

# BERTHING BARGES AND UNMITIGATED RISK



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Sailors are exposed to unknown and unmitigated hazards from berthing barges.

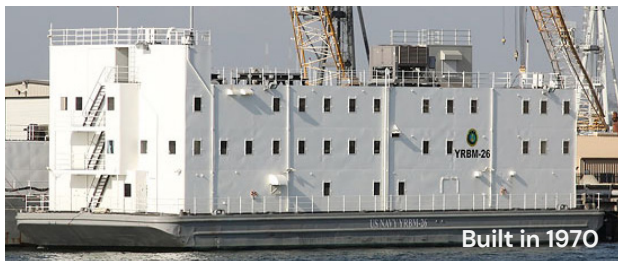
- Many berthing barges are 50-plus years old and were not built to current U.S. safety and occupational health standards.
- A historical record of safety assessments and industrial hygiene surveys for these barges is lacking.
- The Navy lacks an accurate picture of existing hazards and accumulated risk present on these barges.



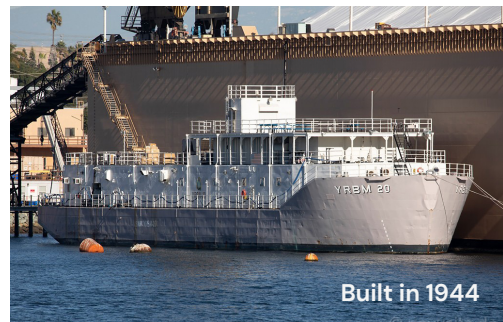
*“The current safety and occupational health condition of assessed barges and a lack of historical record of safety assessments or industrial hygiene surveys leads me to determine fleet berthing and messing barges are not being monitored and maintained to the minimum standards that senior leadership would expect to be provided to our Sailors.” – Rear Adm. Chris Engdahl*



Built in 1944

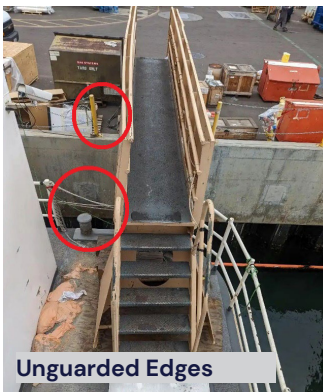


Built in 1970



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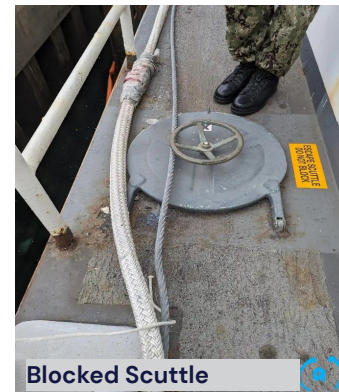
Despite the current inspection criteria executed by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) and assessment procedures governed by applicable fleet and area instructions, recent NAVSAFECOM assessments indicate unmitigated risk gaps from these older barges due to their current conditions and the presence of safety and occupational health hazards.



Unguarded Edges



Clogged Air Filter



Blocked Scuttle

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