yet know the full extent of the damage and hence it does not yet know what it would cost to repair her: until it does, the decision cannot be made, at least not in any rational way. Engineers make rational decisions, Admiral: leave the

irrational ones to the politicians.
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Israeli Submarine Force



The **Type 800 Dolphin class** is a diesel-electric submarine developed and constructed by Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft AG (HDW), Germany for the Israeli Navy. It is based on the export-only German 209 class submarines, but modified and reduced and is thus not designated as a member of the 209 family.



INS Dolphin in 2010

The Dolphin boats are the most expensive single vehicle in the Israel Defense Forces and are considered among the most sophisticated and capable conventionally powered submarines in the world. Each Dolphin submarine is capable of carrying a combined total of up to 16 torpedoes and SLCMs. The cruise missiles are believed to have a range of 1500km and may be equipped with conventional warheads or, some

believe, a 200kg nuclear warhead.

Dolphin – delivered May 1998 – commissioned 1999

Leviathan (trans. "Leviathan" or "whale") – delivered 1999 – commissioned 2000

Tekumah (trans. "Revival") – delivered 2000 – commissioned 2000

Tannin (trans. "Tannin" or "Crocodile") – delivered May 3rd 2012

Rahav (trans. "Rahab") – delivery expected in 2013

Name not assigned yet. Ordered 21 March 2012.

Georgia Received Two Patrol Boats from USA

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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Georgian Prime Minister Nika Gilsuri headed the handover ceremony of two American patrol boats to Georgian Coast Guard.

The ceremony took place in passenger terminal of Batumi port on June 5. Built in mid 80's, the boats were repaired and modernized on funds appropriated by the US Department of State. Those boats are meant to patrol eastern part of the Black Sea along Georgia coast. They are armed with machineguns and 35-mm automatic gun mounts. "This ship and its sister ships represent the resilience of Georgia's national spirit and the endurance of your sovereignty. America stands with you. We will not waver in our support for Georgia and your territorial integrity", said Mrs. Clinton at the ceremony.