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# U.S. Navy Submarines Losses, Selected Accidents, and Selected Incidents of Damage Resulting from Enemy Action, Chronological

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### Submarine Lost Through Enemy Action

	Date of Loss	Casualties
<b>Shark</b> (SS-174)	11 Feb 42	59 killed
Sunk by Japanese destroyer <i>Yamakaze</i> ; Makassar Strait, 120 miles east of Manado, Celebes.		
<b>Perch</b> (SS-176)	3 Mar 42	60 POWs, 6 later died
Scuttled after severe damage from Japanese destroyers <i>Ushio</i> and <i>Sazanami</i> .		
<b>Grunion</b> (SS-216)	31 Jul 42	70 killed
Sunk by gunfire from torpedoed Japanese transport <i>Kashima Maru</i> ; 10 miles north Segula, near Kiska Island, Aleutians.		
<b>Argonaut</b> (APS-1)	10 Jan 43	104 killed
Sunk by aircraft (582d Kokutai) and Japanese destroyers <i>Isokaze</i> and <i>Maikaze</i> southeast of New Britain in Solomon Sea.		
<b>Amberjack</b> (SS-219)	14 Feb 43	74 killed
Probably sunk by combined efforts of a Japanese seaplane (958th Kokutai), torpedo boat <i>Hiyodori</i> , and submarine chaser <i>Ch 18</i> off Cape St. George, New Britain.		
<b>Grampus</b> (SS-207)	Feb or Mar 43	71 killed
Sunk either by Japanese naval aircraft (958th Kokutai) southeast of New Britain on 19 February or by destroyer <i>Minegumo</i> in Blackett Strait on the night of 5-6 March.		
<b>Triton</b> (SS-201)	15 Mar 43	74 killed
Sunk either by Japanese destroyer <i>Satsuki</i> or submarine chaser <i>Ch 24</i> north of Admiralty Islands.		
<b>Pickrel</b> (SS-177)	3 Apr 43	74 killed
Sunk by Japanese minelayer <i>Shirakami</i> and auxiliary subchaser <i>Bunzan Maru</i> off northern Honshu, Japan.		
<b>Grenadier</b> (SS-210)	22 Apr 43	76 POWs, 4 later died
Scuttled after Japanese seaplane attacks (936 Kokutai) damaged the boat the previous day, off Penang, Malaysia.		
<b>Runner</b> (SS-275)	Jun 43	78 killed
Unknown, possibly a Japanese mine or combined air and surface attack off northeastern Honshu, Japan.		

**Pompano** (SS-181)                    Aug or Sep 43            77 killed  
Unknown, possibly a Japanese mine or combined air and surface attack off northeastern Honshu, Japan.

**Grayling** (SS-209)                    9 Sep 43                76 killed  
Probably rammed and sunk by Japanese transport *Hokuan Maru*, South China Sea west of Luzon.

**Cisco** (SS-290)                    28 Sep 43                76 killed  
Sunk by Japanese observation seaplane (945th Kokutai) and gunboat *Karatsu* [ex-U.S. river gunboat *Luzon* (PR-7)] in Sulu Sea off Panay Island.

**S 44** (SS-155)                    7 Oct 43                56 killed  
Lost to Japanese escort destroyer *Ishigaki*, northeast Araitto Island off Kamchatka.

**Dorado** (SS-248)                    Oct 43                    77 killed  
Unknown, either accidentally bombed and sunk by friendly Guantanamo-based flying boat on 13 October or sunk by a German submarine mine in the West Indies.

**Wahoo** (SS-238)                    11 Oct 43                80 killed  
Sunk by Japanese naval aircraft, submarine chasers *Ch 15* and *Ch 43*, and minesweeper *W.18* in La Perouse Strait off Japan.

**Corvina** (SS-226)                    16 Nov 43                82 killed  
Torpedoed and sunk by Japanese submarine I 176 south of Truk.

**Capelin** (SS-289)                    Nov 43                    78 killed  
Sunk by unknown causes, either Japanese aircraft (934 Kokutai) and minelayer *Wakatake*, a Japanese mine in the northern Celebes, or perhaps a hull defect reported prior to her departure from Darwin.

**Sculpin** (SS-191)                    19 Nov 43                12 killed, 51 POWs later died and 21 POWs survived.  
Damaged by Japanese destroyer *Yamagumo* and later scuttled north of Truk.

**Scorpion** (SS-278)                    Jan 44                    77 killed  
Unknown, probably a Japanese mine in Yellow or East China Sea.

