

UNITED STATES SHIP
DACE SS(N)607



Built by
The Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation
A Division of Litton Industries
Pascagoula, Mississippi



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Launched: 18 August 1962
Commissioned: 4 April 1964



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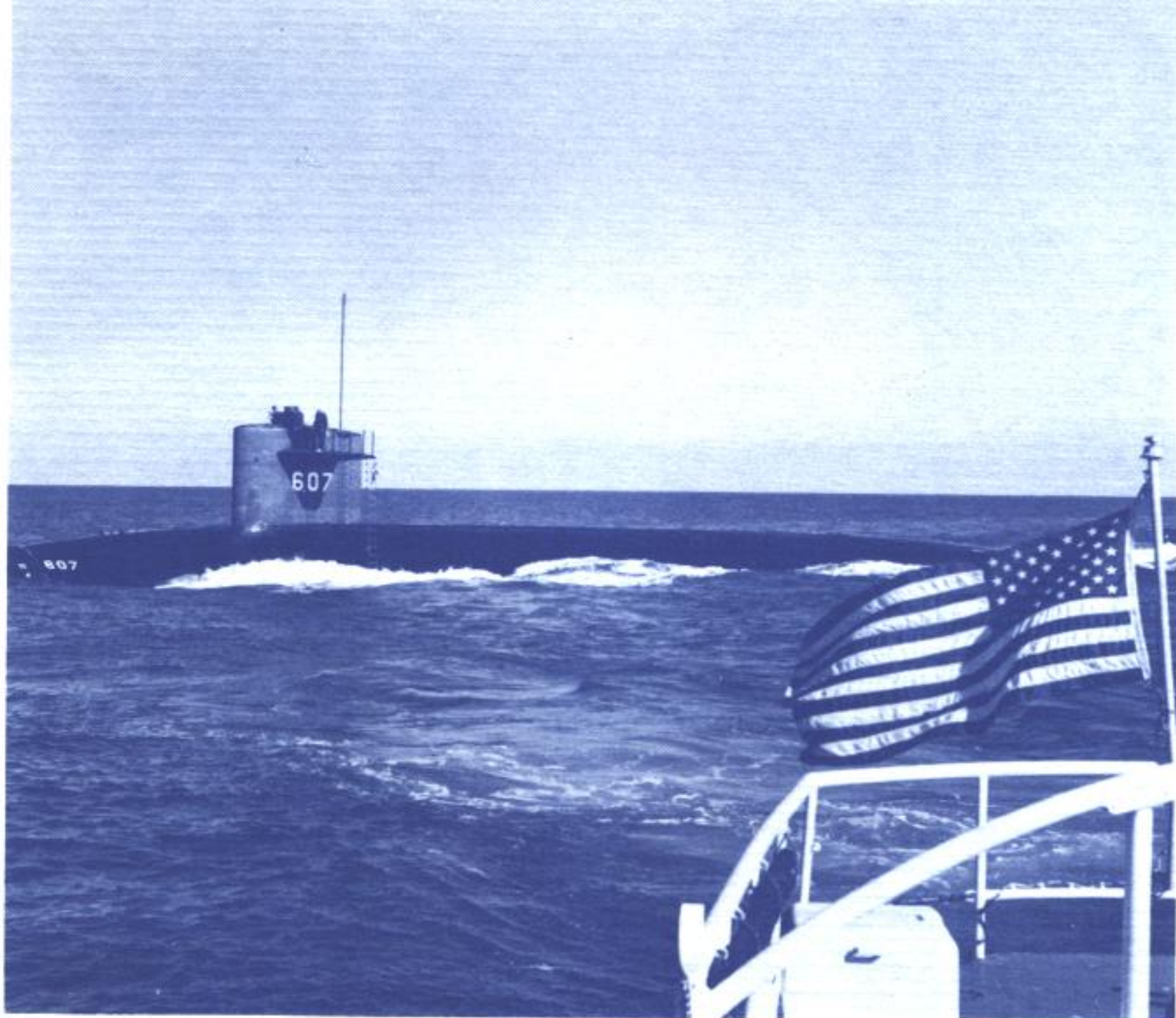


