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Halifax HR871 Recovery Report #4

Late last evening the second Merlin engine of RCAF Halifax HR871 from 405 Pathfinder Squadron was recovered from 73 years underwater in the Baltic Sea and brought to the Port of Trelleborg for storage and conservation in our fresh water storage pool.

After over 16 hours of continuous effort our Swedish divers of Swedish Coast and Sea Center were able to raise 2 of the 3 Merlins we have found so far on the Halifax HR871 site off the coast of Sweden.

See the 2 photos of the 2nd Merlin safely onshore late last night at Trelleborg and Jan Christensen, our lead diver, playing in the storage pool with his "new toy" which he gently placed underwater on a pallet for future cleansing and cleaning after it has a long drink of freshwater!

Bravo to our Swedish comrades on beginning the recovery quest and saving this aviation and RCAF history for both our countries. We hope to be able to share more images and progress with you in the coming days as we continue on in the recovery as long as donated funding, good weather, and manpower allows us to work on Halifax HR871.

No recovery action today as the wind and waves are too strong for recovery work until possibly this weekend. The diving team knew this weather was coming and went long and hard yesterday to "git 'er done".

We are enjoying harvesting our Halifax history from the sea with our new friends in Sweden. The destination is important but whom you travel with, is equally important, and we have true friends in Sweden. Well done to the team!