

A Closer Look at a Fleet Boat

Balao-class submarines had the cruising range of *Gato*-class boats—11,000 nautical miles—but their thicker, improved hulls enabled them to dive 100 feet deeper. They comprised the largest class of subs in the U.S. Navy, with 122 completed between 1942 and 1947. Here's a look inside a *Balao* featuring historical and present-day photos of the *Batfish* (SS-310).

Aft torpedo room



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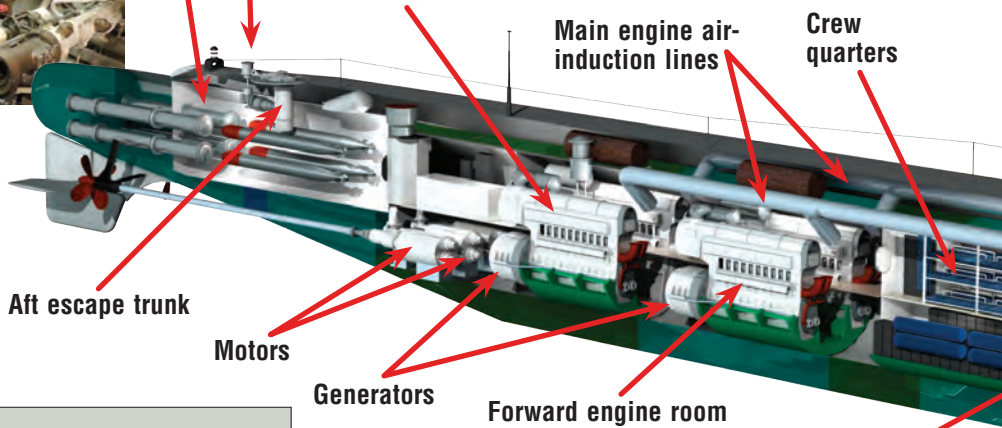
Tanks

- Ballast
- Fuel
- Fresh Water



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Aft engine room



Capstan

Main engine air-induction lines

Crew quarters

Aft escape trunk

Motors

Generators

Forward engine room

Crew mess

Balao-class submarine

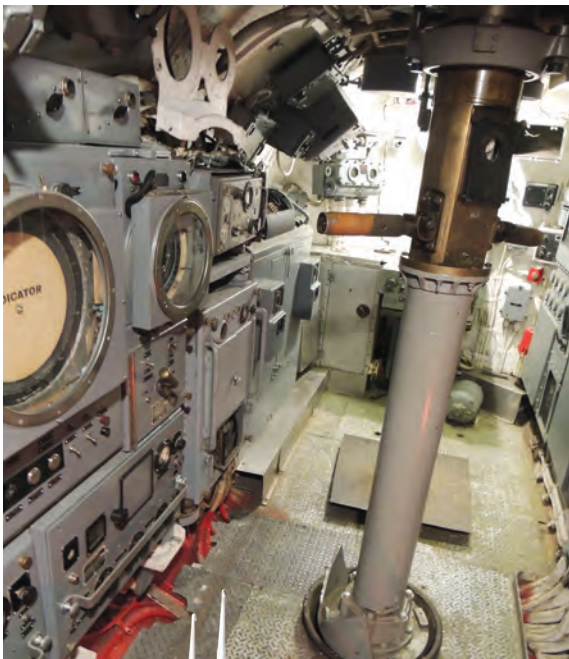
Length:	311 feet, 9 inches
Beam:	27 feet, 3 inches
Displacement (tons):	1,525 (surfaced); 2,415 (submerged)
Speed (knots):	20.25 (surface); 8.75 (submerged)
Surface endurance:	11,000 nautical miles at 10 knots
Test depth:	400 feet
Tubes:	6 x 21-inch bow, 4 x 21-inch stern
Torpedoes:	24
Guns (<i>Batfish</i>, sixth patrol):	1 5-inch/25-caliber gun 1 Bofors 40-mm cannon 1 Oerlikon 20-mm anti-aircraft gun .50-caliber Browning machine guns
Complement:	10 officers, 70–71 enlisted men

Step Inside the *Batfish*

At the Muskogee War Memorial Park and Museum, 3500 *Batfish* Road, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 74403. Phone: (918) 682-6294. For information about the *Batfish*, go to www.ussbatfish.com.