THE FIRST DACE

USS DACE (SS 247) was commissioned 23 July 1943, at Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut, under command of LCDR J. F. Enright, USN. She departed New London for patrol action in the Western and Southwestern Pacific areas via Pearl Harbor. Prior to her second war patrol LCDR B. D. Claggett, USN, relieved as Commanding Officer. Under LCDR Claggett, DACE completed four successful patrols. She was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her fifth patrol. It was during this patrol that DACE successfully engaged and destroyed MAYA, an ATAGO class cruiser of 12,500 tons, the pride of the Japanese Cruiser Fleet. Also during this patrol DACE successfully accomplished the daring at-sea rescue of all hands from DARTER, her sister ship, who had run aground during the above action. Both DACE and DARTER were under air attack during the final stages of the rescue.

Following the fifth patrol, CDR. B. D. Claggett, USN, was relieved by CDR. O. R. Cole, USN. DACE's sixth and seventh patrols were equally successful. DACE participated in several special missions and operations; notably, Operation "Hailstone," the first carrier strike on the Japanese sea and air bastion, Truk, February 1944, and Operation "King Two," the invasion of Leyte, P. I., October 1944. DACE's official patrol record credits her with sinking 9 vessels, 41,600 tons, and damaging 5 vessels, 32,283 tons.

On September 13, 1945, DACE departed Pearl Harbor for home, after seven war patrols in two years and two months of active duty. In January 1947, USS DACE (SS 247) was placed out of commission, in 1951 was recommissioned and in 1955 was transferred to the Italian Navy in which she now serves as LEONARDO da VINCI.



USS DACE SS(N)607 is the United States Navy's nineteenth nuclear powered attack type submarine to be commissioned. She is the fifth of the THRESHER Class, and as such, represents the world's most advanced design in nuclear powered submarines. Powered by a Westinghouse S5W reactor plant driving a single propeller, DACE is one of the most effective weapons in the Navy anti-submarine arsenal. Her ability to cruise the oceans deeper and more quietly than any previous class of submarine is a tribute to the engineering and scientific advances which made it possible.



The Honorable Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

19 February 1964

My dear Commander Walsh:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my best wishes to you, your officers and men of USS DACE (SS(N) 607) on this memorable occasion of her commissioning.

The contrast between this ship and the first submarine to bear the name of DACE demonstrates the great forward strides that have been made in the art of building combatant ships. DACE's design capabilities make her a proud symbol of the Navy's growing underseas offensive power and a major weapon in our national defense arsenal.

Powerful weapons and proud traditions will not by themselves provide the strength which DACE will need. Every seafaring man knows that the real strength of a ship lies in the spirit and competence of the officers and the men. I am confident that the highest standards of moral behavior and devotion to duty will be achieved under the leadership and personal example of you and your officers, and that DACE will have both the material means and the fighting spirit to meet whatever challenges the future holds.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul H. Nitze". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "N" at the end.

Commander John A. Walsh, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS DACE (SS(N) 607)
c/o Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN
Pascagoula, Mississippi



Admiral David L. McDonald, USN
Chief of Naval Operations



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

19 February 1964

Dear Captain,

On the occasion of the commissioning of USS DACE I congratulate you on your new command and send my very best wishes to you, your officers and men.

It is your privilege to command one of the finest ships in the finest Navy on earth. Each officer and man in your crew can be justly proud of your accomplishments to date as plank owners. The challenge before you to generate the teamwork and fighting efficiency necessary to enable DACE to take her rightful place in the Fleet is in itself a privilege. A very large measure of satisfaction will accrue to you and each individual who has the honor to serve in DACE. I truly envy you in your new assignment.

I extend to you and each officer and man of your ship's company, my wishes for a fair breeze and God's help in the many tasks you will encounter.

