

# **PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM**

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Ex-USS Clamagore To Be Towed From Patriots Point For Final Phase of Recycling Project**

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.** – On Friday, October 14, the Ex-USS Clamagore submarine will be towed from its berthing at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum to head towards Norfolk, VA, where the remainder of the vessel will be recycled. The estimated time of departure is noon.

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#### **Media Access**

**October 13:** Journalists may broadcast live from the shoreline at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum.

**October 14:**

10:00 a.m. Media may access the USS Yorktown and pier for coverage of the submarine's departure.

10:30 a.m. Interview Opportunity  
Michael Hastings, PPDA, Director of Operations

\*\*PPDA Board Vice Chairman Wayne Adams will be available for interviews after the submarine's departure\*\*\*

5:00 p.m. Media access to the museum will be restricted to the Patriots Point shoreline.

#### **About the Clamagore**

The Clamagore was commissioned on June 28, 1945, too late to serve in World War II. From 1945-1947, the boat operated in the Caribbean as a member of the 132 unit Balao class of submarines. The vessel was modernized into a Guppy II configuration in 1947 and operated in the Atlantic, Caribbean and

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Mediterranean until 1962. In late 1962, the Clamagore underwent a final conversion into a Guppy III configuration. The Clamagore is most known for its service off the coast of Key West, Florida where it earned the nickname “Gray Ghost of the Florida Coast.” The submarine was decommissioned in 1975. It opened as a museum at Patriots Point in November, 1981.

### **Project Facts**

- Ex-USS Clamagore submarine has been closed to the public since December 2021 due to a leak in a main ballast tank.
- Patriots Point Development Authority (PPDA) Board voted to recycle USS Clamagore in March 2022.
- Through emergency procurement, a contract with Coleen Marine was signed and work began in August 2022.
- Since August, crews have removed materials from the submarine to improve buoyancy. Among other items, a total of 504 batteries were removed. Each battery weighed 900 lbs. The boat’s sail was also removed to improve buoyancy.
- The submarine will be towed to Norfolk, Virginia for completion of the recycling process.

### **Support Material:**

B-Roll, relevant documents, FAQs can be found at <https://www.patriotspoint.org/media/> and by clicking [here](#). To watch a video about the work done since August, [click here](#).

### **About Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum**

*Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, on the Charleston Harbor, is the #1 attraction in Mount Pleasant, S.C., and is home to a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, and the only Vietnam Support Base Camp in the U.S. Patriots Point is also headquarters to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the agency’s official Medal of Honor Museum. Visit [www.patriotspoint.org](http://www.patriotspoint.org) for more details, or find us at @patriots\_point on Twitter and Instagram, and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org](http://www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org)*