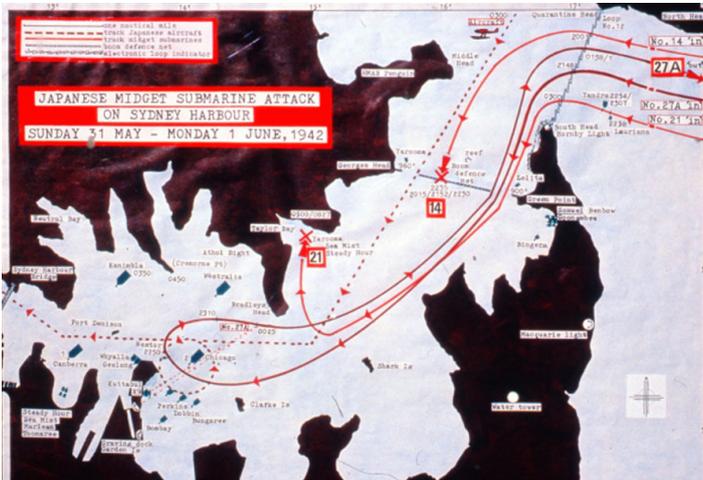


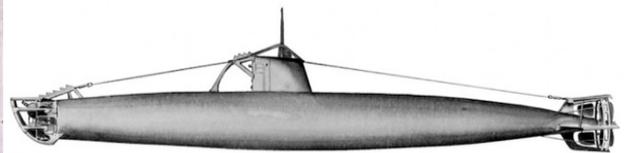


Sydney Under Japanese Attack 1942: Anniversary Cruise on the Harbour

Friday, 3rd. June 2022



This cruise highlights the events of 31 May 1942 when three Japanese midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour to attack Allied warships.



The 1942 Japanese midget submarine attack on ships in Sydney Harbour remains a topical subject. However, many Sydneysiders know little about this watershed event. It was the first attack on Sydney and its impact changed Australia from a quiet backwater of the Second World War to a vital springboard for the defeat of Japan.

This cruise will provide a detailed description of events leading up to and during the attack.

Your cruise boat will take you to sites on the Harbour where key events occurred and a comprehensive description of how those events during the fateful night of 31 May/1 June 1942 unfolded. The story will be told by expert narrators from the Naval Historical Society.

One midget submarine became entangled in the boom defence net. The second was depth charged and sunk while the third fired its two torpedoes at the USS Chicago and escaped from the harbour.

All three crews died in the attack. 19 Royal Australian Navy and two Royal Navy personnel were killed when one of the torpedoes that missed the USS Chicago detonated on the eastern sea wall of Garden Island under the moored HMAS Kuttabul used as an accommodation vessel.

Come join the cruise to learn more detail about that incredible night.

Three Hour Cruise - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm AEST

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