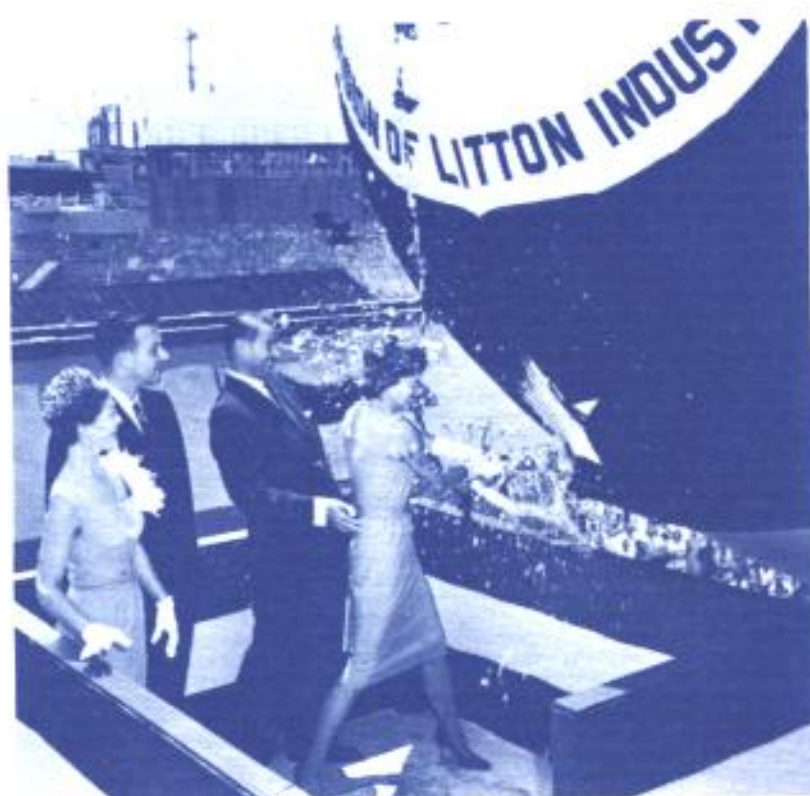
Sincerely yours,

DAVID L. McDONALD

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Launching



Captain John B. Guerry, USN
Supervisor of Shipbuilding
Pascagoula, Mississippi



Fred J. Mayo, President
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U.S.S. DACE (SSN 607)

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

BAND SELECTIONS
502nd Air Force Band

INVOCATION
Reverend Arthur M. Schneider
First Presbyterian Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi

BUILDER'S REMARKS
Mr. Fred J. Mayo, President
Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation
A Division of Litton Industries

INTRODUCTION OF
Rear Admiral Lawrence R. Daspit, USN
Commandant, Sixth Naval District
Captain John B. Guerry, USN

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER
Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage, USN
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operation and Readiness)
Rear Admiral Lawrence R. Daspit, USN

ADDRESS
Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage, USN

ORDERS TO COMMISSION SHIP
Rear Admiral Lawrence R. Daspit, USN
Commandant, Sixth Naval District

NATIONAL ANTHEM

HOISTING OF ENSIGN, UNION JACK AND
COMMISSIONING PENNANT

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S ORDERS
Commander John A. Walsh, USN

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND AND SETTING THE WATCH

BREAKING OF PERSONAL FLAG
Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage, USN

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES

ADMIRAL'S MARCH

REMARKS BY COMMANDING OFFICER

BENEDICTION
Reverend Father Peter J. Tormey
Our Lady of Victories Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi

BAND SELECTIONS
502nd Air Force Band



Vice Admiral Elton W. Grenfell, USN
Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet



Rear Admiral Lawrence R. Daspit, USN
Commandant, Sixth Naval District





Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage, USN
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness)

VICE ADMIRAL LAWSON P. RAMAGE, U. S. NAVY

Vice Admiral Lawson Paterson Ramage, who holds the Nation's highest award in addition to other decorations for outstanding services in World War II, was born in Monroe Bridge, Massachusetts, on 19 January 1909. He received his early education in Beaver Falls, New York, and at the Willison Academy, Easthampton, Massachusetts. Graduated from the Naval Academy in 1931, he had duty afloat as a junior officer on the destroyers DICKERSON and LAWRENCE and the heavy cruiser LOUISVILLE.

Designated a Submariner, he was assigned from late 1935 until 1941 to the submarine S-29, and as Executive Officer of the USS SANDS, interspersed with instruction in General Line at the Naval Postgraduate School, Annapolis, in 1938-39. He was Radio and Sound Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet, based on Pearl Harbor, T. H., and was present during the Japanese sneak attack on the Fleet there, December 7, 1941. On board the USS GRENADIER during the spring of 1942, he participated in her second war patrol, assisting in the sinking of 24,000 tons of enemy shipping.

