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Portland: Submarine "Sidon" raised

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In Portland Harbour, darkness shrouds the scene of grim tragedy as salvage workers wage a non-stop battle to raise the ill-fated submarine, "Sidon" - which sank, following an explosion.

For twenty-one hours, the ~~lift~~^{fight} continued. Often the lifting hawsers were fouled by floating debris - almost as if the sea was loath to surrender its victim. Then came the successful lift, and the submarine, supported by huge buoyancy cylinders (known as "camels"), broke surface.

Later that morning, the submarine was plainly visible, with the heavy list to starboard that hampered the subsequent beaching operation.

Meanwhile, a distress fund has been opened for the dependents of the thirteen victims of ^{THIS} tragic Naval disaster.