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**Letter from the Chairman**



Although CSTR is heading into preparations for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet on September 18<sup>th</sup>, this month's letter is all about last month. July was a month that saw the successes of AB 634 and all the *Yukon's* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Inside you can read the details, but here I want to name and thank the people that made them happen. An \* means the person participated in more than just the event where they are listed.

For their efforts on behalf of AB 634 I would like to thank:

- Diane Harkey, Assemblywoman 73rd Assembly District, her Chief of Staff Sharon Gonsalves and staff member Gino Folchi
- Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point Councilmember
- Joel Bishop, Dana Point Councilmember
- \*Dean Rewerts, CSTR VP Reef Development and Government Relations Chairman

For their efforts on behalf of CSTR's 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Artificial Reefing I'd like to thank:

- Marty Golden, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Tom Raftican, The Sportfishing Conservancy
- Henry Pontarelli, Lisa Wise Consulting
- Jay Straith, Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting
- \*Dick Long, Project *Yukon* Chairman
- \*Ron Springer, CSTR's Dana Point Project Leader
- \*Jeanne Nelson, CSTR Public Relations
- \*Eleanore Rewerts, Chief Administrative Officer

For their efforts on behalf of CSTR's *Yukon's* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party I'd like to thank:

- Ray Ashley, San Diego Maritime Museum

- Jim Davis, San Diego Maritime Museum
- Wyland, Wyland Foundation
- Scott Brown, Project *Yukon* and CSTR Volunteer
- \*Stephen Mendel, Professional MC and CSTR Spokesperson

For their efforts on behalf of CSTR's *Yukon's* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Undersea Ceremony I'd like to thank:

- Anita D'Amato, Waterhorse Charters
- Ryan Wilbarger, Captain *M/V Humboldt*
- Margo Sanchez, Scuba Diver Girls
- Julie Lorenzen, Maritime Museum of San Diego
- Dale Sheckler, California Diving News
- John Hott, Ocean Technology Systems
- Allison Vitsky, Scuba Diver Girls
- Occhi Moore, Scuba Diver Girls
- Stephanie Adamson, Scuba Diver Girls
- Anna Schwinger, Scuba Diver Girls
- Stephen Speiser, Scuba Diver Girls and CSTR Volunteer
- Janet Pinteras, Scuba Diver Girls
- Ian Wimmer, Scuba Diver Girls and CSTR Volunteer
- John Wagner, APS Manta Ray and CSTR Volunteer
- Michael Bear, San Diego Examiner
- Ronan Gray, Independent Press
- \*Patrick Smith, CSTR Volunteer
- \*Randy Herz, CSTR Volunteer

Please forgive me if I missed your name because your participation is no less appreciated. On behalf of California Ships to Reefs, I wish to thank you all. You have honored us with your participation and support.

**Benefactors**



California Statewide News

**AB 634 Signed by the Governor**

A two-year effort by CSTR to lay the ground work for artificial reefing projects in California was hailed as successful when Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 634 into law on July 15th, Yukon's 10th Anniversary.

The bill, authored by Diane Harkey, R-Dana Point, protects state and local governments from liability associated with scuba diving, particularly on ship-based artificial reefs. Without this protection, government agencies would be reluctant to allow reefing in their jurisdictions.

"California Ships to Reefs is proud of its all volunteer organization, the Legislature and Governor for passing AB 634. The Governor's signature comes at an historic time, the tenth anniversary of *HMCS Yukon's* reefing in San Diego," said Joel Geldin, Chairman and CEO of California Ships to Reefs. "Today, California has removed a major impediment to artificial reefing. We are enthusiastic about the new unlimited opportunities ahead to create a network of artificial reefs on the state's coastline, improving ocean life and enhancing our recreational diving and fishing industries," Geldin added.

The well organized lobbying campaign by CSTR helped propel the bill through the Legislature with remarkable bipartisan support. Dean Rewerts, Vice President of Reef Development of CSTR said, "We appreciate how the Legislature was able to reach across the aisle and pass AB 634 without a single no vote, working for the common good of California. California Ships to Reefs believes the entire state owes thanks to Assemblywoman Diane Harkey for her foresight in carrying AB 634, making it easier to create man-made reefing projects in California to the benefit of the state and the environment."

