





# The Hunley comes back today

## Crane will lift lost sub

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After 136 years missing in action, the Confederacy's lost ship will finally come in today.

The Hunley recovery team expects to pluck the submarine from the bottom of the Atlantic at 8 this morning. From there, the Hunley — still strapped to its lifting truss — will be put on a barge for the 15-mile journey home.

It's expected at the mouth of the harbor after 10 a.m.

"It's a go," said Sen. Glenn McConnell, chairman of the Hunley Commission. "We've been working out all the last-minute details. And

we've been inundated with phone calls — the public interest is overwhelming. This has all the earmarks of being the most historic event in Charleston in our lifetime."

Church bells

will ring to herald the sub's arrival, and the ship will get a 21-gun salute from both sides of the harbor. A blue light atop the Yorktown will answer the Hunley's blue light signal that its mission, a century later, is complete.

## Raising the Hunley

After years of planning and months of work, The H.L. Hunley is ready for its journey home. Around 8 a.m. this morning, the crane aboard the barge Karlissa B will lift the sub from its resting place.

### Karlissa B

The six-legged crane-barge platform has been used around the globe to recover everything from lost oil pipes in the North Sea to treating grounded ships in the Caribbean.



### The big lift

Secure in its lift truss, the Hunley will be hoisted onto an awaiting barge that will carry it to the former Charleston Navy base. There, in a specially designed lab, the painstaking process of conservation will begin. Researchers must also find a way to enter the sub.

Recovery barge

The Hunley

The Hunley, cradled in its 32 lift straps and padding, ready to be lifted to the surface.



Destination:  
Warren F. Leach Conservation  
Center at former Navy base

### Shore viewing:

Spectators can view the H.L. Hunley from land as the recovery barge makes its way to the former Navy base. The best public sites are:

- Fort Moultrie
- The Battery
- Waterfront Park
- Maritime Center
- Patriot's Point

### Journey begins:

After it is firmly attached to the transport barge, the Hunley will be towed to Charleston. Boaters are asked to stay away from the wreck site during the lift.

### Boat viewing:

Boaters who wish to watch the Hunley's return must remain outside a moving safety zone that runs 200 yards fore and aft of the barge and 100 yards on each side.

## Coming Wednesday:

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a Special Report

- Full coverage
- More mysteries await
- Charleston welcomes the Hunley
- Recovery time line
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### HUNLEY FUNERAL HOMILY

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WE ARE HERE TODAY TO HONOR EIGHT MEN WHOSE LIVES AND DEATHS HAVE CREATED AN AMAZING LEGACY. IT IS A LEGACY THAT WILL SERVE TO INSPIRE THE WORLD FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

THE LEGACY BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 17, 1864. ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT. THESE EIGHT MEN TOOK THE FIRST STEPS FROM THEIR LODGINGS TO BATTERY MARSHALL ON SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, TO THE PLACE WHERE THE H.L. HUNLEY WAS DOCKED, AWAITING THEIR ARRIVAL.

THE STEPS THEY TOOK ALONG THAT PATH CONTINUE TO ECHO DOWN THE CORRIDORS OF TIME. THEIR STEPS LAUNCHED A JOURNEY WE CONTINUE TODAY.

AS THEY WALKED THE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE SEA, BEFORE THE SUN WOULD RISE AGAIN, THESE EIGHT MEN WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD.

THE POET HENRY LONGFELLOW WROTE A PASSAGE THAT CARRIES SPECIAL MEANING FOR US. HE WROTE...

THE... "LIVES OF GREAT MEN REMIND US  
WE CAN MAKE OUR LIVES SUBLIME  
AND DEPARTING LEAVE BEHIND US  
FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME;  
FOOTPRINTS, THAT PERHAPS ANOTHER,