

(http://abcnews.go.com/)

HOT TOPICS: [Obama in Afghanistan \(http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/OTUS/president-obama-makes-secret-trip-afghanistan-osan\)](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/OTUS/president-obama-makes-secret-trip-afghanistan-osan) Search



Home (<http://abcnews.go.com/>) Video (<http://abcnews.go.com/video>) Blogs (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs>) News (<http://abcnews.go.com/news>)

Politics (<http://abcnews.go.com/politics>) Investigative (<http://abcnews.go.com/blotter>) Health (<http://abcnews.go.com/health>)
ABC NEWS BLOGS: [Headlines \(http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines\)](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines) | [Politics \(http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics\)](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics) | [Business \(http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/business\)](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/business) | [Technology](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/technology)
Entertainment (<http://abcnews.go.com/entertainment>) Money (<http://abcnews.go.com/business>) Tech (<http://abcnews.go.com/technology>)

This Week (<http://abcnews.go.com/thisweek>) 20/20 (<http://abcnews.go.com/2020>) Good Morning America (<http://abcnews.go.com/gma>)

World News (<http://abcnews.go.com/wm>) Nightline (<http://abcnews.go.com/nightline>)

ABC NEWS BLOGS (/BLOGS/) > HEADLINES (HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES) > WORLD (HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES/WORLD/)

World

(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/world/>)

HEADLINES (/BLOGS/HEADLINES/) POLITICS (/BLOGS/POLITICS/) ENTERTAINMENT (/BLOGS/ENTERTAINMENT/)

PREVIOUS
MYSTERIOUS 'HUM' ONLY
CANADIANS CAN HEAR IS
DEBATED
([HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES/2012/05/MYSTERIOUS-HUM-ONLY-CANADIANS-CAN-HEAR-IS-DEBATED/](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/mysterious-hum-only-canadians-can-hear-is-debated/))

NEXT
HOURS AFTER PRESIDENT
OBAMA LEAVES, EXPLOSIONS
RATTLE KABUL
([HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES/2012/05/HOURS-AFTER-PRESIDENT-OBAMA-LEAVES-EXPLOSIONS-RATTLE-KABUL/](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/hours-after-president-obama-leaves-explosions-rattle-kabul/))



May 1, 2012 4:05pm

(<http://abcnews.go.com/author/christina-ng/>)

By [Christina Ng](#)

(<http://abcnews.go.com/author/christina-ng/>)
@ChristinaNg27

(<http://twitter.com/ChristinaNg27>)

Japan Tsunami Debris: Canadian Museum Launches Recovery Project

Pieces of debris from last year's Japanese tsunami, carried by the currents, have begun to show up on the West Coast of the United States and Canada, including most recently, a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Maritime Museum of British Columbia has just launched what it calls the "Tsunami Debris Project" (<https://www.facebook.com/TsunamiDebrisProjectMaritimeMusBC>), which aims to collect photos of the flotsam that washes ashore and potentially reunite lost items with their owners.

"The idea is to not only document, but to showcase them in an exhibit type of way, and to tell the social and human side of the story with the idea that there might be a few items that come over that have some personal or sentimental value for these people that have lost everything," project coordinator Linda Funk told ABCNews.com. "And it would be the right thing to do to link some of these belongings to their owners."

The museum says it hopes the website will be a central place for flotsam finders to post photos of the items and for people in Japan to look for their valued belongings.

Three items that have so far washed up and made news are a soccer ball, a wrecked ship and a motorcycle.



About World

The latest international news and original reporting from ABC News following coverage around the world.

Categories

[Crimes Against Christmas](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/crimes-against-christmas/>)

[Investigative](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/bl>)

[Middle East](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/middle-east/>)

[Nation](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/bl>)

[Picture This: ABC News](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/picture-this-abc-news/>)

[Press Release](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/bl>)

[Religion](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/religion/>)

[World](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/bl>)

Top Posts

[NJ Hits Up Mass Woman for 35-Year-Old \\$73 Debt](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/nj-hits-up-mass-woman-for-35-year-old-73-debt/)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/nj-hits-up-mass-woman-for-35-year-old-73-debt/>)

[Hours After President Obama Leaves, Explosions Rattle Kabul](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/hours-after-president-obama-leaves-explosions-rattle-kabul/)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/hours-after-president-obama-leaves-explosions-rattle-kabul/>)

