

SUPSALV Underwater Ship Husbandry team braves the weather to complete weld repairs on USS LABOON. (DDG 58)

Working through a harsh winter storm that hit Norfolk Naval Base on 7 January, Russ Mallet from the Underwater Ships Husbandry division of Naval Sea System's Command's, Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SEA 00C5), and his team of contract welder/divers continued to conduct rudder weld repairs on the USS LABOON (DDG 58).



SUPSALV's contract welder/diver enters the water to reach the underwater habitat which allowed for dry welding on USS LABOON's rudder.

00C personnel were on-site assisting Mid Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center with the repair of the port rudder. As the winter storm approach, the dive team made preparations to their equipment and dive station to allow them to continue to work throughout the storm.



Dive Station crew tending divers in the water on Saturday 7 January.

The team's exceptional effort and commitment to execute this frigid in-water repair allowed the ship to avoid costly and time consuming drydock maintenance. The force behind the fleet held to and completed LABOON's repair as scheduled on 10 Jan 2017. Hooyah Deep Sea!