

# GREENPEACE MOVE ANGERS FISHERMEN

**A GREENPEACE ship will sail into stormy waters when it reaches the Clyde today.**

The environmental group has vowed to halt nuclear submarine activity in the Clyde.

But fishermen are worried the arrival of the 190ft Greenpeace tug could deflect attention from their own campaign after the sinking of fishing boat Antares 11 days ago.

## DANGERS

MV Greenpeace is on its way from Amsterdam and is expected to arrive later today for a week's stay.

The environmentalists are protesting against the alleged dangers of cracks said to have been discovered in the reactors of four ageing Polaris submarines.

But the group say they will give the fishermen their full support.

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Clyde Fishermen's Association secretary Patrick Stewart said: "They are mounting a campaign for their own purposes. I hope it does not deflect attention from the serious problems all fishermen in the Firth of Clyde are facing."

Today, two fishing boats left from Gourock on a "reconnaissance" of the Royal Navy's Faslane submarine base on the Clyde.

The fishermen have threatened to blockade the Gare Loch base unless the Ministry of Defence puts an immediate halt to submerged operations in the Clyde.

Fishermen's leaders travel to London on Wednesday for a meeting with Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton and a get-together has been arranged with Royal Navy commanders on Friday.

The fishermen have also started action in the Court of Session over

the Navy's submarine activities.

Meanwhile, the salvage operation to recover Antares is continuing.

The wreck could be towed to shallow water off Arran later today when it will be established if any of the four drowned crew members are still on board.

But salvage operations hit a new setback. A rope attached to raise the boat snapped when they tried to lift it from the seabed off Arran.

New salvage equipment is on its way to the salvag vessel.

● Greenpeace activists last night "buzzed" a submarine leaving Coulport using inflatable dinghies, but did not prevent the vessel putting to sea.

A Navy spokesman said: "Everyone is entitled to protest but people are not permitted to interfere with ships going to sea.

"No attempt was made to halt the movement of the submarine."