

Coming up is the entry for **Perch Base of the United States Submariners**. Their float holds an exact  $1/15$  scale model of the nuclear powered submarine USS Phoenix (SSN-702) named after Arizona's capital city.

The PHOENIX was the 15th ship in the LOS ANGELES-class of nuclear-powered attack submarines. After serving proudly for more than 16 years, she was retired from service on July 29, 1998.

The boat — as all submarines are called — was as long as a football field, that's 362 feet, and as big around as a three-story building. If you look carefully, you can see the "crew members" — at the same scale as the model — standing in front of the masts. This gives an idea how big a modern submarine is.

The United States Submariners is an organization with just one requirement for membership. Have you ever been: "qualified in submarines?"