

# Antares lifted to the surface

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The Antares after being raised to the surface of the Firth of Clyde by the salvage ship Salmoor.

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INCH by careful inch, the trawler Antares was winched to the surface by a salvage vessel yesterday — 18 days after she and her four-man crew were lost following an accident involving the submarine HMS Trenchant.

The doomed trawler had earlier been towed eight miles by the salvage vessel Salmoor from off the coast of Arran to the shallower waters of Kilchattan Bay, on the south-west of the island of Bute. The Antares had sunk in about 450ft of water after Trenchant ap-

parently snagged the trawler's nets.

Attached yesterday to steel cables, and with the aid of six divers from the diving company Comex, the 35-tonne trawler was slowly raised to the deck level of the Salmoor. With her superstructure relatively undamaged, she bore the yellow lettering Antares on her red bow.

The salvage experts were last night pumping water from the 55ft vessel, before taking her into harbour at Greenock where she will be examined by Department of Transport officials. A Royal Navy

board of inquiry is already under way, and a fatal accident inquiry will be held in due course.

The bodies of three of the Carradale crew — Skipper Jamie Russell, 33, Mr Dugald Campbell, 20, and Mr Stewart Campbell, 29 — were recovered from the Antares at the weekend. The search continues for the fourth crewman, Mr William Martindale, 24.

All nine branches of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, meanwhile, have now agreed to accept the terms of the code of practice agreed last week between representatives of the association and

the Royal Navy at the Faslane nuclear submarine base.

The code will allow fishermen to be aware of any submarine operating in the area of the Firth of Clyde in which they are fishing, and submariners to be aware of fishing activity in that area.

The association said of the code yesterday: "This major achievement could not have occurred without the goodwill of all parties concerned. The outcome has been reported in the media as a victory for the fishermen. They do not see it as such. This is a victory for common sense."