



MEET PATRICK LAHEY OF TRITON SUBMARINES:

THE INNOVATOR BRINGING OCEAN EXPLORATION TO THE PEOPLE

Patrick Lahey's passion for the world's oceans began in 1975 during his first open water scuba dive as a teenager. Discovering the wonders beneath the water's surface spurred a lifelong pursuit of exploration and ocean advocacy. He channeled that passion into a career spanning 40-plus years, and today is the CEO and co-founder of Triton Submarines.

His interest in submarines began decades earlier in his first professional role as a commercial diver. Lahey worked for André Galerne, a Frenchman who was part of Jacques Cousteau's early diving team before founding International Underwater Contractors. It was under Galerne's direction that Lahey experienced his first submarine dive. He was 21 years old and immediately recognized the exploration possibilities submarines offered.

In a sub, there was a freedom that couldn't be replicated with traditional scuba or commercial diving gear. Submersible diving offered no depth limitations and no post-dive risks like decompression sickness. On that first sub dive, Lahey descended to 1,400 feet to inspect an oil rig off the coast of Point Conception in California. Long before he surfaced, Lahey knew he would devote his life to sub exploration.

Since then, Lahey has been part of the design, manufacture and testing of more than 60 human-occupied submersibles. He's been a leader in the submersible industry's evolution, taking full advantage of technological innovations at every stage. Together with L. Bruce Jones, Lahey co-founded Triton Submarines in 2007. He took over as CEO in 2022 upon Jones' retirement.

Triton offers multiple lines of submersibles suitable for diverse applications. There are leisure models designed for private yachts, professional versions relied on by filmmakers, scientists and researchers, and commercial vessels ready to take cruise and resort guests on underwater adventures. In addition, Triton offers ultra-deep submersibles that can descend to the deepest points of the world's oceans.

As Triton continues to grow and innovate, it's the personal


submersible market where Lahey sees the most growth potential. It wasn't always this way. When Triton first floated the idea of personal submersibles at events like the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, prospective customers saw it as a far-fetched concept. It took 12 years to sway public opinion.

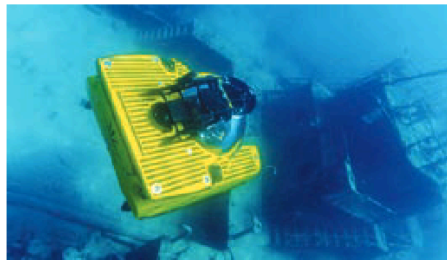
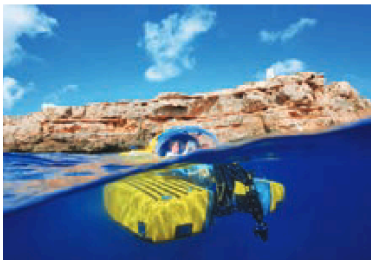
The tide turned in Triton's favor when Chris Cline, a business executive and philanthropist, added a personal Triton submersible to his 50 meter motoryacht, Mine Games. The yacht and its highly visible submersible, perched on the yacht's swim platform, garnered much attention at international ports of call. Interest from other yacht owners quickly followed.

Today, Triton works with private yacht owners to, as Lahey puts it, "help turn their audacious ideas into reality." The old days of yacht ownership focusing exclusively on see-and-be-seen has yielded to a new breed of owners who prioritize adventure and experiences. Triton submersibles deliver on both. No matter what a yacht owner dreams up, Triton is well-positioned to make it happen.

Submersibles can be retrofitted onto existing superyachts, incorporated into new yacht designs and added to the inventory of dedicated support vessels. In every application, Triton works closely with owners, designers and manufacturers to bring the owner's desires to life. Triton spares no expense, ensuring that comfort and uninterrupted views are delivered in every submersible.

Most importantly, Triton does this with an unwavering commitment to safety. Lahey emphasizes the company's perfect safety record and notes that every submersible the company has ever manufactured is still in active service today. Every Triton submersible is also fully certified by accredited global agencies and has maintained original depth certifications throughout each sub's lifetime.

When a guest enjoys a Triton submersible experience on a private yacht, at a resort or on a cruise ship, they can be confident they are doing so in a safe and comfortable environment. All that's left to do is relax and enjoy the views. 



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