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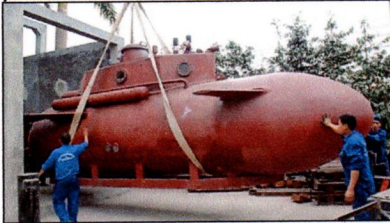
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Vietnamese Mini-Sub Needs Further Permits To Launch

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Thai Binh Province officials cited safety concerns in their rejection of a local businessman's request to test-drive a mini-submarine in provincial waters.



The device was publicly unveiled in a private reservoir, in March. A statement issued by the provincial government informed the submarine's owner, Nguyen Quoc Hoa, that his request will be forwarded to the Ministry of National Defense so the submarine can be tested at a Navy Command zone, VnExpress reported Monday. Hoa had previously asked to test his submarine 12 kilometers from a local port on April 29. The Truong Sa sub was produced last year by his mechanical company Quoc Hoa. The province said the request "was not suitable and cannot be approved yet." **Ed. Note:** Question is where to send covers when she does her first dive!

Anti-Submarine Warfare Continuous Trail Unmanned Vessel Under Construction

Leidos News and Media Press release

RESTON, Va., July 7, 2014 An autonomous unmanned vessel designed to track quiet diesel-electric submarines spanning miles of ocean depths for months at a time with minimal

human input is now under construction and is expected to set sail for testing in 2015.



Leidos (NYSE: LDOS), a national security, health and engineering solutions company, has begun construction on ACTUV (Autonomous Continuous Trail Unmanned Vessel) under a Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) program for the design, development, and construction of a vessel originally conceived for an anti-submarine warfare mission. Leidos received direction to start construction of the ACTUV from DARPA Program Manager Scott Littlefield at the conclusion of a Production Readiness Review held in February. Christensen Shipyard, Ltd. (CSL), is constructing ACTUV in Vancouver, Washington using non-traditional composite structures and modular construction techniques under supervision of Leidos and Oregon Iron Works (Clackamas, Oregon). CSL employs a lean manufacturing process with parallel work flow to complete ACTUV construction in approximately 15 months. ACTUV is scheduled to be launched on the Columbia River in 2015.

Ed. Note: Again, where to send covers for her "sea trials."

Recent disappointments with USPS

We are still awaiting our covers from Philadelphia PA for the

commissioning of the *USS SOMERSET* at Penns' Landing. The customer services folks have acknowledged that they still have to service the chapters covers. Some covers have returned to collectors some have not. Interesting to note that the cancel was made available at the historic tourist post office, the B Free Franklin Sta. on the date of the event and a second nearby station. They were the closest two post offices to the ceremony in Philly. Another tripping point was the postmark submitted for the participation of the *USCGC CAMPBELL WMEC-909* in Fleet Week NY. The postmark submitted was then forwarded by customer services in NY to "the caves" in Kansas City for processing. Apparently my submission letter did not make it with the cancel and it was issued in a very small size, not the size submitted. One more glitch was at the Staten Island NY post office. A postmark was originally submitted for the *USS GETTYSBURG* at Fleet Week NY, but the Navy changed ships and sent *USS McFAUL* as her replacement. So, while the original postmark was in place at Staten Island and in the Postal Bulletin, a new postmark was provided and approved. I now see that both postmarks have been put to use in Staten Island, but only *McFAUL* took part in Fleet Week New York.



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