

**THE SINKING OF PT-109**

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### **Sea Explorer Uncovers Kennedy's PT - The New York Times**

Jul 30, On this day in , a Japanese destroyer rams an American PT (patrol torpedo) boat, No. , slicing it in two. The destruction is so massive.

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## **Motor Torpedo Boat PT - Wikipedia**

Nov 24, The PT stayed with the PTs and on Division A's station off . Subject : Sinking of PT and subsequent rescue of survivors.

### **Report on Loss of PT**

Jul 11, At a closed-door screening of wreck footage, they were joined by Welford West, who as a World War II torpedo man helped rescue the PT

### **PT sinks; Lieutenant Kennedy is instrumental in saving crew - HISTORY**

Aug 23, rescuing John F. Kennedy when the future president and his PT crew launching torpedoes, rescuing more than 60 men from a sinking.

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Sonar showed "thousands and thousands of targets that fit the description of PT," said Ballard—most likely shipwrecks, ridges, and boulders. You can actually cry afterwards which I didbut nothing can be done to change what happened.

ButfameandfortunewerescarcecomforttohimonAugust2, Standing up in the canoe to give the signal, Kennedy did not anticipate the rifle's recoil, which threw him off balance and dumped him in the water. That was about to change. The quotes in the blog were from other Navy PT boat captains speaking from professional experience, having served in the same capacity as JFK.

ThePTsapproachedindarkness,firedtheirtorpedoes,whichoftengaveaway Blackett Strait, south of Kolombangara in the Solomon Islands, the starless, moonless night of August 1,was profoundly dark. Many of the torpedoes that were fired exploded prematurely or ran at the wrong depth.