

There's a lot to learn about the U-505 German Submarine at the Museum of Science and Industry.





When the U-505 was captured, American sailors found one of the infamous Enigma coding machines that helped the Allies decipher critical enemy messages and save countless lives.

The German crew of the U-505 attempted to scuttle the sub before it could captured, but alert American sailors foiled their efforts by sealing the flooding chambers at great risk to their own lives.



The U-505 had ordinary diesel engines to power them above the waves, but used quiet electric engines while underwater to silently approach and attack Allied vessels.

Originally, the U-505 exhibit was exposed to the elements. After the sub showed signs of deterioration, in a huge conservation effort, the entire e



conservation effort, the entire exhibit was moved indoors in 1997.

Xtra Fun, Xtra Credit!

For adventurers 9+

How can a 400 ton submarine float?

Put a number of coins on the bottom of different size plastic drinking cups, and float the cups in a sink filled with water. Experiment to find out how much weight can be supported by each size cup.

Can you decipher a code?

Take the alphabet and assign each letter a different number, symbol or Emoji. Make a note to your friends using your new alphabet, along with your "code breaker" and have them decipher the message.

Build It, Test It, Learn It!

Here's a fun Submarine project from our Museum Access Education curated collection. To purchase this toy click the link below this document.

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