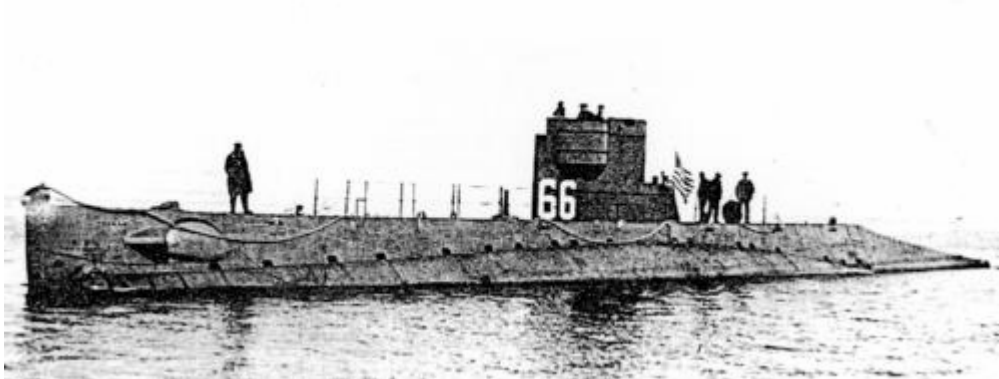


*Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

# *USS O-5 (SS 66)*

## *October 18, 1923 - 2 Men Lost*

USS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on 18-Oct-1923 with the loss of 2 men when it was sunk after collision with SS ABAGAREZ (United Fruit Co.) off Panama Canal.



- Keel laid down by Fore River Shipbuilding Co., Quincy, MA, December 8, 1916;
- Launched: November 11, 1917; Sponsored by Mrs. Frank T. Cable;
- Commissioned: June 8, 1918 with Lt George A. Trevor in command;
- Decommissioned: January 29, 1921;
- Recommissioned: June 3, 1921;
- Sunk October 18, 1923;
- Struck from the Navy List April 28, 1924;
- Raised and sold for scrapping December 12, 1924

During the final months of WWI, USS O-5 (SS-66) operated along the Atlantic coast and patrolled from Cape Cod, MA, to Key West, FL. She departed Newport, RI, 3 November with a 20-sub contingent bound for European waters; however hostilities had ceased before the vessels reached the Azores.

After the Armistice, O-5 operated out of the Submarine School at New London, CT, until 1923. O-5 then sailed to Coco Solo, Canal Zone, for a brief tour. On 18 October 1923, as O-5 entered Limon Bay, preparatory to transiting the Canal,

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she was rammed by United Fruit steamer Abagarez and sank in less than a minute, with the loss of 2 men.

Struck from the Navy List 28 April 1924, she was sold as a hulk to R.K. Morris, Balboa, Canal Zone 12 December 1924.