Dickenson/USS Kailua: a New Exhibit in the Museum of the Sea

USS Kailua (former Dickenson), in 1943.
(Naval History and Heritage Command, no number)

USS Kailua (IX-71) on 17 July 1943

Presentation on behalf of:
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Cox & Stevens, Inc.; Sun Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. plans

Built 1923 in Pennsylvania

Pacific Cable repair and station supply (Midway Island)

13 inter island trips for the Hawaiian Meat Company

Dec 1941 Evacuation of British C&W Ltd. Workers from Fanning Island

As USN fleet auxiliary USS Kailua IX-71: Service and repair to submarine nets, cables and buoys Pago Pago, American Samoa; New Guinea

Courtesy Mystic Seaport Library
Sunk as a target by submarine torpedo fire on February 7, 1946

Bridge (overhead missing)

Discovered on a dive to assess unidentified sonar targets during a maritime heritage cruise by the University of Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory (HURL) submersible Pisces V (funded by NOAA’s Office of Ocean Exploration).
Cable sheaves at bow

STBD side torpedo impact area

Stateroom superstructure
Engine room telegraph

Auxiliary helm at stern