S-37 (SS-142) was launched in 1919, but not commissioned until 1923. 219’ long, 42 man crew, 4” deck gun and 4 x 21”torpedo tubes. In 1942 S-37 sank 1 x Jap Destroyer, 1 x Cargo ship, and damaged 1 x Jap Destroyer. 5 x WWII Battle Stars. S-37 became a training sub in ’43, and decommissioned in ’45.

While under tow in Feb ’45 to be a bombing target, her line broke and S-37 sank off of the SSTC. In 1958 salvors recovered the 2 x props (via dynamite!). Many years later an attempt to salvage S-37 moved her even closer to the surf zone, where she rests today, mostly buried in sand.

S-37’s Ships wheel wheel, Engine Telegraph, Torpedo Tube Selector, and Ship’s Bell are all on display at the San Diego Maritime Museum.
Submarine S-37 as plotted on Google Earth
(bow 32.36.244 / 117 08.238, stern 32 36.260 / 117 08.208)

At low tide, S-37 can be seen on Google Earth
IVER S-37 (SS-142) CONOP
32.6040667N, 117.1373000W

Who: SA-1 METOC
What: IVER Training
When:
Where: Adjacent Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC)
Why: IVER training over the S-37 (SS-142) submarine wreck

Mission Statement: Conduct a training mission over the S-37 Submarine wreck adjacent to the SSTC.

Concept of Operation: Training exercises to gain bathymetric information over a submerged submarine wreck.

Assets: 1x IVER UUV
SALVAGED PROPS — Divers Frank Ball, left, and Robert Gowdy show one of two 600-pound propellers they salvaged from a sunken submarine.
Addl info on S-37

- http://www.cawreckdivers.org/wrecks/S37.htm