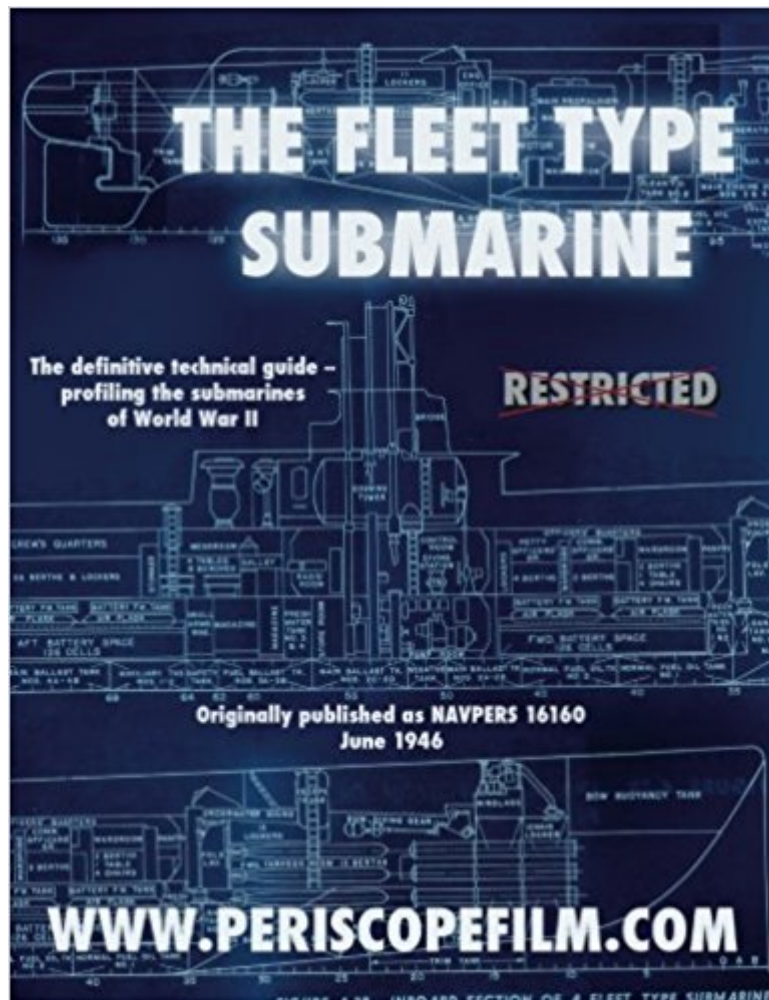




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This book was originally published in 1946, the first volume in a series of training manuals published by the Navy Personnel Command. Original copies now sell for hundreds of dollars, but thankfully the good people at Maritime.org have made excellent online versions available for free. Having enjoyed browsing these manuals, I thought it would be cool to own a physical copy. The good news is that the entirety of NavPers 16160 is included, except for the foldout plans. The price is decent for

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This is only one of a series of instructional books that dictates what us diesel boat submariners were required to learn in the 8 week submarine school. It was more difficult to find the rest of instruction books, but I did find a site. Amazingly, they allowed me to download the rest --for free!

While a very good technical resource, I really wish the diagrams came in color instead of being an auxiliary purchase. As a scale modeler, I expected these diagrams to go along with the technical diagrams and help make my submarine builds more accurate but it doesn't really serve that purpose at all, without the color in there to make the cutaways actually make sense. Still 3 stars for being extremely informative and a comprehensive official manual for the fleet sub, but I knocked out one for the black and white diagrams and another for not really being what I was looking for.

This book provides extracts from Navy publications and official Navy documents from the 1940 time frame. Good only for persons of unusual curiosity regarding the subject. One would have to do a lot of digging to get the compacted information provided here. There is little or no speculation about systems effectiveness or problems, if any. The book That I got in paper form from is exactly as advertised.

As detailed, this book is a facsimile of a very rare training manual on the fleet submarine. It is a very interesting book to have if you're interested in the boat itself or if you want to gain a better understanding into the WW2 books that tell stories of the submarines. I gave it a four star review because some charts' data are unreadable but otherwise the data is clear.

I found this print of the manual frustrating to use because of the poor quality of the photograph reproductions. At Maritime.org the photographs are MUCH clearer, though you cannot print it without screwing up the text. It's maddening. They need to do a reprint with clearer manuals and fold-outs of some of the back diagrams.

If you ever wondered why pig boats was made, this book is a mass volume that the U.S. Navy had, the whole volume is very expensive, but this book is reasonable, everything from dive stations to the engineering part of the boat.

As a former US Navy Submariner, I absolutely love this book! Took it with me to San Francisco and aboard USS Pampanito. Several of us sat around in the Crews Mess and just flipped to pages of system, ran off to trace them, and came back ready for a Qual checkout. If you are at all interested in Submarines this book is MANDATORY - you are dinq if you don't have it!

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