

# YANCEY MEMORIES

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF USS YANCEY AKA-93



### Special Points of Interest

- *Diving notes from the "Wreck of the Yancey" bring the series to a conclusion on our cover page.*
- *George Clifton, Reunion Coordinator, recalls the 2006 reunion and some information you need to know from its business meeting. See page two.*
- *Two new shipmates have been found. See who they are under Welcome Mat on page two.*
- *Ken Groom, Yancey Historian, shares a story about a recorder player. We would like to hear from you also for the next issue.*
- *Save the dates of October 11-14, 2007, for the USS Yancey reunion in Washington, DC. It will be a great one, with so much to do and see!*

## WRECK OF THE YANCEY (AR-302)

Continued from July 2006

*USS Yancey now rests in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of North Carolina, having been sunk as part of the Artificial Reef Program in 1990. The following are the diving notes on the ship.*

### DIVING NOTES

**Diving Depths:** 120-160+

**Visibility:** Generally, given the location, I would guess the viz is probably very good: It was over 100+ the day I was there.

**Current:** Given its proximity to Cape Lookout Shoals and the Gulf Stream, I would suspect current can be a problem

on this wreck. None-to-slight the day I was there. Summer temperature: Hi 70s to low 80s.

**Points of Interest:** Very large and completely intact ship.

**Fish/Animal Life:** The Yancey has yet to attract the abundant fish life which is characteristic of other NC wreck sites. It is improving though.

**Description:** At 160+ feet and the deepest of the artificial reef wrecks, the Yancey is not marked with a buoy. It is still completely intact and is laying on its starboard side. This wreck is very large and quite an impressive site in clear water. Except for the effects of depth, the site presents

no problems for navigation. It can be dived at several different levels with the sand being at 165+ (deeper at washouts) and the top of port side (the highest part of the ship) around 110-120 ft. There are many potential points of penetration into the wreck, but given the depth, these should be taken with the utmost caution and preparation, if at all. There are also several piles of concrete pipe located near the wreck site. These were added in 1991 (330 pieces) and 1993 (500 pieces).

*This brings this series to an end. If you would like to view pictures of the Wreck of the Yancey, go to [www.ncwreckdiving.com/WRECKS/YANCEY.HTML](http://www.ncwreckdiving.com/WRECKS/YANCEY.HTML)*

## COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

The reunion in Chicago this past November was a HUGE success. The weather was a little "brisk" but most of our activities were indoors, so it had little effect. We had 23 shipmates and 17 guests, which made for a good reunion. The graduation at Great Lakes Training Center on Friday was very impressive as was the Saturday tour of the captured German Sub U-505.

The following decisions were made at our business meeting. **Washington, DC was chosen as the site for our 2007 reunion.** We will permanently move the time of the reunions from the beginning of November to mid October. This allows us to choose cities further north. And we will visit the West Coast every three years as in the past, rather than every five that was voted on last year. As a result of these decisions, next year's reunion will be Thursday **10/11/07** through Sunday **10/14/07** and we will choose between San Diego and Seattle for the 2008 reunion.

We had one of our best reunions in 1999 in Washington, DC, so I encourage everyone to mark your calendar for next year and plan on attending. There is so much to do and see in our Nation's Capital, including the World War II Memorial that is new since our last visit. I look forward to seeing many of you in Washington next October.

I hope you all a great year and I look forward to seeing you in DC.

George Clifton

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 10/06	<b>\$319.09</b>
Funds received since 10/06	<b>\$363.00</b>
Funds available for 01/07	<b>\$682.09</b>
Funds expended for 01/07	<b>\$22.37</b>
Balance for 04/07	<b>\$659.72</b>

The newsletter is being mailed only to those who returned the coupon for USPS service. All others can access the newsletter on line at [www.mlrsinc.com/yancey](http://www.mlrsinc.com/yancey).



## WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome Aboard! We hope to see you at the next reunion. You are invited to become an active member of the association.

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## TAPS

The Yancey Memories was notified of the following shipmates' deaths. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the deceased. Anyone who knows of a deceased shipmate, or learns of one, please notify ML & RS, Inc so their names can be included in TAPS and be added to the Honor Roll.

**Toby Tobias**  
*Date of death not reported*

**D.L. Bennett**  
*Date of death not reported*

**Harvey Markley**  
*Date of death not reported*

**Richard Harris**  
*Date of death not reported*

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## THE RECORD PLAYER

BY KEN GROOM

I published the story "Smoke on Number Four Hatch" some time ago. That story involved the use of a 28 volt heated jacket into a 110 volt power source with electrifying results. This latest story explains the background and requirements for the 110 volt power source.

The Yancey swinging around on buoy number 22 in Japan could get boring at times. Someone decided, probably Lyle Nelson, that we needed a record player in our office to provide alternate entertainment to playing cards. I assume that some sort of exchange was negotiated with an Electrician Mate to route a 110 volt line into the ship's office. All we had at the time was 28 volt power for lights in the office. A collection was made to purchase a 45 record player and some records. The popular singers of the day were Patti Paige, Joni James and Teresa Brewer and a few I can't recall. Songs of the day were "You Belong to Me," "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window" etc.

When we brought the record player on board there were some minor celebrations. We just about wore out that record player, but when we got to sea things changed. The songs I mentioned came out erratic. For example, "You Belong to Me" came out "Ou Ong O E" and "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window" came out as "Ow Uh Sat N Dow." Had the Koreans done something to our records? Or maybe it was the Japanese stevedores working on the ship—they are a clever race you know. After some careful thought, we realized that our record player was responding to the roll of the ship—we actually began to enjoy the change to these familiar tunes.

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**Go to the Retired Enlisted Association web site [www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org) for a listing of military reunions. Click on Reunions/Buddies.**

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Balance after 10/06	<b>\$156.73</b>
Funds received since 10/06	<b>\$533.00</b>
Funds available for 01/07	<b>\$689.73</b>
Funds expended for	<b>\$370.64</b>
Balance for 04/07	<b>\$319.09</b>

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