**Grayback** (SS-208)                    27 Feb 44                80 killed  
Probably succumbed to damage inflicted by land-based Japanese naval aircraft suffered the day before in the East China Sea.

**Trout** (SS-202)                    29 Feb 44                81 killed  
Most likely sunk by Japanese destroyer *Asashimo* in Philippine Sea.

**Gudgeon** (SS-211)                    18 April 44                79 killed  
Probably sunk by Japanese naval aircraft (901st Kokutai) southwest of Iwo Jima.

**Herring** (SS-233)                    1 Jun 44                83 killed  
Sunk by Japanese Army shore battery (Guards Division 52) off Matsuwa Island, Kuriles.

**Golet** (SS-361)                    14 Jun 44                82 killed  
Probably sunk by Japanese guardboat *Miya Maru*, auxiliary submarine chaser *Bunzan Maru*, and naval aircraft off northern Honshu, Japan.

**Robalo** (SS-273)                    26 Jul 44                74 killed, 4 POWs later died.  
Sunk by a mine off western Palawan, Philippines.

**Flier** (SS-250)                    13 Aug 44                78 killed, 8 survived and were rescued.

Sunk by a Japanese mine south of Palawan in Balabac Strait.

**Harder** (SS-257)                    24 Aug 44                    79 killed  
Sunk by Japanese Coast Defense Vessel No. 22 off west coast of Luzon, Philippines.

**Escolar** (SS-294)                    17 Oct 44                    82 killed  
Possibly sunk by a Japanese mine in the Yellow Sea.

**Shark** (SS-314)                    24 Oct 44                    87 killed  
Sunk by Japanese depth charges from Harukaze, South China Sea west of Luzon.

**Albacore** (SS-218)                    7 Nov 44                    85 killed  
Possible Japanese mine off northern tip of Honshu, Japan.

**Growler** (SS-215)                    8 Nov 44                    86 killed  
Probably sunk by Japanese destroyer Shigure, escort vessel Chiburi, and Coast Defense Vessel No. 19 off Mindoro.

**Scamp** (SS-277)                    11 Nov 44                    83 killed  
Sunk by Japanese naval aircraft and Coast Defense Vessel No.4 in Tokyo Bay area.

**Swordfish** (SS-193)                    Jan 45                    89 killed  
Possibly sunk by Japanese Coast Defense Vessel No. 4 on 5 January or sunk by a mine off Okinawa on 9 January.

**Barbel** (SS-316)                    4 Feb 45                    81 killed  
Sunk by Japanese naval aircraft in South China Sea in Palawan Passage.

**Kete** (SS-369)                    20 Mar 45                    87 killed  
Probably sunk by a mine or a Japanese submarine (perhaps RO 41) east of Okinawa.

**Trigger** (SS-237)                    28 Mar 45                    89 killed  
Sunk by Japanese patrol vessel Mikura, Coast Defense Vessel No.33, and Coast Defense Vessel No. 59 in the Nansei Soto.

**Snook** (SS-279)                    9 Apr 45                    84 killed  
Probably sunk by a combination of Japanese naval aircraft (256th, 453rd, and 951st Kokutais); escort vessel Okinawa, Coast Defense Vessel No. 8 , Coast Defense Vessel No. 32 , and Coast Defense Vessel No. 52; and/or submarine I-56 in the Nansei Soto.

**Lagarto** (SS-371)                    3 May 45                    86 killed  
Sunk by Japanese minelayer Hatsutaka in Gulf of Siam.

**Bonefish** (SS-223)                    18 Jun 45                    85 killed  
Sunk by combined efforts of escort destroyer Okinawa, Coast Defense Vessel No. 63, Coast Defense Vessel No. 75, Coast Defense Vessel No. 158, and Coast Defense Vessel No. 207 off southern coast of Honshu, Japan.

**Bullhead** (SS-332)                    6 Aug 45                    84 killed  
Probably sunk by Japanese Army aircraft (73rd Chutai) off Bali in the Java Sea.

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## Submarines Lost Through Accidents and Perils of the Sea

	Date of Loss	Casualties
<b>F 4</b> (SS-23)	25 Mar 15	21 died
Sunk after a battery explosion off Honolulu, Hawaii.		

<b>F 1</b> (SS-20)	16 Dec 17	19 died
Sunk after collision with USS F 3 (SS-22) off San Diego,		

California.

**G 2** (SS-27)                    30 Jul 19                    3 died  
 Foundered and sunk in Long Island Sound.

**H 1** (SS-28)                    12 Mar 20                    4 died  
 Foundered and sunk off Santa Margarita Island, California.

