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Frontispiece: Captain George F. Bond checks the chamber pressure
gauge on the U.S. Navy's first Personnel Transfer Capsule, which
rests on its side on the deck of the support barge YFNB-12.
Decompression of the four Sealab I aquanauts inside the chamber
took about one day. (U.S. Navy photo)

The four Navy aquanauts were Lester E. Anderson; Robert A.
Barth; Sanders W. Manning; and Robert E. Thompson.

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Acronyms

AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
ATA	atmosphere absolute
BOQ	bachelor officers' quarters
BuMed	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
BuShips	Bureau of Ships
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
DDC	deck decompression chamber
DeKomRaum	decompression chamber (<i>Helgoland</i>)
DMO	diving medical officer
DSSP	Deep Submersible Systems Program
DSSRG	Deep Submersible Systems Review Group
EDU	Experimental Diving Unit
FISSH	First International Saturation Study of Herring and Hydroacoustics
MDL	Mine Defense Laboratory
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NavShips	Naval Ship Systems Command
NCSL	Naval Coastal Systems Laboratory
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
NOTS	Naval Ordnance Testing Station
NSRDL	Naval Ship Research and Development Laboratory