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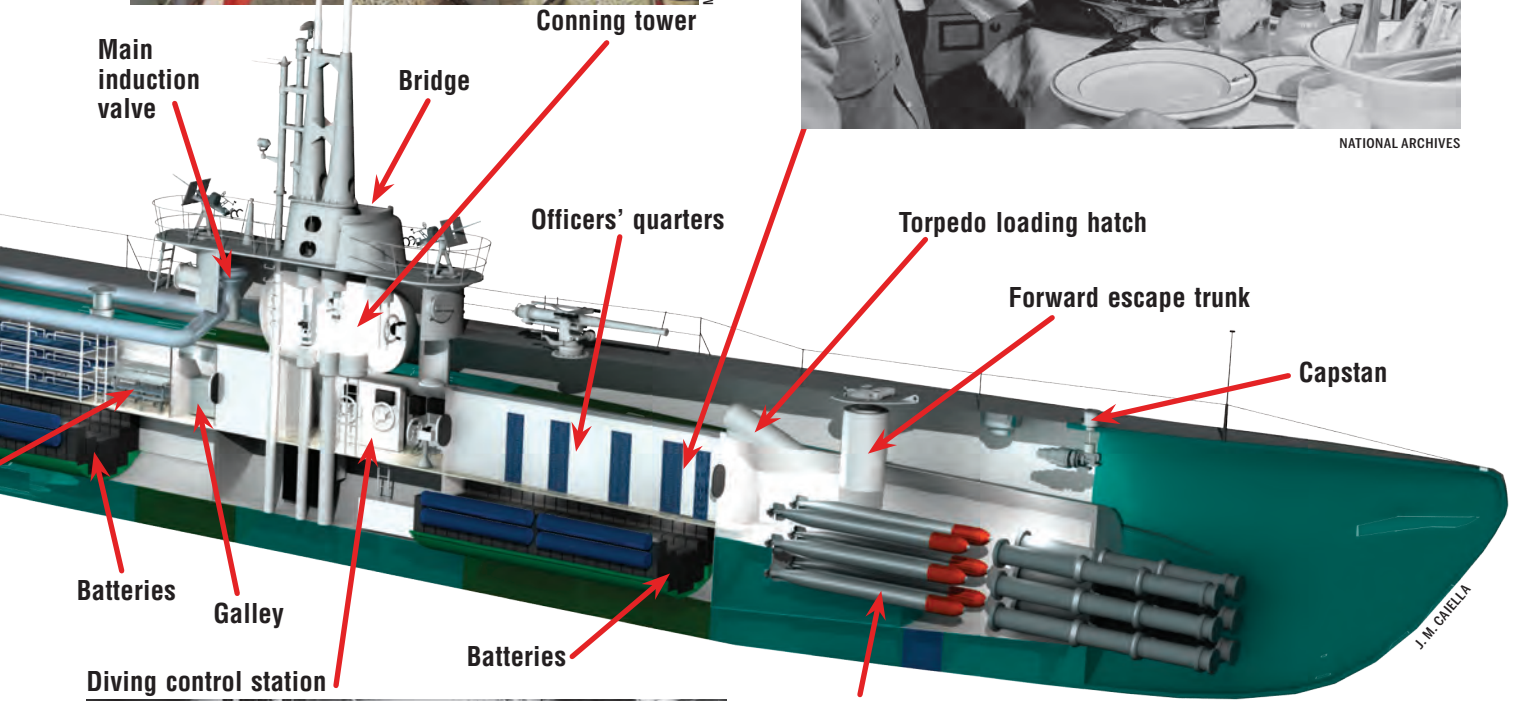
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Conning tower

Wardroom



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