His first command was the USS TROUT, which under his guidance in 1943 engaged in successful war patrols in the areas of Midway, Truk, the Solomons and the South China Sea. He later commanded the USS PARCHE during four of her successful war patrols. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during a pre-dawn attack by the PARCHE on a Japanese convoy on July 31, 1944. After forty six minutes of violent action, the PARCHE retired victorious and unscathed with four enemy ships sunk and another severely damaged.

Throughout the remainder of World War II, he was Personnel Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet. He next commanded Submarine Division 52 and during July and August 1946 commanded a group of four submarines conducting a training cruise in Alaskan waters. Much pertinent data was obtained through

the study of conditions generally affecting submarine operations in the Arctic.

His duties from 1947 until 1956 included: Chief of the Surface Objectives Branch, Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Guided Missiles), Navy Department; Readiness and New Developments Officer, Staff, Commander Submarines, Atlantic Fleet; Commander Submarine Squadron SIX; command of the attack cargo ship RANKIN; Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, and Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations. During that period he completed courses at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, in 1950 and 1955.

He was Director of the Surface Type Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, from December 15, 1956 until September 1958, when he reported as Commander Cruiser Division TWO. In December 1959 he became Director of the Undersea Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and in October 1960 he was designated Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness). On August 6, 1962 he became Deputy Commander of the Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet and on July 22, 1963 reported as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness).

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Vice Admiral Ramage holds the Navy Cross, with Gold Star in lieu of second Navy Cross; the Silver Star Medal; the Bronze Star Medal; Letter of Commendation (ribbon)), Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet; and Presidential Unit Citation (USS TROUT), with star (USS PARCHE).

Vice Admiral Ramage and his wife, the former Barbara Alice Pine of New London, Connecticut, have four children, Barbara, James, Alfred and Virginia. The Ramages' home is New London, Connecticut.



Commander John A. Walsh, USN
Commanding Officer USS DACE SS(N)607



COMMANDER JOHN AMAND WALSH, USN

John Amand Walsh was born in Port au Prince, Haiti on 3 January 1924. He is the son of Odette V. Fautrat Walsh of Brest, France, and the late Captain John A. Walsh, USN of New London, Connecticut. He is married to the former Sheila Hardwick Keliher of Hollywood, California. They have three children, David, Christopher, and Sheila.

Commander Walsh attended the Portsmouth Priory School, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1945, he served aboard the USS COLOMBUS (CA 74) in Chinese and Japanese waters. He attended Submarine School in 1946. After serving in the Pacific Fleet in USS CARP (SS 338) and in the Atlantic Fleet in USS HALFBEAK (SS 351) he attended the United States Naval Intelligence School in Washington, D. C., specializing in the Italian language. Upon graduation Commander Walsh served as assistant U. S. Naval Attache in the American Embassy, Rome, Italy. Following two years in Rome he became Executive Officer, USS TENCH (SS 417). In 1957 he became Intelligence Officer on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. In 1959 Commander Walsh assumed command of USS ENTEMEDOR (SS 340). From this latter assignment he was ordered to the Atomic Energy Commission, Division of Naval Reactors, Washington, D. C. with subsequent orders as Prospective Commanding Officer, USS DACE SS(N)607.

USS DACE (SSN607)

CDR Robert W. BULMER

LCDR Herbert J. SNYDERExecutive Officer

LT Dickinson M. SMITHEngineer Officer

LT Edward H. BROWDERWeapons Officer

LT Richard M. SWENGELMedical Officer

LT Kenneth D. PETERSONOperations Officer

LT John C. BRONSMain Propulsion Assistant

LTJG Allison J. HOLIFIELD, Jr.Electrical Officer

LTJG Robert L. GRAHAMCommunications Officer

LTJG William W. STEPHENSON, IICommissary Officer

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

JAHNKE, Henry C., TMCS(SS)Chief of the Boat

ANDERSON, Bobby M., SOC (SS)

ATWOOD, Frederick R., ENCA (SS)

BERRY, Palmer, Jr., MMCS (SS)

BROUN, Claude A., EMCM (SS)

CLAYTON, Charles R., ENCA (SS)

COLEMAN, Edward A., RMC

COOK, Keith W., ETCA (SS)

