

Bear "Firsts"

- First Commanding Officer of a 270 was Commander R. G. Bates*
- First 270 keel laid on August 23, 1979 in Tacoma, Washington*
- First 270 launched on September 25, 1980*
- First 270 commissioned on February 4, 1983 in Seattle, Washington*
- First sickbay patient was LTJG "Spanky" Gordon on February 7, 1983*
- First enlisted promotion was SN Richard M. Kutner on March 1, 1983*
- First enlisted transfer was DC3 John Vanlaverbeke on May 20, 1983*
- First 270 to visit a foreign port - Mazatlan, Mexico, April, 1983*
- First 270 to transit the Panama Canal - April 9, 1983*
- First Helo landing Aboard BEAR - March 24, 1983 in Long Beach, California*
- First "rescue" was a downed helo from the American fishing vessel VENTUROUS while enroute to the Panama Canal in April 1983*
- First tow was the USS DAVID R. RAY in San Diego, California in March 1983*
- First officer transferred was CDR P. C. Monette to the cutter NORTHWIND on March 25, 1983*
- First non-plankowner to report aboard PCS was LTJG Wayne N. Collins on March 6, 1983 from SIU Norfolk*
- First to ship-over was FT2 David Wood on March 25, 1983*
- First recipient of a Captain's Mast (ugh!) was SN Kenneth G. Washington on May 11, 1983*
- First 270 in the Pacific Ocean - February 24, 1983*
- First 270 in the Atlantic Ocean - April 9, 1983*
- First day in homeport - Portsmouth, Virginia - April 22, 1983*
- First child born to a crewmember was Shawn Lee Ranger who was born on February 21, 1983 to DC2 and Mrs. Steven Ranger*
- First 270 shipyard availability/drydocking, CG Yard, Baltimore, Maryland - May 4, 1983*
- First BEAR crewmember to be sea sick was FA Andy B. Williams*