Light a candle in a bowl of water, and it will continue to burn even when the wick is below the surface of the water, creating the oddest-shaped candle you've ever seen. You will need:

- a six-inch candle
- a short candleholder with a spike or waterproof tape (adhesive or duct tape)
- matches
- a glass bowl
- scissors
- cold water

The hardest part of the setup is attaching the candle to the bottom of the bowl so that it doesn't float when you add water. If you can't find a short candleholder with a spike, light the candle and drip melted wax into the center of the bowl before adding water. Make a puddle of wax that is wider than the candle. Quickly stick the candle into it. Let the wax cool and harden. Secure the wax to the bowl with waterproof tape for extra holding power.

Fill the bowl with cold water up to the rim of the candle. Straighten the wick. Light it and wait.

Insider Information

A very thin wall of wax remains standing as the candle burns, preventing the water from extinguishing the flame. The water draws so much heat from the wax that the outer layer never gets hot enough to burn. If you wait long enough, your submarine candle will become a thin, hollow tube. Bet your friends won't be able to figure out how you made it.