

RECIPIENTS



Christine Dennison is a native "Manhattanite" who swims with sharks, piranhas in the Amazon rain forest and dives under the Arctic polar ice caps. She was the first woman to scuba dive in the arctic waters of the Northwest Passage and in the Brazilian Amazon's, Rio Negro. She leads expeditions to the most remote corners of the world and has been honored as a Fellow in the Explorers and the Royal Geographical Society of London. She was the only American woman on the Mamont Foundation 2015 team of five women who skied to the North Pole to raise awareness of Polar Conservation. She is co-founder and president of Mad Dog Expeditions an exploration, adventure company and supports nonprofit organizations that promote conservation, education, ocean outreach, animal rescue and women's issues. She writes a monthly column titled "Exploring Women" in Misadventure Magazine and is an on air expert for TV and News. She is never without her adopted husky who sits in on meetings and is part of her school outreach presentations.



Tim Taylor is an international ocean explorer, entrepreneur, underwater robotics expert and keynote speaker. He is the CEO of Tiburon Subsea Inc, an underwater robotics company and has spent over thirty years working with marine engineering, ocean science, marine and ecological educational programs and conservation. Owning and operating his research vessel for over 20 years, he has been a leader in working with innovative ocean technologies and underwater expeditions that add scientific knowledge to the fields of oceanography, archaeology, biology and geology. He has been the first to discover and/or explored numerous reefs, including Sherwood Forest Reef, considered the centerpiece of the Tortugas Ecological Reserve, Pulley Ridge, the deepest hermatipic coral reef in the world and black forest reef, the largest black coral tract in the United States. Tim is a Fellow of the Explorers Club and in 2008 was awarded the clubs prestigious Citation of Merit in recognition of his explorations. Tim also contributes his expertise to various media and TV news outlets as an air expert.

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Ocean Outreach brings together colleagues who share a vision, passion and dedication to the worlds of exploration, conservation and education. Our explorations and discoveries throughout the world have provided us a first hand account of the destruction happening to our oceans from climate change, overfishing, and pollution. We recognize the importance of active participation and education to implement change and strive to create innovative and diverse ways in which to share knowledge with students and our community. We hope you will join us on our quest for change.

WWII US Submarine R-12

Brazil Navy League
“Grande Benemérito do Parimônio Marítimo”

Presentation Reception
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Explorers Club
46 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10021

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USS R 12 (SS-89)

The USS R-12 is one of fifteen R-Class vessels built by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy Massachusetts in 1919. On June 12, 1943 the USS R-12 was on a routine mission in the Florida Straights when she sank in less than fifteen seconds.



The USS R12 is the 6th US Submarine discovered of the 52 lost in WWII. The official transcripts and first hand accounts from a surviving crew member state that they “felt an impact” and the submarine began to take on water rapidly. In less than 15 seconds the commanding officer, a lieutenant and three sailors were swept off the conning tower as the submarine plummeted to the bottom of the ocean, taking 42 sailors to their death in six hundred feet of water. Forty-two lives were lost that day including two Brazilian Navy officers. The five surviving crew members drifted in the water for five hours until they were rescued.

Tim Taylor, Christine Dennison and their team working on Research Vessel Tiburon launched an expedition to locate the lost submarine in the Fall of 2010. Their discovery led them on a multi-year effort to be the first to film and map this historical maritime gravesite. Their work to date has been a mission to restore honor and importance to the sacrifice made by the crew of the USS R-12 as they seek to uncover the mysterious cause of her sinking.

The expedition and discovery became a journey which lead to meeting surviving family members and crew, each with their own stories of loss, pain and unanswered questions. The continued research efforts of Tim Taylor and Christine Dennison have included building a customized underwater robot, launching multiple return expeditions, researching archival documents and collecting oral histories from family and friends of the sailors. Their work is chronicled in a short film entitled “Expedition R-12; Discovering Americas Forgotten Submarine”.

All expeditions have been performed with permits from the Naval History & Heritage personal command's (NHHC). Due to limited historical imagery, Images of the submarine represented are USA R-Class submarines. Numbers may have been altered with photoshop and a sister boat is represented as the R12.

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF BRAZIL'S GRANDE BENEMÉRITO DO PARIMÔNIO MARÍTIMO

The Navy League Of Brazil (Liga Marítima do Brasil) is a member of the International Federation of Maritime and Naval Leagues (FIDALMAR) based in Madrid. The League promotes and recognizes important Brazilian naval and marine cultural events.



The discovery of the location of USS R-12, and the consequent exploration and documentation has earned the league's highest honors. In recognition of the discovery and its historical value the league offers its highest award, “The Gold Medal of the Old Sailor” (Grande Benemérito do Parimônio Marítimo).

The objectives of the Maritime League of Brazil are to preserve the memory of our patron and National Hero Commander Alberto Gonçalves Rosauro de Almeida.

BRAZILIAN OFFICES

Entombed in the USS R-12 are two Brazilian officers, Capitão de Corveta Alberto Gonçalves Rosauro de Almeida and Capitão de Corveta Julio Lima de Moura. They are World War II heroes in Brazil and have a statue commemorating them on the grounds of the Submarine headquarters in Rio. The Brazilian Navy League was founded by João do Valle Rosauro de Almeida (son of entombed officer Rosauro de Almeida), the current director of both the Brazilian and International Navy Leagues is Marcos Roberto de Paula Rosauro de Almeida (grandson) who works throughout the world with Navy and civilian personnel promoting the work, efforts and ideals of the league.



Alberto Gonçalves
Rosauro de Almeida



Julio Lima de Moura