Assemblywoman Harkey commented, "Fear of lawsuits has hampered efforts to expand recreational activities in many communities. I am pleased that Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law our legislation reducing liability for local and state governments while allowing for more recreational activities such as scuba diving, aiding coastal economies, the environment and the state of California."

**Soviet Era Submarine May Become Underwater Exhibit**

The Soviet era submarine currently on exhibit at the Maritime Museum of San Diego may gracefully end its years by becoming a man made ocean reef, according to an agreement between the museum, the submarine's owners and California Ships to Reefs (CSTR).

The three parties agreed in principle Wednesday, July 14th that when the B-39 Foxtrot Soviet era submarine ends its stay at the museum, CSTR will oversee the process to sink the submarine and use it to create a rich new ocean environment.

"We anticipate sinking the sub in San Diego's wreck alley, where the *HMCS Yukon* is already a popular attraction and beautiful artificial reef," said Joel Geldin, CSTR's Chairman and CEO. "We are proud to announce this new agreement on the tenth anniversary of the sinking of *Yukon*, which has proven the economic and environmental value of man made reefs." Wreck alley is a popular diving area off Mission Beach where the *Yukon* and other wrecked ships are visited by thousands of people every year.

"The Maritime Museum appreciates the opportunity to show the San Diego community that the submarine's history does not end at the ocean's surface," said Dr. Ray Ashley, director of the Maritime Museum of San Diego (MMSD). "We're looking forward to working on this project with California Ships to Reefs."



The B-39 Soviet submarine has been part of the museum's fleet since 2004, but the museum is making plans now for its future as its first undersea exhibit. Enter CSTR, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to seek surplus ships and sink them, creating new artificial reefs for diving, fishing and other recreational uses.

"We will use the expertise and knowledge we acquired from San Diego's Project *Yukon* to make the submarine sinking a safe and environmentally sound project," said Geldin.

**Yukon's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Successful**

The fun, festivity and prizes of the *Yukon's* 10th Anniversary Celebration cocktail party made for an exciting evening. The event on July 14 highlighted the *Yukon's* two-day anniversary celebration and was jointly sponsored by California Ships to Reefs and the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

Attendees had the opportunity to speak with the leaders and members of Project *Yukon*, hear stories about her reefing in 2000 in the San Diego Underwater Recreation Area. Many attendees included their own names and messages in the time capsule that was placed on the *Yukon* the next day.

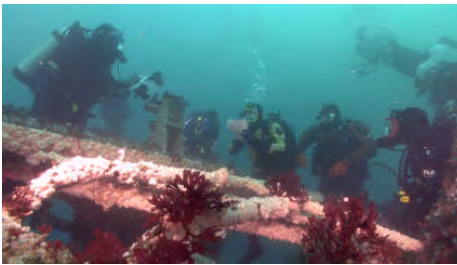
Benefactors



Party goers enjoyed the unveiling of the Wyland Artwork painted on one of the original dolphins that Milt Beard cut from Yukon's hull. Dolphin Scuba Sacramento had purchased the dolphin during reef week in 2000 and recently donated it back to CSTR for this event. The dolphin will be auctioned with proceeds being split between the Wyland Foundation and CSTR.



The balance of the event included seminars from experts in the ocean's health, sportfishing and the need for sustainable ports, along with how man-made reefs can help solve the ocean's problems and how to get your own ship to reef. Guests toured the B-39 Soviet era submarine, which as announced at the party, may become an underwater exhibit near the Yukon.



The Underwater Sea Ceremony on July 15 was a dramatic event. Divers who participated donned special face masks that allowed them to talk underwater while the time capsule was placed on the *Yukon*. Special equipment, donated by Ocean Technology Systems, transmitted

Photo compliments of Barbara J. Lloyd, StellaLunaProductions.com

voices to the surface where the press and public were part of the adventure.

Visit the website to read the San Diego Union-Tribune front-page article and view the Channel 4 video clip.

