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USS O-9 (SS 70) June 20, 1941 - 34 Men Lost

USS O-9 (SS-70) was lost on 20-Jun-1941 with the loss of 34 officers and men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

- Keel laid down by Fore River Shipbuilding Co., Quincy, MA, February 15, 1917;
- Launched: January 27, 1918; Sponsored by Mrs. Frederick C. Sherman;
- Commissioned: July 27, 1918 with Lt Oliver M. Read, Jr. in command
- Decommissioned: June 25, 1931;
- Recommissioned: April 28, 1941.



During the final months of WWI, USS O-9 (SS-70) operated on coastal patrol and protected the Atlantic coast from U-boats. She departed Newport, RI, 2 November 1918 for European waters, but the termination of hostilities brought the 20-sub force she was part of back to the U.S.

After the war, O-9 continued in Naval service and trained submarine crews at the sub school at New London. Proceeding to Coco Solo, Canal Zone in 1924, the boat was reclassified to a 2nd line sub during her year there. Returning to operate at New London, O-9 reverted to a 1st line sub 6 June 1928. Sailing up to Kittery, ME, in January 1930, the sub returned to New London in March; the following February, she sailed to Philadelphia, to decommission there 25 June 1931.

Remaining on the Navy List, O-9 was recalled to training service as U.S. involvement in WWII