

# **U.S.S. Sirago (SS 485)**

## **2003 Reunion ~ Tentative Schedule of Events**

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Rooms: \$65/Night + 12.5% tax

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*Wednesday, April 30, 2003*

1200 Station Maneuvering Watch,  
Reunion 2003 Underway - **DBF**  
**Check-in & Registration** in Lobby  
1700 - 2100 **Welcome Aboard Reception**  
Hospitality Room

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

0600 - 0900 **Crew Breakfast** (\$6.95 ea.)  
1100 **Ladies' Luncheon & Shopping**  
MacArthur Mall  
**Men's Lunch** (Location to be announced)  
1700 **Dinner on the Beach** (\$35 ea.)  
Duck-In in VA Beach

*Friday, May 2, 2003*

0600 - 0900 **Crew Breakfast** (\$6.95 ea.)  
1200 - 1400 **Soup Down** - St. Thomas Style (\$12 ea.)  
1900 **Dinner & Dancing Harbor Cruise** (\$45 ea.)  
Spirit of Norfolk

*Saturday, May 3, 2003*

0600 - 0900 **Crew Breakfast** (\$6.95 ea.)  
0930 - 1030 **Crew Muster at Quarters**  
Hospitality Room  
1030 **Liberty Call**  
1200 **Pirate Picnic in the Park** (\$20 ea.)  
1800 **Memorial & Banquet** (\$35 ea.)  
Grand Ballroom

*Sunday, May 4, 2003*

0700 - 0800 Sunday Quarters  
Church Pennant  
0800 - 0900 **Mess Tent Breakfast** (\$7.95 ea.)  
& Farewell  
1200 Secure Maneuvering Watch

# Reunion Tentative Schedule – Notes

## Mike Bickel – Duty Officer

On the reverse side of this page is the reunion “Tentative Schedule”. It is important to note that it is “tentative” at this point in time. The August Newsletter will have a “final schedule” and will also include a “signup form” which will allow you to officially “sign up” for the reunion and individual events, etc. We will also be selling certain items like hats, shirts, pins, patches, and other paraphernalia that you might want to get, so I’d like to suggest that you consider the following “points” which are very important to remember when considering this reunion.

1. Our reunions have been VERY successful and if you “miss” the reunion it will be a full two years until the next one. Those who attended the last one (125 crewmembers, crowd of 220) will tell you it was fantastic. This next reunion will have about 200 crew with a crowd of about 350. The Sirago was a memorable boat with a fantastic crew – here is an opportunity to see them again when you probably had thought you’d never see any of those fellows again.
2. I know that the costs can add up if you sign up for everything. However, we’re not talking about a cruise to the Mediterranean here. The most “pricey” item is the Spirit of Norfolk evening “dinner cruise”. Of the 220 “crowd”, we ended up with more than 100 attending this event. The price includes tip and gratuity and is a lovely cruise, dancing, entertainment, and exquisite food. Not everyone may want to do this, and you may prefer to hang with other like-minded crewmates back at the hotel or elsewhere – maybe visit your old barracks. The idea here, however, is that we want to make the events interesting to your wife or guest and still give you the opportunity to have plenty of time to share those sea stories.
3. Regarding items for sale: We will have a full list of items that you can “pre-purchase”. We will have “some” inventory there at the reunion, but we’d appreciate having it mostly pre-sold so that our sparse funds aren’t tied up in “inventory”. The prices that will be offered (next newsletter) on such items will be LESS than what you can get them for if you ordered it yourself so you may want to consider doing this.
4. Regarding the subject of SIGNING UP / PRE-PAYING: In the next newsletter there will be “signup” sheets and we will encourage EVERYONE to pre-pay and sign up as early as possible. This is because there are certain items we need to pay for in advance. 100% of any monies pre-paid for reunion events will be refundable if you have to cancel providing you cancel by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2003. Therefore, your “investment” is safe.
5. There will also be a scholarship fund, like last reunion and we expect to be able to pay for hotel costs and many events IN FULL for about 4-5 Sirago crew members and their families. Watch for details on this option – next newsletter.