## Second Annual Awards Weekend

CSTR has set September 18-19 for its 2nd Annual Awards Weekend, which will be held in Newbury Park/Ventura. The awards banquet (shrimp & tri-tips) will be held on board the *M/V*



*Explorer* in Ventura Harbor, catered by Spinnaker's Seafood Broiler (no-host bar). Divers will remain on board to go out overnight for a 2- or 3-tank dive in the Channel Islands the next day.

The Board of Directors has selected this year's award recipients, which was not an easy task with all the great accomplishments of the past year.

Hotel accommodations for non-divers have been blocked at La Quinta Inn and Suites in Newbury Park, \$69/nite + tax. (king) or \$79/nite + tax (2 queens).

Pricing for the weekend is as follows:

Member Divers: \$120 includes dive trip & banquet (only 24 spaces). Divers must bring all their own equipment including tanks. Air is available on board, but those using Nitrox must bring it with them. Non-Member Divers: \$135

Non-Divers: \$35 includes banquet only (only 26 non-diver spaces). Non-Member non-divers: \$40

To register & pay for your spot at this event visit <http://www.californiashipstoreefs.org/Calendar?eventId=185915&EventViewMode=2&CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/29/2010>

Dive & Banquet reservations may be made & paid for until September 11th. Sorry, no refunds.

To book your hotel accommodations please contact the hotel at and be sure to tell them you are part of the CSTR group room block. Reservations for the hotel must be made no later than Saturday, September 4th. After that we cannot guarantee room availability or the rate. La Quinta Inn & Suites 1-805-499-5910.

## July Department Activities

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Finance

Finance is working to develop a list of organizations to approach for funding. These organizations are broken down into two categories: Organizational funding to cover our day-to-day expenses and Project funding which will be specific to each project. We are seeking a Finance leader who has experience locating and securing large donations with contacts not only in the diving and fishing industries, but in corporations with an interest in donating to ocean specific non-profits.

We are also working to identify which events will be considered for fundraising opportunities and which should only cover our costs. We have started to work on our fundraising approaches for the 2011 Show season, including our Casino Party.

#### Governmental Relations

Governmental Relations finalized CSTR's support for AB 634 which was signed by the Governor and chaptered on July 15th. This was a major accomplishment for CSTR as the bill passed through both houses of the Legislature without a single no vote.

Andy Lee, CSTR's Vice Chairman and VP Science, presented CSTR's concerns about the recently released Oil Rig Decommissioning Study to the Ocean Protection Council. Members of the

team took those concerns to the Rigs-to-Reefs Conference in Huntington Beach on July 23rd. These concerns directly affect CSTR's position on AB 2503, which was recently amended to change the definition of artificial reefs, so that our projects will have one less hurdle to overcome. With the passage of AB 634, the Board of Directors has decided to come out in support of AB 2503 which creates an Endowment to help defray the costs of creating artificial reefs in California, funded by the oil companies as they decommission their rigs over the 2015-2030 period. Government Relations will now start working this bill much as they did AB 634.

HR 4914 which creates jobs in the ports has received more co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, however, the amendments we have requested have not included as of this writing.

**Public Relations**

Public Relations spent the majority of its time promoting the Yukon's 10th Anniversary and its associated activities. We put out press releases or notices every few days leading up to the event, with our efforts being rewarded with a front-page article in the San Diego Union-Tribune and spots on both TV and radio.

We are now turning our eyes to our next generation of promotion, moving from text only PR to a more visual presentation method. We will be working closely with the other committees as projects move forward and events arise, with the intent to create both informational and photo/video releases.

**Shows/Events**

This team was also heavily involved with Yukon's 10th Anniversary. Coordination of the seminars, party and sea ceremony included volunteers from all over the State, but primarily in San Diego.

We are now moving forward on the presentation & exhibit presence for California & the World Ocean 2010 Conference in San Francisco, September 7-10. This event is attended by over 1000 environmentalists, academicians, government agencies, etc. from all over the world. We will be discussing how artificial reefs create jobs and increases to the tourism industry.

Shows/Events is starting to develop CSTR's theme for the 2011 Show Season which as of this date include the Fred Hall Fishing Tackle & Boat Show (new diving Pavilion), Bay Area Dive Show and SCUBA Show 2011. In addition, we are exploring smaller venues where we might have informational booths to get the word out to the communities near where our proposed sink sites are located.

