

Fill in the gaps with one word only. If you struggle with, take a look at the homework table, there are some hints for you

The Kittiwake



Launched in 1945, the American ship USS Kittiwake was deployed for the next 49 years (0) *as* a submarine rescue ship. Its rescues weren't just 1) _____ to assisting submarines. For example, in 1963, the ship picked up twelve Cubans, three of 2) _____ were children, whose boat had got into trouble off the Florida Keys. However, in 1994 the Kittiwake was decommissioned in Norfolk, Virginia, 3) _____ it faced an uncertain future.

When the Cayman Islands wanted a shipwreck added to its world-class scuba-diving attractions, they approached the US Maritime Administration (MARAD), which keeps decommissioned ships afloat 4) _____ they can safely be disposed 5) _____. MARAD donates these ships for use as artificial reefs 6) _____ that the recipient can meet the necessary environmental standards. Preparing the ship involved removing pollutants 7) _____ its five decks, as well as cutting holes in its hull in 8) _____ for divers to access it.

It seems fitting that the Kittiwake is now, after as lifetime keeping people safe underwater, a major diving attraction.