CYGANIK, Stephen P., FTC (SS)

DANGERFIELD, Thomas E., ETCA (SS)

DAVIS, James R., EMCA (SS)

DILLARD, "L" "A," HMC

FREY, Richard C., MMCA (SS)

HERMAN, Ralph C., ETCA

HOTALEN, Robert J., MMCA (SS)

MANESE, Ruperto C., SDCA (SS)

SCOTT, John Jr., SKCS

SHURON, John D., SOC (SS)

TUCKER, James A., HMC (SS)

WEBB, David W., MMC (SS)

WILLOUGHBY, Harvey, ENC (SS)

WRIGHT, Gordon L., EMCS

ZIPP, George F., QMCS (SS)

ENLISTED

ADVINCULA, Teofilo C., SD1 (SS)

ALLISON, Thomas G., Jr., EN2 (SS)

ALTRO, Ronald C., YN3

AUSTIN, Thomas E., EM1 (SS)

BAKER, Robert P., ICFN

BALLARD, Jack E., RM1 (SS)

BANKS, Walter W., EM2 (SS)

BARKER, James R., MM2 (SS)

BLISS, Albert M., ICI (SS)

BROWN, Joseph M., ICI (SS)

BURNS, Ronald W., SA

BUTLER, Alfred E., ETR3

CHANCE, Francis L., CS2 (SS)

CHEEKS, Andres V., CS1 (SS)

CLARK, James C., FTG2 (SS)

CLARK, Raylan F., MM3 (SS)

COLGAN, George T., MM1 (SS)

COMPEAU, Alonzo F., MM1 (SS)

CROSBY, David M., TM2 (SS)

DAVIS, Steve A., EN2 (SS)

DICK, Ernest E., Jr., ICI (SS)

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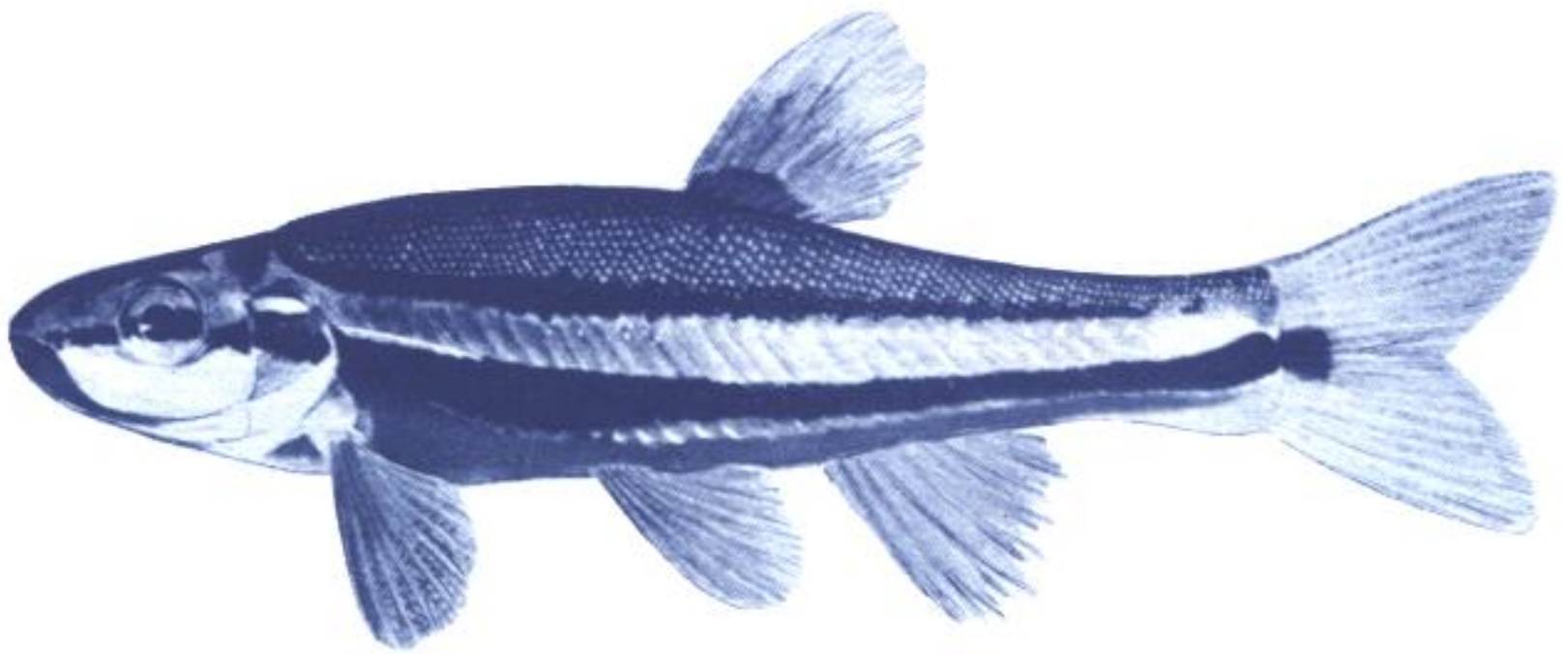
DIXON, Charles L., TN