**Speakers Bureau**

The Speakers Bureau is preparing special presentation for the California & the World Ocean 2010 Conference. In addition, we have started working the phones to set-up social club presentations in the Orange County area to help support the USS Monticello Project Team.

**Veterans**

The Veterans team is currently seeking new opportunities for presentations to crew members of SBRF and Bremerton vessels. We have been invited to present at the 2011 USS Kawishiwi Reunion in Seattle. We are happy to report that we garnered two new CSTR members from our participation at the American Legion California Reunion last month. One is a retired Navy salvage diver who may be of help to our toxics assessment company in San Diego for the B-39.

**Website**

The Website team worked very hard this month implementing new sites to support Yukon's 10th Anniversary. We have a new site specific to the Yukon, yukonreef.org & a new web store. Additionally, the team is working closely with DiveNav to process winners of the Yukon virtual dive treasure hunt site. Website Committee meetings have been moved to the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7pm.

**LEGAL/PERMITS**

Permits is continuing to try to set-up meetings with the agencies in California that we have not yet met with to obtain their input regarding programmatic permitting of our projects. Legal worked with the current owners of the B-39 Soviet Submarine to finalize an agreement in principle to reef her as a new underwater museum exhibit for the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Legal/Permits meetings have been moved to the 3rd Monday of each month @ 7pm.

**REEF DEVELOPMENT**

An agreement in principle was reached with the current owners of the B-39 to reef her in San Diego as an underwater museum exhibit for the Maritime Museum of San Diego. A scope of work for assessment of potential toxics aboard the B-39 has been received and is being reviewed by the current owners. Reef Development has set August 1, 2010 as the deadline to re-submit our State Lands Commission Lease Application and advised the groups around the state what is still needed. Any site not ready to be included will have to submit separately.

**SCIENCE**

The Science Team finalized revisions to the Baseline Study Protocol and submitted it to the Board for approval, which was done at the July 14th Board meeting. Science is working with the USS Monticello Project Team to determine the best location for the control site for their Baseline Studies. This information will be incorporated into the State Lands Commission Lease Application which we anticipate will be re-submitted in the next couple of weeks.

**Fundraisers**

**BEACHHOPPER II FUNDRAISER**

Join me for my last Ships to Reefs fundraiser, Saturday August 14th. It has been a good 3-year run for me, running these fundraiser dives, but it's time to move on. I will still be diving for fun occasionally, but will no longer be running these monthly fundraiser dives. C'mon, let's fill the boat for the last Hurray! "K" dock Monterey harbor, still only \$85. You bring all gear....meet at 7am for a 7:30 load n go.

Email me to reserve your spot [setime@sbcglobal.net](mailto:setime@sbcglobal.net). Payment sent to me by US mail, payable to me, by check or money order. Cancellation policy... Full refund if notified (by a phone call) AT LEAST 72 hours in advance of departure.

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**National/International News**

**Sinking of Kittiwake Delayed**

**Contaminant could be Kittiwake problem**

On July 9th, the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA) informed the public of an urgent situation that has arisen which will cause the Kittiwake sinking events scheduled to take place between July 24-27,2010 to be postponed.

This delay means that the official sinking dates must be moved further out. Based on all of the factors involved, the sinking will take place post hurricane season. The exact dates will be announced as soon as possible.



The CITA is taking comprehensive measures to mitigate the effects of this inconvenience on media, visiting journalists, guests and ex-crew members who all planned to attend and witness the sinking of the ex-USS Kittiwake in the Cayman Islands.

When notifying ex-crew member John McGrath, who had been awarded a trip as a prize for the best story in a contest, he responded with the following comment in a lighthearted manner, "This isn't the first time that the old girl has been late for an assignment! If the US Navy, with all the power and money back-

ing them, has delays, they I can certainly see why the Cayman Islands would have delays!"

Trina Christian of the CITA said, "We passed all inspections except for one. They said they wanted us to remove 11 gaskets on the hull because of the possibility that dangerous chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, may have been used in the gasket seals. "

It was not clear whether PCBs had been used, but the possibility precluded the ship's movement on its original schedule.

