

U.S.S. *CANOPUS* (AS-34)

Keel laid 02 Mar 1964 at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Miss.
Launched 12 Feb 1965; sponsored Mrs. Elizabeth S. Sackett, wife of Radm Earl L.
Sackett, CO of CANOPUS (AS-9) at outbreak of WW II.
Commissioned 04 Nov 1965.

Commanding Officers

Captain John M. Barrett	04 Nov 65 – 05 Aug 66
Captain John D. Eaton	05 Aug 66 – 30 Dec 67
Captain Harold J. Trueblood	30 Dec 67 – 20 Sep 69
Captain John M. Davis	20 Sep 69 – 25 Jul 70
Captain Richard M. Hoover	25 Jul 70 – 19 Jun 72
Captain Walter A. Brooks	19 Jun 72 – 26 Mar 74
Captain Milton R. Alexich	26 Mar 74 – 12 Jun 76
Captain John M. Will, Jr.	12 Jun 76 – 26 Aug 78
Captain Dwaine O. Griffith	26 Aug 78 – 11 Jul 80
Captain Hugo E. Marxer	11 Jul 80 – 02 Jul 82
Captain Charles C. Holcomb	02 Jul 82 – 07 Jul 84
Captain Michael J. Lees	07 Jul 84 – Jun 86
Captain Thomas J. O'Brien, Jr.	Jun 86 – 09 Jul 88
Captain Frederick A. Adams	09 Jul 88 – 07 Jul 90
Captain Bennie L. Fletcher III	07 Jul 90 – 08 Feb 92
Captain Clyde J. Ihrig	08 Feb 92 – Mar 94
Captain Ronald B. Glover	Mar 94 – Nov 94

Deployments

4 Nov 65	Commissioned, homeport Charleston, SC
7 Jan 66 – 28 Feb 66	Shakedown, Guantanamo Bay
Feb – Apr 66	Post-shakedown availability
18 Jun 66	Moved to Cooper River Site, commenced refits
	Installed computerized inventory system
24 Sep 66 – 20 Apr 69	Deployed and home port at Rota
	Conducted 42 SSBN refits in 67
	Conducted 37 SSBN refits in 68
	Conducted 11 SSBN refits in 69
Summer/Fall 69 – 9 Feb 70	Homeport Bremerton, Wa for conversion to POSEIDON-handling capability
11 Feb 70 – 28 Mar 70	Depart, transit Panama, train Gtmo, to Charleston
5 May 70 -- ?? 75	Deployed and home port at Holy Loch, Scotland
	Conducted 27 SSBN refits in 70
	Fire in CPO baggage kills three sailors, guard & two men in the brig.
	[no data on 1971 refits]
	Conducted 41 SSBN refits, 12 ship repairs in 72
	Installed Shipboard Uniform Automated Data

	Processing System (SUADPS) in May 72
	Conducted 41 SSBN refits, 7 ship repairs in 73
	Went to DefCon 3 during Arab-Israeli War, Oct 73
	Conducted 37 SSBN refits, 13 ship repairs in 74
	Returned to Charleston in 75 [no 1975 data]
5 Jan 76 – 28 Aug 76	Overhaul Charleston, SC
7 Dec 76 – 10 Jun 79	Deployed and home port Rota, Spain
	Conducted 32 SSBN refits in 77
	Conducted 34 SSBN refits
	Conducted 33 refits, 24 ship repairs 79
1 Jul 79	Return and homeport to Charleston, SC
	Conducted 18 SSBN refits in 80
	Conducted 23 SSBN refits in 81
	Conducted 32 SSBN refits in 82
	Conducted 15 SSBN, 8 SSN refits in 83
16 Jan 84 – 16 Jan 85	Overhaul, Charleston
15 July 85	Home port shift to Kings Bay, GA
	Conducted 27 SSBN refits in 86
	Conducted 25 SSBN, 5 SSN refits in 87
	SNAP I computer upgrade in 88, no refit data 88/89
25 Sep 89 – 14 Feb 90	DSRA Bethlehem Steel, Baltimore, Md
21 Feb 90	Return to Kings Bay, no refit data 90
11 Sep – 24 Sep 90	Visit St. Thomas, VI
15 Jul – 09 Aug 91	Visit to Bahamas, no refit data 91
05 Nov – 19 Nov 91	Visit St. Thomas, VI
18 May – 01 Jun 92	Visit Annapolis, support 9 SSBNs, 28 SSBN refits
09 Sep – 23 Sep 92	Visit St. Thomas, VI
15 Oct 92 – 23 Jan 93	Availability, Charleston
7 Oct 94	Decommissioned, Kings Bay
5 Jan 99	Transferred to Maritime Admin, in James River

Awards

01 Jul 74 to 10 Nov 74	Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
Jan 82 to Jun 83	
01 Apr 91 to 01Apr 94	
01 Jul 74 to 30 Jun 75	Navy "E"
01 Oct 82 to 30 Sep 83	
01 Oct 85 to 30 Sep 86	
01 Oct 86 to 01 Oct 87	
01 Oct 91 to 30 Sep 92	