[Yankees Pitcher Andy Pettite Testifies at Roger Clemens Trial, Discusses Trainer Brian McNamee and Human Growth Hormone](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/yankee-pitcher-andy-pettite-testifies-at-roger-clemens-trial/)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/yankee-pitcher-andy-pettite-testifies-at-roger-clemens-trial/>)



(Image credit: ABC News)

In April, [the soccer ball](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/04/soccer-ball-swept-away-by-japanese-tsunami-reaches-us-shores/) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/04/soccer-ball-swept-away-by-japanese-tsunami-reaches-us-shores/>) washed up on the shore of a remote island in Alaska, making it one of the first pieces of debris to reach the U.S. The radar technician who found the ball with Japanese writing on it was able to track down the elementary school it came from and, eventually, its owner, a 16-year-old who had lost his home in the tsunami.

The Japanese “ghost ship” (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/04/coast-guard-aims-to-sink-japanese-ghost-ship/>), the Ryou-Un Maru, floated across the Pacific Ocean after it was ripped from its moorings by the tsunami last March. It was floating roughly 195 miles south of Sitka in the Gulf of Alaska before the U.S. Coast Guard shot at it and sank it on April 5 after it was decided that it was not worth salvaging.



(Image credit: U.S. Coast Guard/AP Photo)

And just a few weeks ago, a man from Masset, Canada was riding his ATV on a remote beach on the island of Haida Gwaii when he came across a large, white container that looked like the back of a truck on the beach, [according to the CBC](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/04/29/bc-tsunami-debris-harley.html?cmp=rss). (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/04/29/bc-tsunami-debris-harley.html?cmp=rss>)

Inside was a Harley Davidson motorcycle with Japanese license plates. The container also had camping equipment, golf clubs and tools in it, the CBC reported.

These are just the first of what experts predict will be massive amounts of debris set to reach the North American coast in 2013.

“Most of the things will be fishing floats or pieces of lumber, non-interesting debris, but there’s bound to be a couple of items that are like the soccer ball,” Funk said. “It’s a bit like a treasure hunt. You never know what you’re going to find.”

SHOWS: [Good Morning America](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/topics/show/good-morning-america/) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/topics/show/good-morning-america/>)

Like 17 0 0 Text |

[discusses-trainee-brian-mcnamée-and-human-growth-hormone/](#)

[New Jersey Mom Arrested After Taking 5-Year-Old to Tanning Salon](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/new-jersey-mom-arrested-after-taking-5-year-old-to-tanning-salon/>)

[Dolphin in Wetlands May Have Been Chased There, Rescuer Says](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/dolphin-in-wetlands-may-have-been-chased-there-rescuer-says/>)

Top Stories on ABC News
(<http://abcnews.go.com/xmldata/rss?id=4380645>)



(<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/states-instant-spike-organ-donors-facebook-push/story?id=16255979>)

[Facebook Push Brings Donor Spike](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/states-instant-spike-organ-donors-facebook-push/story?id=16255979>)



(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/cheng-guangcheng-seeking-medical-treatment-hospital-reunited-family/story?id=16258565>)

[Chinese Dissident Exits US Embassy](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/cheng-guangcheng-seeking-medical-treatment-hospital-reunited-family/story?id=16258565>)



(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/officials-egyptian-protesters-killed-cairo-16258061>)

[5 Egyptian Protesters Killed](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/egyptian-protesters-killed-cairo-16258061>)



(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/army-mortar-shells-kill-10-syrian-village-16253921>)

[Bomb Kills Member of Syrian Security](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/mortar-shells-kill-10-syrian-village-16253921>)



(<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/slideshow/cameron-diaz-beach-bods-3213472>)

[Photos: Cameron Diaz Bares Body for Mag](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/slideshow/diaz-beach-bods-3213472>)

PREVIOUS
MYSTERIOUS 'HUM' ONLY
CANADIANS CAN HEAR IS
DEBATED

NEXT
HOURS AFTER PRESIDENT
OBAMA LEAVES, EXPLOSIONS
RATTLE KABUL

Subscribe

([HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES/2012/05/MYSTERIOUS-HUM-ONLY-CANADIANS-CAN-HEAR-IS-DEBATED/](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/mysterious-hum-only-canadians-can-hear-is-debated/))

([HTTP://ABCNEWS.GO.COM/BLOGS/HEADLINES/2012/05/HOURS-AFTER-PRESIDENT-OBAMA-LEAVES-EXPLOSIONS-RATTLE-KABUL/](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/05/hours-after-president-obama-leaves-explosions-rattle-kabul/))