EDWARDS, Robert E., RM1 (SS)

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FLEURY, Norman R., SN
FRENCH, James E., ETR2
FUGATE, Roger L., SO1 (SS)
GARSKE, Robert H., FN
HAAF, Joseph B., QM1 (SS)
HAASE, Alfred F., SO1 (SS)
HENDERSON, John G., SA
HICKS, Jay R., SN
HINCKLEY, Robert J., ETR2 (SS)
KEITH, Gardner F., IC3 (SS)
KENNY, Thomas J., EM2 (SS)
KRUYD, Jacob G., TM1 (SS)
LITTLE, John T., IC2 (SS)
LYONS, David E., MM1
MAGUIRE, Thomas F., SOS2 (SS)
MAIDA, William P., EN3 (SS)
MC GAHA, Alvis E., ET1
MILLER, Emmett D., EN1 (SS)
MILLER, Stanley P., EM1 (SS)
MILLER, Thomas A., ET1 (SS)
NICKERSON, Irvin H., ETR2
NYESTE, John A., MM2 (SS)
OBER, Gordon W., QMSN (SS)
PAGE, Mitchael B., TM1 (SS)

PARSONS, Max M., ETR2
PATTERSON, Lafayette (n), IC2 (SS)
PECKHAM, David B., SOS2 (SS)
PETERSON, Donald A., CS1
PETRI, Melvin R., TM1 (SS)
ROBERTS, Calvin N., QM3
ROBISON, William J., EN3 (SS)
SCHILLING, David J., SN
SCHRADER, Bobbie E., SN
SCOTT, Philip C., SOG2
SEVERINSEN, Edward (n), ET1 (SS)
SIEMER, William A., FT1 (SS)
SILVER, Ronald B., TM3
SIMS, Thomas J., MM1 (SS)
SWENSEN, Rudolph G., ET1 (SS)
TRYBALSKI, Joseph L., MM1 (SS)
TYNER, William M., YN2 (SS)
UETZ, Edward A., EM2 (SS)
UPHOLD, Albert L., Jr., EM1 (SS)
WEST, George W., RM2 (SS)
WILSON, Robert J., SA
YOUNG, Larry D., EM1 (SS)
YOUNG, Lawrence J., SN



RED-BELLIED DACE, *Chrosomus erythrogaster* Rafinesque

The term dace refers to a number of different and rather unrelated species of minnows. Over 2,000 species of minnow are known and approximately 307 species are listed for North and Central America. With the exception of one Japanese species, all minnows are strictly fresh water fishes.

The southern red-belly dace, ***Chrosomus erythrogaster***, has been chosen as the namesake of DACE. It is one of the most attractive of the North American fishes. Contrary to its name, it is a rather northern species. The southern red-belly dace occurs as far south as northern Mississippi but in the southern part of its range it is restricted to cold, spring fed, clean streams.

The southern red-belly dace is a small brownish olive minnow with black spots on the back, a blackish stripe along the sides from above the eye to the tail, and another band running from below the eye ending in a black dot at the base of the caudal fin. The belly and the space between the bands are usually silvery but in the spring they become bright scarlet. The dace ranges from southern Wisconsin through Iowa to Pennsylvania and southward to northern Mississippi and Alabama.