**California Event Calendar**

**AUGUST**

- 2 Finance @ 7pm
- 2 Veterans @ 8pm
- 9 Sole Searchers Dive Club Presentation
- 9 Speakers Bureau @ 7pm
- 9 Governmental Relations @ 8pm
- 10 Science @ 7pm
- 12 Website @ 7pm
- 14 LAST Beachhopper II Fundraiser—Monterey
- 16 Legal/Permits @ 7pm
- 16 Reef Development @ 8pm
- 23 Glenn County Veterans Council Presentation
- 24 Executive Committee @ 7pm
- 30 Public Relations @ 7pm
- 30 Shows/Events @ 8pm
- 31 Board Meeting @ 7pm

**SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Finance @ 7pm
- 6 Veterans @ 8pm
- 7-10 California & the World Oceans 2010—San Francisco
- 9 Website @ 7pm
- 11 USS Hassayampa Reunion — Oklahoma City
- 13 Speakers Bureau @ 7pm
- 13 Governmental Relations @ 8pm
- 14 Sharkbait Dive Club Presentation
- 15 Executive Committee @ 7pm
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting @ 2pm—Newbury Park
- 18-19 2nd Annual Awards Weekend — Newbury Park
- 20 Legal/Permits @ 7pm
- 20 Reef Development @ 8pm

21	Science @ 7pm	Eleanore Rewerts	<a href="mailto:EleanoreR@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org">EleanoreR@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org</a>
27	Public Relations @ 7pm	<b>Reef Development</b>	
27	Shows/Events @ 8pm	Dean Rewerts	<a href="mailto:DeanR@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org">DeanR@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org</a>

**Ships to Reefs Event Calendar**

**2010**

August	USS Arthur W. Radford Reefing, DelJerseyLand
November	USS Kittiwake, Cayman Islands
TBD	Adelaide Reefing, Australia
TBD	Annapolis, British Columbia
TBD	Ocean Gem Reefing, North Carolina

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If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, want to volunteer, please feel free to contact any of your Board Members.

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**Public Relations**

**In the News**

Each month we provide links to recent articles about or affecting Ships to Reefs. If you see something online that we have not included here, please contact Jeremy Bonnett at [JeremyB@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org](mailto:JeremyB@CaliforniaShipstoReefs.org).

**How Artificial Reefs Can Be Useful** *July 28, 2010*

Russian scientists claim that artificial reefs are extremely popular with marine inhabitants.  
[http://www.russia-ic.com/education\\_science/science/science\\_overview/1128/](http://www.russia-ic.com/education_science/science/science_overview/1128/)

**Three-Year Investigation of Military Munitions Sea Disposal Site in Hawaii Completed** *July 27, 2010*

The University of Hawaii at Manoa’s School of Ocean Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) completed a three-year long investigation of Sea Disposal Site Hawaii Number 5 (HI-05), a deep-water military munitions disposal site in U.S. coastal waters approximately 5 miles south of Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii.  
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/07/100727201524.htm>

**Last of 10 ships removed from Suisun Bay this week** *July 27, 2010*

The federal government has reached its court-mandated goal of removing 10 ships from the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet two months early.  
<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/rss2.html?id=1280239935>

**Take it or leave it: Ocean scientist recommends oil rig sanctuary**

July 23, 2010

Removing all 27 oil rigs off the California coast would cost \$1.09 billion, but leaving the lower steel section of some rigs in place as a marine sanctuary would be far cheaper, an ocean science consultant said at a Huntington Beach Rigs to Reefs Conference on Friday.

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/rigs-259090-oil-california.html>

**Oceanography leader: Keep oil rigs as reefs**

July 23, 2010

When an offshore oil platform reaches the end of its production life, it is typically pulled from the depths and hauled off — a process that can cost tens of millions of dollars. A less costly choice for the environment and the oil industry, says oceanographer legend Sylvia Earle, is to cut the top off the rig and let the legs remain a haven for the bustling marine ecosystem.

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/oil-259000-typically-pulled.html>

**Fisheries Dept brings in the big guns**

July 23, 2010

The last call of duty for 25 Chinese-made tanks will not be as killing machines but to provide a breeding ground for marine life in the Gulf of Thailand.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/local/187444/fisheries-dept-brings-in-the-big-guns>

**State resurrects artificial reef program**

July 22, 2010

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation said it will reactivate the dormant artificial reef program in anticipation of receiving an influx of funding from the state's new salt-water fishing license fees and possibly millions in federal funding.

