

RUSH ST's Launch First CG Missile

During the patrol **RUSH** Sonar Technicians found themselves busier than normal with the primary emphasis of the FleetEx being anti-submarine warfare (ASW). During the transit to Hawaii **RUSH** participated in seven ASW exercises, the highlight being the firing of the exercise torpedoes

(EXTORPS). However, during one of the firings an EXTORP malfunctioned and jumped forty feet out of the water after launching, thus crediting **RUSH** with the first launch of a Coast Guard sub-surface to air missile! There was no harm done, but there were some startled spectators.

Clockwise from lower left: Torpedoes away!; So far, so good; Is it tracking enemy subs?; No, it's the Coast Guard's first subsurface to air missile; Well, better luck next time.

