HISTORIC USS REQUIN SUBMARINE TO REOPEN THIS WEEKEND

SUBMARINE NOW SPORTS A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 20, 2015 — USS Requin, the Cold War-era submarine moored at Carnegie Science Center, will re-open on Saturday, Nov. 21, after two months of exterior conservation. The submarine will be open daily – weather permitting – through Jan. 3, 2016.

The conservation project included clearing away peeling paint, preparing the surface, and giving the submarine a fresh coat of paint above the water line. Restoring Requin’s exterior coatings improved the vessel’s appearance, and serves as a protective measure, helping to delay further corrosion.

USS Requin has been a North Shore treasure since September 1990. About 155,000 visitors tour the submarine each year, exploring how 80 men used their expertise, humor, and sheer ingenuity during Requin’s lengthy defense and scientific missions, some of which are still classified to this day. State-of-the-art and battle ready when she set out just days before the end of World War II, USS Requin served throughout the Cold War era. She began her final deployment in April 1967 searching for a lost nuclear submarine; and after a period as a non-combat ship and a training vessel, she was struck from the U.S. Navy’s list in 1971.

Visitors can take self-guided tours of USS Requin, exploring the submarine as it was decades ago with authentic utensils, games, posters, clothing, and memorabilia from the days of Requin’s service. Staff and volunteers aboard the sub explain the vessel’s machinery and describe what life onboard was like.

Funding for the restoration was made possible through a grant by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth Financing Authority, as well as through a donation from Al Neupaver of Wabtec Corporation.

Pittsburgh’s hometown paint company, PPG PAINTS™, donated high performance coatings used to refresh the exterior of Requin.
The submarine will be open daily (weather and river conditions permitting) from 10 am – 4:30 pm until Jan. 3, 2016. After Jan. 3, it is open on weekends only until spring.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie 120 years ago, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach more than 1.3 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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