

**Electric Boat to Christen the U.S. Navy's
Newest Submarine, Vermont, on Saturday, Oct. 20**

General Dynamics Electric Boat will christen Vermont (SSN 792), the U.S. Navy's newest and most advanced nuclear attack submarine, in a ceremony at its Groton, Conn., shipyard Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m.

Gloria Valdez is the ship's sponsor. She is the retired deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (Ships).

The submarine Vermont is the 19th ship of the Virginia Class. The central characteristic of the class is the modularity derived from the design / build approach, which supports efficient construction and mission capability. This provides the U.S. Navy with a submarine class that advances the state-of-the-art with each succeeding ship. Vermont's adaptability makes it highly responsive to changing mission requirements.

Electric Boat and its partner, Newport News Shipbuilding, share construction of the submarines under a teaming agreement. A total of 28 Virginia-class submarines have been delivered, are under construction or under contract.

A live video and audio webcast of the South Dakota christening will be accessible online

Attendance is by invitation only.