

BOAT RETRIEVER

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A new machine- the landing craft retriever- is put through its paces by soldiers at Fort Story, Virginia. A combination of powerful hoists and steel beams, the retriever is a peculiar vehicle with a peculiar purpose. Its sole job is to salvage stranded boats.

Moving on ten-foot ~~staxix~~ Tires , the self-propelled retriever is steered towards a landing craft aground in the surf. It works in water eight feet deep and lifts vessels of sixty seven tons. The retriever merely straddles the boat to get in lifting position.

Hoist cables are attached. Powerful electric winches do the rest, and the retriever takes it away-- a neat way , says the Army, to save disabled boats quickly during landing operations.