

# Undersea Rescue Command (URC)



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# World Wide Submarine Rescue



## Mission:

Work with partners worldwide to provide disabled Submarine Intervention and Rescue



## **URC Sub Rescue Enterprise**

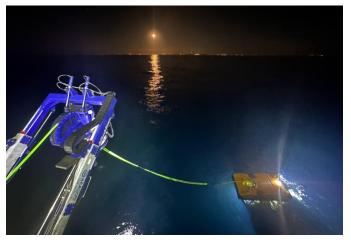


# Contractor maintains, transports, and installs all equipment





# Navy operates key equipment and conducts undersea operations





**URC Structure** 



- Active duty: 7 Officers, 45 Enlisted
- Reserves: 11 Officers, 46 Enlisted
- Contractors: 50 Personnel





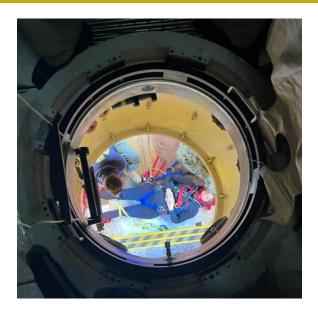






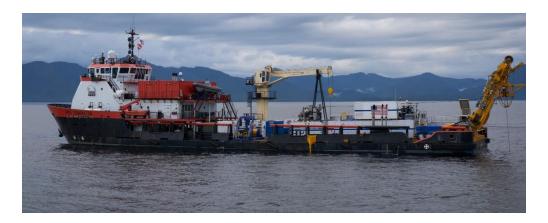
# **URC Sailors**





- Navy Divers: Purpose is to operate in pressurized environment (rescue equipment or sub)
- Undersea Medical Officer and Corpsmen: To treat injured rescuees and manage decompression
- **Ops/QA/Admin Support:** Navigation, communication, maintenance oversight

# **Training Support Ship**

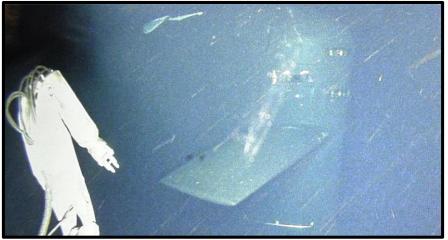


- HOS DOMINATOR
- Operated by civilian mariners, similar to vessel URC would contract locally for a rescue



# Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)





#### **Mission = Intervention**

- Tethered to Surface Ship
- Video, Sonar Capability
- Articulated Joints
- 2,000 ft Maximum Depth
- Conducts DISSUB Survey, and clears fouled hatches





# Side Looking Sonar (SILOS)



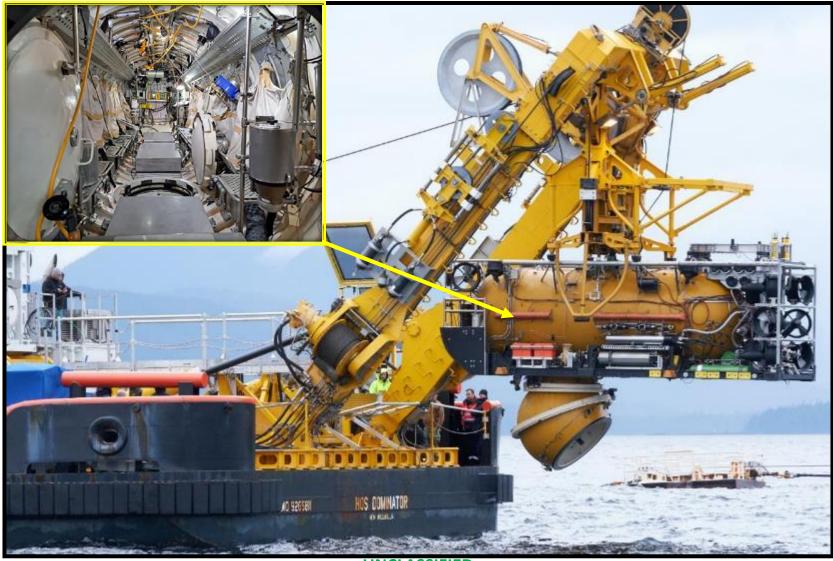




- Towed behind host ship or small boat
- Used for localization of submarine
- Not intended for wide area search



# Pressurized Rescue Module (PRM)





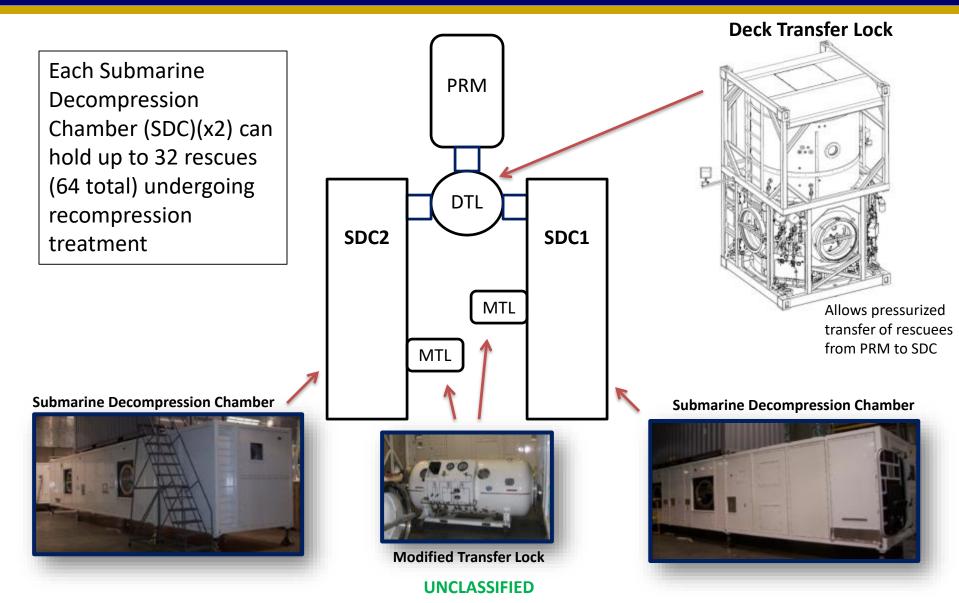
#### **SRS-TUP**

#### Submarine Rescue System – Transfer Under Pressure





## Submarine Decompression System (SDS)





# **Rescue Mission Sequence**

START: SUBMISS or SUBSUNK message received at Undersea Rescue Command



Rescue systems and equipment are flown by heavy airlift (C-5 or C-17) to a nearby airfield



System is offloaded for transport to a Vessel of Opportunity (VOO)



END: Module rescues up to 16 personnel at a time from the submarine



VOO transports rescue system and holds position over the submarine



Rescue system and support equipment are installed onboard the VOO



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## Questions



USS TEXAS, HOS DOMINATOR, and the SRDRS during Exercise GRAY LADY 2018