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Dear Mr. Thomas,

The mission of the Canadian Coastal Forces Trust is to preserve Canada's last Motor Torpedo Boat from World War II, *MTB 486*. This vessel was the command of Lieutenant Commander Tony Law, Senior Officer of the 29th (Canadian) MTB Flotilla, and saw action against German Schnellboats during the war. We have reached a critical point in our preservation efforts as the current owners of the boat have moved shore-side to a house and wish to dispose of the boat in the next two months. They have offered her to the CCFT for a price of £5 000 and time is of the essence as they are no longer maintaining and repairing the boat. After a few more months of neglect, it is likely that the boat may be not repairable and unsalvageable. We have reached a "now or never" point in regards to the preservation this rare and priceless part of Canada's naval history.

The CCFT has focused our vision exclusively on the preservation of *MTB 486*, which we were able to positively identify in 2007. Our goal is still to bring her back to Canada and see her either preserved as a stationary exhibit in one of Canada's many naval museums, or restored and operating in the Great Lakes. In the latter scenario, the boat would be available for use by Navy League Cadets and Sea Cadets, as well as other youth groups whose objective is the development of character, physical fitness and leadership skills in today's youth. She would also tour Canadian cities on Lake Ontario to educate the public about Canada's role in Coastal Forces and Naval operations during WWII. *MTB 486* would act as a memorial to our naval personnel who served in Coastal Forces, who are largely forgotten and overlooked by Canadian history. We wish to see this injustice corrected. We also wish to add the diminutive number of WWII RCN vessels that have been preserved in Canada.

It is our hope that you may be able to help us in our fundraising to save this vessel, either through a direct donation, or in suggesting avenues that we may pursue to meet the financial goals necessary to save *MTB 486*. Please note that the CCFT is a charitable organization registered with the federal government of Canada.

We would like to invite you to support our mission and we thank you for any assistance you can provide for us.

Yours aye,

Lieutenant (Navy) Nicholas CM Armstrong, CD, Canadian Forces
PRESIDENT
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MTB 485, 29th (Canadian) MTB Flotilla, 1944



Houseboat *Sungo*, formerly MTB 486 of the 29th (Canadian) MTB Flotilla, 2007