GLOMAR EXPLORER

In a covert CIA plan named the Jennifer Project, this ship was built at Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Chester, in the early 1970s and played a key role in US Cold War espionage. Its mission was to obtain intelligence by recovering a sunken Soviet submarine, three miles deep in the Pacific Ocean. Portions of the sub were raised by the ship's huge claw in the summer of 1974: six Soviet submariners were recovered and given a burial at sea.

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How Howard Hughes Helped CIA Hunt a Sunken Sub

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, March 16, 2018
Bar opens at 5:00 pm • Dinner at 6:00 pm • Meeting at 7:00 pm

SPEAKER: CHARLES CANBY, NAVAL ARCHITECT
The Raising of Russian Submarine K-129

February 25, 1968: K-129, a Soviet nuclear ballistic missile submarine with a crew of 98 departs the Kamchatka Peninsula on a routine patrol.

March 7, 1968: First missed scheduled communication with K-129.

March 9, 1968: A flotilla of ships and submarines are dispatched to look for K-129

September 12, 1968: The Soviet Navy states that the sub had been lost while on duty in the Pacific and that all the men on board were "presumed dead", and by order of the Minister of Defense, K-129 is removed from the register of naval vessels.

What happened next? A great read is "The Taking of K-129, How the CIA used Howard Hughes to Steal a Russian Sub in the Most Daring Covert Operation in History" by Josh Dean, 2017.

Hear first-hand about the covert design, funding, building, and operation of the *Hughes Glomar Explorer*, not to mine for manganese nodules, but to lift K-129 off the floor of the Pacific Ocean from 3 miles deep. Charlie (Chuck) Canby, a recent naval architect graduate of the University of Michigan when hired by Global Marine in 1970, was one of the first recruits selected, "to draw some lines of a Glomar Grand Isle-class ship." From drawing those first lines, to serving as an ordinary seaman and certified welder on the *Glomar* as she traveled from the east coast down around Cape Horn and north up to her new home in the Port of Long Beach, to serving as the resident naval architect on the *Glomar's* actual recovery mission in 1974, Charlie has some stories to tell! Don't miss this exciting presentation at ABYC!

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