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Israel's Deadliest Submarines Are Nearly Ready

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Israel's new Dolphin II-class submarines are the largest undersea craft built in Germany since the Second World War, and when they reach active service they're expected to take their place among the world's most effective subs.



TANIN underway

Three submarines are in various stages of construction at ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems in Kiel, Germany – the *TANIN*, *RAHAV*, and a yet-to-be-named third ship. The submarines are bigger than the three Israeli Navy Type 800 Dolphin-class submarines built in the 1990s: 68.6 meters long versus 57.3 meters for the older subs; 2,050 tons' displacement on the surface, 2,400 tons submerged versus 1,565 tons and 1,720 tons.

USS CONSTELLATION (Sloop-of-War) heading for repairs at U S Coast Guard Yard

The USS *Constellation*, a historic sloop-of-war that dates to 1864 will undergo a \$2.25 mil renovation at the U S Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, MD. The repairs are necessary due

to severe rot found behind the sloop's laminated hull planking which was added between 1996 and 1999 during a \$9 mil overhaul at Sparrows Point Shipyard in Baltimore. The damage was discovered in 2011 and the funds are almost in place to begin the repairs.



Berthed at Baltimore's Inner Harbor

The vessel has to be out of the water to make the needed repairs according to a museum spokesman. Commissioned in 1855, the *Constellation* was the flagship of the U.S. African Squadron and helped to capture vessels engaging in illegal slave trade. In the 1870s, the *Constellation* became a training ship at the Naval Academy, and it later served as the flagship of the U.S. Atlantic fleet for about six months during World War II.

Coast Guard offloads \$19 mil of cocaine at St. Petersburg FL

Aug 22nd, 2014 Coast Guard News



USCGC *Sapelo* WPB-1314

During an Operation Unified Resolve patrol on August 7, an HC-144 Ocean Sentry Aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Miami detected a go-fast vessel south of Santo Domingo,

Dominican Republic. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico Command Center diverted the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Sapelo* to respond. Coast Guard Cutter *Sapelo*'s crewmembers pursued the go-fast vessel.



HMS *Argyll* F231 file photo

The Royal Navy warship HMS *Argyll*, conducting a patrol as part of Operation Martillo, with a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment Team (LEDET) aboard, also pursued the suspected drug smuggling vessel. The contraband and suspected smugglers were transferred from the *HMS Argyll* to the Coast Guard Cutter *Sea Hawk* during an at-sea transfer.



USCGC *Sea Hawk* WPB-87323

The five suspected smugglers aboard the go-fast vessel were turned over to federal law enforcement officials in St. Petersburg.



Pictorial for USS *America* commissioning is back in play and will be in a future Postal Bulletin.