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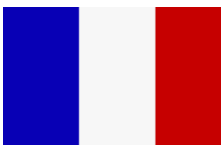
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Speech of Andrej Korbar, HOD Croatia



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Speech of Juergen Weber, HOD Germany



A hundred years ago in February 1915 the Germans declared the waters around Great Britain and Ireland including the Channel as theatre of war. In the same year the German poet Hermann Loens wrote the Engeland Song and Herms Nils set the music to this poem. Since that time German submariners of both world wars sang this song with the Refrain „For we sail, for we sail, For we sail to take on the English, the English.”

Seventy years ago this phase ended with the Operation Deadlight, the destruction and sinking of German submarines.

I am happy that today the German participants as well as all other submariner friends could sail to England, to our convention in Portsmouth, in peaceful and friendly attitude.

Not part of the speech: The text of the song

Engeland Song

1. Today we want to sing a little song,
We would like to drink cool wine
Where glasses should be clinked,
For we must, we must be parted.

Refrain:

Give me your hand, your white hand,
Farewell, my darling, farewell my darling,
Farewell, farewell
For we sail, for we sail,
For we sail to take on the English, the English.

2. We show our flag and it blows on the mast,
It proclaims the power of our realm,
For we no longer want to suffer,
That the Englishman at us does laugh.

Refrain

3. If the news comes that I have fallen,
That I sleep in Davy Jones' locker,
Don't cry over me, my dear, just think:
When he shed his blood, it was for the Fatherland.

Refrain

Lyrics: Hermann Löns

Music: Herms Niel

Speech of Stratos Bairlis, HOD Greece



Once again we, submariners worldwide, gathered, faithful to our promise to always remember and honor our dead. All those who gave their lives serving the ideals and values of their countries, those who by their acts and behaviors established heritage which we are called to preserve. But we also do not forget those who have passed away while they were retired. For us, all of them will be in eternal patrol. Rest in peace our friends.

Speech of Rajesh Sarin, HOD India



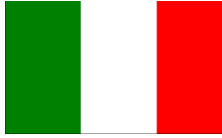
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Speech of Giuseppe Cordio, HOD Italy



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Speech of Marat Serdaliev, HOD Kazakhstan



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Speech of Ruurd van Rooijen, HOD Netherlands



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Speech of Jens Georg Engeness, HOD Norway



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Speech of Wieslaw Wilk, HOD Poland



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Speech of Yury Mikhaylov, HOD Russia



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Speech of Mirko Rebselj, HOD Slovenia



Dear fellow submariners, colleagues and friends, and dear hosts,

It is a great honour and pleasure to welcome all the participants of the 52nd International Submariners Convention, on my behalf and on behalf of the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovenian Submariners Association as well.

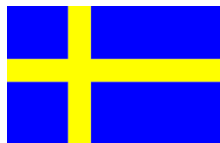
Slovenia, a country in the south of Central Europe, has a rich marine history and tradition. In the course of our history, we Slovenians the submariners have lived, worked and sailed under different flags and have participated in the development of submarine tradition in the Adriatic, as crew members, commanders, engineers.

On this occasion, I want all of us present here, the submariners from all over the world, to remember all our dear ones, who are no longer with us, and who had been conquering the sea depths with their work, courage and knowledge. With this they opened a door for us and future generations, to the world which has nevertheless stayed a mystery to mankind, in spite of all the scientific and technological achievements.

I am proud to be a submariner, and to have contributed to the spreading of free spirit and boldness, which are typical for all the mariners, no matter the nationality and the flag under which they sail. Bravery, determination, readiness to take risks are virtues that are necessary for anyone who decides to explore unknown worlds.

On behalf of all of us, glory to them!

Speech of Lars Nordenberg, HOD Sweden



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Speech of Dogan Hacipoglu, HOD Turkey



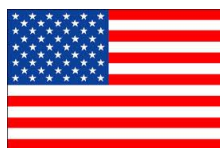
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Speech of Jack Messersmith, HOD USA



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