

# Writer Has Hectic Time Keeping Nautilus Sailing Date; Calls Sub 'The First Lady'

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For the Combined Press  
Aboard the U.S.S. Nautilus  
—UPI—She's a lady.  
That's the best possible description for the world's first atomic-powered ship, the submarine Nautilus. After a seven-day, record-breaking voyage from Portland, England, to New York it's hard to say a bad word about her.  
The Nautilus docked at Portland Aug. 12 after making the first voyage under the North Pole. And she was given the hero's welcome she deserved for the fabulous

journey across the top of the world.  
Shortly before the sub was scheduled to sail for the United States Aug. 18, three berths were opened up for the press. Which service would represent television, photos and writing was chosen by the flip of a coin. United Press Movietone won the television spot and decided to try to get cameraman Raymond Ziesse in from the Middle East where he had been covering the current crisis in Beirut, Baghdad and Amman. Associated Press won the

photo berth and sent British cameraman Leslie Priest. UPI won the news slot and sent me for the trip.  
By military and commercial plane UPI managed to get Zeisse into London late the afternoon of Aug. 17. A UPI car picked him up at the airport with his tickets and equipment and then made a wild dash to the train station, picking me up on the way. We managed to catch the last train to Portland with a full two minutes to spare.  
It was raining and cold when we arrived at the Nautilus five hours later.

The next day was hectic. We were out of bed at 0715 for breakfast. Then came some early morning television interviews, a last chance to talk to my London office and file a story. Finally, the last of the British press, British Admiralty and visitors from all over were herded off the sub. A dockside band struck up with Yankee Doodle and the atomic-powered screws of the Nautilus set her into motion. A few last shouts and waves from the dock and

we were headed to sea.  
For about two hours we stayed on the surface, heading for deep water. It was a smooth sea and the Nautilus well known for her stomach-churning roll and pitch on the surface—kept moving right

along.  
At the last moment we went into the control room. There were a couple of squawks from the klaxon and Skipper William R. Anderson said "take her down."  
All of a sudden the Nautilus was quiet. It was like being tied up at dock again.  
From then until we surfaced outside New York on the run setting a new submarine speed record crossing the Atlantic we moved fast. The Nautilus has an announced speed of "over 20 knots" and we averaged just about that on the trip across, or under.

**Makes Mock Attack**  
To sharpen up the Nautilus attack technique Anderson made a mock attack on a passing ship. The ship—which never knew we were within 100 miles—would have been

at the bottom of the sea without knowing what hit her if it had been for real. But Anderson made certain that she didn't know and took care not to alarm her if she suddenly found out we were around.  
No matter how many other subs come along or whether they overshadow the Nautilus with their speed and size, she'll go into history.  
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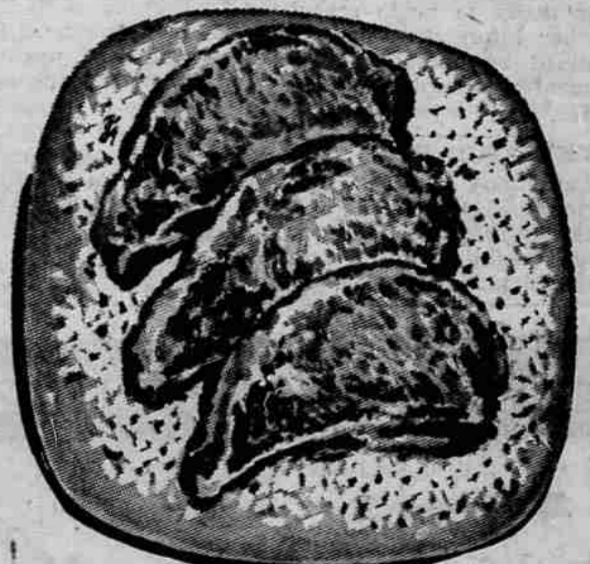
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