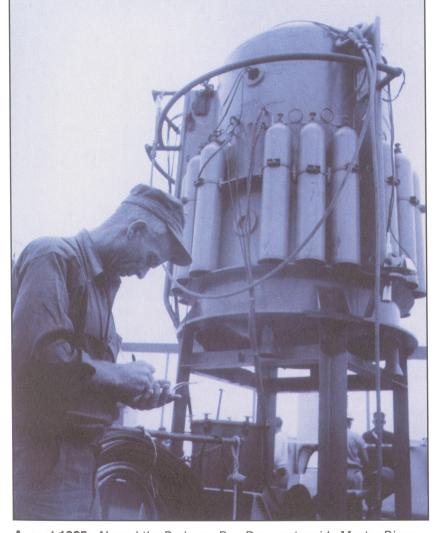


26 August 1965: 1,000 yards west of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography pier, Sealab II being prepared to descend 205 feet to the sea floor, with the Berkone in support.

(USN Photo)



August 1965: Aboard the Berkone, Dan Reeves, topside Master Diver USN, inspects the PTC (Personnel Transfer Capsule).

(USN Photo)



12 September 1965: After 15 days on the bottom, the PTC surfaces carrying nine aquanauts from Team I. Note: CDR Carpenter remains in the habitat an additional 14 days as leader of Team II.

(USN Photo)



August 1965: The "Roving Bell" being lowered into the water, which was utilized to control decompression stops for all surface dives to the Sealab II site.

(Photo by Bill Bunton)



24 August 1965: Less than one mile off La Jolla, California, Sealab II awaits its descent in 48 hours.

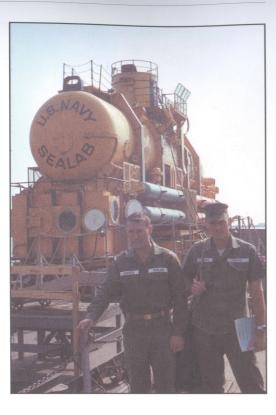
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28 September 1965: Greeting CDR Scott Carpenter as he exits the DDC after spending one month in Sealab II (plus 30 hours in decompression). From left to right, Captain Walter Mazzone, Physiological Control/Diving Operations Officer, Scott Carpenter, and Captain George Bond to his rear.

Death of an Aquanaut

Beginning of the End



November 1968:

San Francisco Bay
Naval Shipyard: Left to
right, aquanauts Berry
Cannon (Team I) and
Wally Jenkins (Team
IV). Note the Sealab III
Observation Room
viewing port in the
background.

(Photo by Bill Bunton)



September 1968: Sealab III entering the water at the San Francisco Bay Naval shipyard for the first time.



February 1969: An aerial view of the Sealab III support vessel Elk River (IX-501), under way for San Clemente Island.

(USN Photo)





Above, an artist's conception of two Sealab III aquanauts exiting the 7-foot diameter PTC (Personnel Transfer Capsule).

(USN Illustration)

February 1969: Off San Clemente Island: One of the two HY-80 steel PTCs (Personnel Transfer Capsules) being lowered into the water through the center well of the Elk River for a check-out dive.

(USN Photo)