



Aug. 16 Halifax HR871 recovery - Merlin engines first

Recovery REPORT #2 - Please find enclosed 3 photos taken of the first Merlin being recovered from HR871 this morning.

The photos you see are (from the videos) taken this morning in Sweden I will bring the videos to you asap but not right now as I have a technical glitch on the video conversion.

Photo #1 is the Merlin being lifted with airbags and a cable lift as the airbags help to stabilize the engine at the surface ,as the crane takes over to lift into the salvage boat.

Photo #2 is the Merlin breaking the surface after 73 years and being lifted in to the boat. Just moments after shot was taken the prop hub cracked off the front of the engine but the safety line attached to the prop hub saved it from going to bottom. This can be dangerous work if not handled properly. Well done Jan and crew.

Photos #3 is our salvage boat coming into the Port of Trelleborg when the ports cranes and vehicles unloaded and took the engine over to the fresh water tank for a long term bath.

More stuff coming in hot and heavy as we begin our quest to save all we can of HR871 and her history.

