

Thames Stamp Club Newsletter

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The Thames Stamp Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Sept. through June, at 7:30 P.M. at the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT. All area philatelists are invited. Annual dues are \$10.00. The club's email is tbbee@aol.com. The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

May Recap

8 May – Open meeting at the Waterford Public Library with eight members attending. Brian agreed to look into printing the New Haven cover for the Hartford show. We decided that the TSC will sell past Thamespex covers at the Hartford show. We discussed the possibility of moving Thamespex to a Saturday in October to increase attendance. The discussion was tabled until Obie could check on availability. Brian mentioned that the Thamespex'24 theme will be the USS Virginia (SSN 774) celebrating 20 years of service. A short auction and refreshments by Charles N concluded the evening.

22 May – Meeting was called to order at the Waterford Public Library with nine members attending and no members on Zoom. We received information from the APS on requesting e-blasts for our show. We discussed putting a TSC add into the GASS show program. Members agreed that we will do that and split the expense with NHPS. We agreed that a Saturday could be beneficial to improve show attendance and agreed to check out the availability of the Waterford Community Center. Obie will check on our reservations for upcoming meetings with the library. Refreshments by Obie and a short auction concluded the evening.

June Meetings

12 Jun – In-person meeting at Waterford Public Library plus Zoom for those who cannot make it. There will be a short auction. I will show the first segment of Wayne Youngblood's APS discussion on Forever Stamp forgeries. Marilyn H. has refreshments

26 Jun – In-person meeting at Waterford Public Library plus Zoom for those who cannot make it. We will have a short auction and I will show the conclusion of Counterfeit forever stamps. Brian B. has refreshments.

June Stamp Shows

23 Jun 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex Y.M.A. in East Haven

Here and There

No cover of the month for June, instead we illustrate Brian's proposed Thamespex'24 show cover celebrating the USS Virginia (SSN 774) Twenty Years of Service. If you have a candidate for cover-of-the-month, please send me a scan plus a short write-up. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, please consider doing so today. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333. I am circulating the stamp-circuit boxes; if you want to check out the box in your home for a few days, let me know. Everyone, please stay healthy and safe. The following link will take you to the APS Newsletter: <https://stamps.org/news/c/news/p/1>

Philatelically yours,

Tony

Tony Bruno

Proposed Thamespex'24 cover front and back provided by Brian. Actual show date to be corrected once we finalize the show date.

THAMESPEX 2024
 COMMISSIONED 10 YEARS AGO
 FIRST SUBMARINE IN THE CLASS BUILT



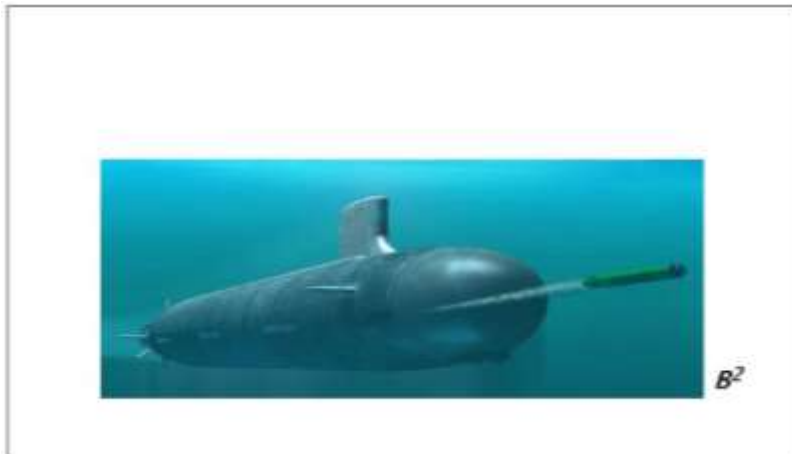
THAMES STAMP CLUB
 Community Center
 Waterford, CT 06385 – 13 Oct 2024



THAMESPEX STATION
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COMMISSIONED 23 OCT 2004
THE FIRST NEXT GENERATION
ATTACK SUBMARINE



HISTORY OF THE MANY USS VIRGINIA'S

USS Virginia (1776), was a 20-gun sailing frigate built in 1776, captured by the British in the following year and re-commissioned as HMS Virginia.

USS Virginia (1821), was a 14-gun sloop-of-war built in 1821 and retained in the Revenue Cutter Service in 1861.

USS Virginia (1821), was a 74-gun ship-of-the-line laid down in 1818 but never launched, and broken up on the stocks in 1874.

USS Virginia (1861), was a captured Spanish *Mechica* cutter during the American Civil War and commissioned into the United States Navy.

USS Virginia (BB-1), was a *Florida-class battleship* commissioned in 1896, decommissioned in 1920, and destroyed in 1923 as a bombing target.

USS Virginia (SP-274), was a *minesweeper* acquired by the Navy and officially referred to only as SP-274, patrolled Lake Michigan during World War I.

USS Virginia (SP-706), was a *minesweeper* acquired by the Navy and officially referred to only as SP-706, patrolled the east coast during World War I.

USS Virginia (SSN-774), was a *Florida-class battleship* commissioned in 1976 and decommissioned in 1994.

USS Virginia (SSN-774), is a *Virginia-class submarine* commissioned in 2004.

Insert listing the ships named Virginia



Illustration of hull shapes for US Navy nuclear attack submarines