Twitter
(<http://twitter.com/abcnews>)



Facebook
(<http://www.facebook.com/abcnews>)

Find Apartments Online

Find apartments in your city online. See pictures, floor plans & more.
www.MyNewPlace.com

Shipping Containers

Looking For Shipping Containers? Find It Nearby With Local.com!
Local.com

Professor Wins \$750,000

Guy Wins Not Once But Twice - Get His Method Here.
winthelotteryformula.info

Auto Shipping Estimates

Get Free Quotes from Licensed & Insured Auto Movers.
www.movers.com/International-Movers

The Final Theory is Here

Read the controversial new science bestseller everyone's talking about
thefinaltheory.com

Foreign Exchange Trading

Free \$50,000 Practice Account With Real-Time Charts, News & Research.
www.Forex.com

National Racing Coverage

From ASA to NASCAR over 100 pages of racing action
rubberracer.com

Math + Office Pool = Win

Get LottoMasterFormula & Learn How Winners Pick Winning Numbers!
winthelotteryformula.info

[Top](#)

Leave a Reply

Do you have more information about this topic? If so, please [click here](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mailform?id=14106679>) to contact the editors of ABC News.

Name (required)

Mail (will not be published) (required)

Website

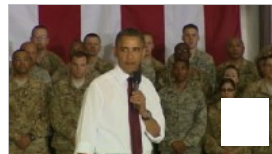
SUBMIT COMMENT



Mitt Romney Heckled, Called 'Racist' in NYC



Young Boy Gets a New Heart



Obama Talks to Troops

abc NEWS | YAHOO! NEWS
(<http://abcnews.go.com>)

External links are provided for reference purposes. ABC News is not responsible for the content of external Internet sites. Copyright © 2012 ABC News Internet Ventures. Yahoo! - ABC News Network

[BACK TO TOP](#)

Sections

[News](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/news>)

[Politics](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/politics>)

[Investigative](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blotter>)

[Health](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/health>)

[Entertainment](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/entertainment>)

[Money](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/business>)

[Technology](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/technology>)

[Travel](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/travel>)

[Recipes](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/recipes>)

[Behind the Scenes](#)
(<http://blogs.abcnews.com/behindthescenes/>)

[News Topics](#)

Shows

[Good Morning America](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/gma>)

[World News with Diane Sawyer](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/wn>)

[Nightline](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/nightline>)

[This Week with George Stephanopoulos](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/thisweek>)

[20/20](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/2020>)

[Primetime](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/primetime>)

[What Would You Do?](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/whatwouldyoudo>)

[ABC News Now](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/abcnewsnow>)

[ABC.com](#) (<http://abc.com>)

Tools

[iPad App](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/ipad>)

[Mobile \(/connect\)](#)

[Register](#)
(<https://register.go.com/global/abcnews/register?rd=true&appRedirect=http://abcnews.go.com/>)

[Sign In](#)
(<https://register.go.com/global/abcnews/login?rd=true&appRedirect=http://abcnews.go.com/>)

[Facebook](#)
(<http://www.facebook.com/abcnews>)

[Twitter](#)
(<http://twitter.com/abc>)

[Blogs](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs>)

[Emails & News Alerts](#)
(<https://register.go.com/global/abcnews/modifyAccount?siteName=abcnews&appRedirect=http://abcnews.go.com/>)

[Message Boards](#)
(<http://forums.abcnews.go.com/forums/index?webtag=abcnewsindex>)

About

[Contact Us](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/Site/page?id=3068843>)

[Feedback](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/Site/page?id=3068843>)

[Advertising](#)
(<http://mediakit.go.com/abcnews/index.html>)

[Privacy Policy](#)
(<http://disney.go.com/corporate/privacy/p>)

[Invest-Base Ads](#)
(<http://preferences.truste.com/2.0/?type=abcnews&affiliateId=11>)

[Terms of Use](#)
(<http://disney.go.com/corporate/legal/terr>)

[ABC News Store](#)
(<http://abcnewsstore.com/>)

[Site Map](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/meta/sitemap>)

[\(http://abcnews.go.com/topics/\)](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/)

[RSS Headlines](#) [Authors List](#)
(<http://abcnews.go.com/Site/page?http://abcnews.go.com/author/id=3520115>)