[http://www.27east.com/story\\_detail.cfm?id=291299&town=Westhampton&n=State%20resurrects%20artificial%20reef%20program](http://www.27east.com/story_detail.cfm?id=291299&town=Westhampton&n=State%20resurrects%20artificial%20reef%20program)

**New fish habitat off Little Cumberland Island**

July 20, 2010

BRUNSWICK, GA — The man-made project is expected to attract abundant sealife. Fish and fishermen have a new place to hang out.

<http://Jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2010-07-20/story/new-fish-habitat-little-cumberland-island>

**Ex-HMAS Adelaide decision in two to four weeks**

July 20, 2010

A decision on the sinking of the ex-HMAS Adelaide should be known in two to four weeks. The hearing wound up in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on Friday.

<http://express-advocate-wyong-whereilive.com.au/news/story/ex-hmas-adelaide-decision-in-two-to-four-weeks/>

**Contaminant could be Kittiwake problem**

July 19, 2010

Last-minute PCB removal necessary but vessel license applications still being accepted. The sinking of the USS Kittiwake, originally set for 27 July, has been delayed due to the possibility of contamination by banned organic chemicals in 11 gaskets.

[http://www.compasscayman.com/caycompass/2010/07/14/Contaminant-could-be-Kittiwake-problem/?sms\\_ss=facebook](http://www.compasscayman.com/caycompass/2010/07/14/Contaminant-could-be-Kittiwake-problem/?sms_ss=facebook)

**MPA mulls artificial reef in Dauin**

July 15, 2010

An artificial reef will soon be installed in the damaged Marine Protected Area in Barangay Maayoong-tubig, Dauin, Negros Oriental that was accidentally hit by cargo vessel M/V Lorcon Davao of Lorenzo Shipping Lines on June 18.

<http://visayandailystar.com/2010/July/15/negor2.htm>

**Boost for South Coast reefs project**

July 12, 2010

A campaign to establish an area of artificial reefs near Weymouth and Portland has taken an important step with the granting of a site lease.

[http://www.divernet.com/home\\_diving\\_news/535871/boost\\_for\\_south\\_coast\\_reefs\\_project.html](http://www.divernet.com/home_diving_news/535871/boost_for_south_coast_reefs_project.html)

**What to Do After an Oil Rig Dies: California's Quandary**

July 8, 2010

What happens after an oil rig dies? Even as the Deepwater Horizon disaster continues unresolved in the Gulf of Mexico, California and other states are debating what to do when the intended work of the gigantic platforms is over. One option, supported by some naturalists as well as by the oil industry, is to keep much of each individual rig in place.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2002509,00.html>



**Temporary Bridge of Lions Remnants Saved to Form Artificial Reef**

July 8, 2010

St. Augustine, FL — Pilings from the temporary Bridge of Lions are coming up. Those pilings will be hauled off shore to create an artificial reef.

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/topstories/news-article.aspx?storyid=158546&catid=412>

**Navy ship's paint is toxic with lead, says expert**

July 8, 2010

Avoca, NSW, Australia — A former navy warship earmarked for sinking off Avoca, on the NSW central coast, is thought to contain tonnes of lead despite claims by the Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, that paint on the ship was lead-free.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/navy-ships-paint-is-toxic-with-lead-says-expert-20100708-102bj.html>

**Ex-HMAS Adelaide sinking: hearing hinges on PCBs**

July 6, 2010

Rival legal teams and three members of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal inspected the ex-HMAS Adelaide today as part of the four-day hearing to determine whether the ship can be scuttled off Avoca Beach.

<http://express-advocate-wyong.whereilive.com.au/news/story/ex-hmas-adelaide-sinking-hearing-hinges-on-pcb/>

**Another Suisun Bay 'mothball fleet' ship heads to dismantler**

July 2, 2010

The 10th ship in nearly as many months began the first leg of its last journey Thursday morning, departing from the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet for San Francisco.

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_15427212](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_15427212)

**Jindal agrees to shift reef dollars**

July 1, 2010

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