**O 5** (SS-66)                    20 Oct 23                    3 died  
 Rammed and sunk by United Fruit steamer Abangarez in Limon Bay, Canal Zone.

**S 51** (SS-162)                  25 Sep 25                    33 died  
 Sunk after collision with steamer City of Rome off Block Island, Rhode Island.

**Squalus** (SS-192)              23 May 39                    26 died  
 Foundered off Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**O-9** (SS-70)                    20 Jun 41                    33 died  
 Foundered during deep submergence tests off New London, Connecticut.

**S-26** (SS-131)                  24 Jan 42                    46 died  
 Sunk after collision with USS *PC-460* in Gulf of Panama.

**R-12** (SS-89)                    12 Jun 43                    42 died  
 Foundered after battery flooded while off Key West, Florida.

**Tullibee** (SS-284)              26 Mar 44                    79 died  
 Accidentally sunk by circular run of own torpedo off Palau Islands.

**S-28** (SS-133)                  4 Jun 44                    50 died  
 Lost during ASW exercises off the Hawaiian Islands.

**Seawolf** (SS-197)               3 Oct 44                    100 died  
 Accidentally sunk by naval aircraft from USS *Midway* (CVE-63) and USS *Richard M. Rowell* (DE-403) off Morotai Island.

**Darter** (SS-227)                24 Oct 44                    0 died  
 Ran aground on Bombay Shoal, Palawan Passage; later scuttled by USS *Nautilus* (SS-168) and USS *Dace* (SS-247).

**Tang** (SS-306)                  24 Oct 44                    78 died, 9 POWs survived  
 Accidentally sunk by circular run of own torpedo in Formosa Strait.

**Cochino** (SS-345)               26 Aug 49                    1 died  
 Foundered after a battery explosion during a severe storm off northern Norway.

**Thresher** (SSN-593)            10 Apr 63                    129 died  
 Sank after a possible piping failure during deep submergence tests off New England coast.

**Scorpion** (SSN-589)            27 May 68                    99 died  
 Loss not ascertainable; most probable inadvertent activation of battery of torpedo resulting in a possible "hot run" torpedo detonation off Azores.

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### Selected Submarine Accidents/Damage From Enemy Action

**Grampus** (later A3)            10 Dec 10                    1 died  
 Main engine fuel explosion.

**E2** (SS-25)                    15 Jan 16                    4 died

Battery explosion while in New York Navy Yard.

**G2** (SS-27)                            30 Jul 19                    3 died  
Sank at moorings off New London, Connecticut.

**H1** (SS-28)                            12 Mar 20                    4 died  
Aground and later sunk off Santa Margarita Island, California.

**S37** (SS-142)                        10 Oct 23                    3 died  
Battery explosion in harbor at San Pedro, California.

**S49** (SS-160)                        20 Apr 26                    4 died  
Battery explosion at Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut.

**S4** (SS-109)                         17 Dec 27                    39 died  
Rammed off Provincetown, Massachusetts, by Coast Guard cutter *Paulding*. Later salvaged.

**S34** (SS-139)                        11 Jan 34                    1 died  
Accidental signal cartridge explosion.

**Seadragon** (SS-194)                10 Dec 41                    1 killed  
Slightly damaged by a bomb during Japanese air attack (Takao and 1st *Kokutais*) on Cavite Navy Yard, Philippine Islands.

**Sealion** (SS-195)                    10 Dec 41                    4 killed  
Severely damaged by two bombs during Japanese air attack (Takao and 1st *Kokutais*) on Cavite Navy Yard, Philippine Islands; later scuttled on 25 December.

**Bass** (SS-164)                        17 Aug 42                    26 died  
Fire in after battery room asphyxiates part of the crew.

**Tusk** (SS-426)                       26 Aug 49                    6 died  
Crew members washed overboard while rescuing crew of fire damaged USS *Cochino* (SS-345) in the Norwegian Sea.

**Sargo** (SSN-583)                    14 Jun 60                    1 died  
Oxygen feedline fire and explosion in after torpedo room; blaze extinguished by submerging in Pearl Harbor with compartment sealed and stern torpedo hatch open.

**Guitarro** (SSN-665)                15 May 69                    0 died  
Sank at the pier at San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California.

**Bonefish** (SS-582)                  24 Apr 88                    3 died  
Battery fire and explosion while operating off Florida.

**Barbel** (SS-580)                    1 May 89                    2 drowned  
Heavy waves wash three sailors from the deck of submarine while operating off Kyushu, Japan. One sailor rescued.

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