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It's quite amazing to watch people acting as if the US Navy is the only hope for the Russian submariners...

The Russians have long operated a large, diverse, and highly capable rescue and salvage force. They have, in fact, operated far more rescue/salvage vessels than the US ever had - and most were highly specialized craft, presumably quite capable. The latest reference works credit them with over \*30\* rescue and salvage submersibles (i.e. DSRVs) in service - and the US only has \*1\*. There are 6 submersible support ships, and flocks of salvage tugs. Even if only 10% of those 30 DSRV-type craft are in service, the Russians probably have as good a chance as anyone in this situation.

Even if the Russians lacked the rescue capabilities necessary here, there's another DSRV available, already in Europe, with a support ship relatively near to the scene, and no trans-global airlift required....the Swedish URF. I'm quite sure it would be made available if needed.

Perhaps the US DSRV would help in this case (it has been offered), but it's certainly not the only option, or the best option.

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