

## Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation



### INITIAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
NEW YORK CITY	SSN 696
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) class nuclear-powered submarine	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bremerton, WA	Stricken, awaiting disposal by recycling

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
5 April 2016	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

### Vessel Snapshot

<b>Lineage</b>	First U.S. Navy ship to be named NEW YORK CITY
<b>Displacement</b>	6,090 tons (surfaced) 6,927 tons (submerged)
<b>Length</b>	360 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	33 ft.

<b>Draft</b>	32 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	25+ knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	ESM, Propulsion system, SG6 nuclear reactor
<b>Armament</b>	Four 21-in. Torpedo Tubes-Mk.48/ADCAP Torpedoes, <i>Harpoon</i> Anti-Ship Cruise Missile, <i>Tomahawk</i> Land Attack Cruise Missile, <i>Tomahawk</i> Anti-Ship Cruise Missile
<b>Laid Down</b>	15 December 1973
<b>Launched</b>	18 June 1977
<b>Built By</b>	General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. James R. Schlesinger, wife of the Secretary of Defense under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford
<b>Delivered</b>	23 January 1979
<b>Commissioned</b>	3 March 1979
<b>Inactivated</b>	30 April 1997
<b>Decommissioned</b>	30 April 1997
<b>Stricken</b>	30 April 1997

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	Four Western Pacific deployments between 1981 and 1985 and additional fleet exercises. Underwent modernization at Pearl Harbor December 1985 to February 1988. Deployed to Northern Pacific November/December 1988; an additional Western Pacific deployment in 1989, then a second Northern Pacific deployment in early 1990. Two deployments to Western Pacific in 1991. Eastern Pacific deployments in 1992 and 1993; additional
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	deployments to the Western Pacific and Eastern Pacific in 1994-1995.
<b>Awards</b>	4 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 1 Navy Expeditionary Medal, and 1 Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	During CY 1986 NEW YORK CITY earned the right to fly the “Gold Dolphin” flag for having 100% of ship’s officers qualified in submarines. First submarine to conduct acoustic trials on a new underwater acoustic range near Ketchikan, Alaska.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Place-saver in preparation.

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place aboard the vessel such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>iv. Was the vessel the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	www.naval-technology.com, Kable Intelligence Limited, 2016
	Naval Vessel Register
	Decommissioning Ceremony Brochure, 30 April 1977

<sup>1</sup> Evaluation conducted using triggers established for naval vessels in *Program Comment for the Department of Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels*, issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 15 March 2010.

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**Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment**

Historic preservation stakeholder comments received are considered when preparing final determinations. The initial determination for this vessel was made available for comment by historic preservation stakeholders for 60 days. During that time, the Navy received \_\_ written comments.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>