

## Hawaii Demonstrates Torpedo-firing Capability

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GROTON, Conn. (Oct. 5, 2006) - In a critical step toward its delivery to the U.S. Navy, the nuclear submarine Hawaii (SSN-776) has successfully fired a series of dummy torpedoes into the Thames River from the Electric Boat shipyard here.

The test occurred Friday and Saturday when Electric Boat employees and members of the ship's crew launched three "shapes" or dummy torpedoes from each of Hawaii's four tubes. After traveling 80 to 100 feet into the river, the shapes rose to the surface, where they were recovered. The test firing certifies the submarine's torpedo-launch and fire-control systems.

"The successful completion of this key event was the result of a team effort involving Electric Boat trades personnel, testers and engineers as well as various contractors," said Chief Test Engineer Bruce Laney.

Hawaii is the third ship of the Virginia Class and is scheduled for delivery to the Navy by the end of the year. Electric Boat and its construction teammate, Northrop Grumman Newport News, have already delivered USS Virginia (SSN-774) and USS Texas (SSN-775). Seven more Virginia-class submarines are under contract.