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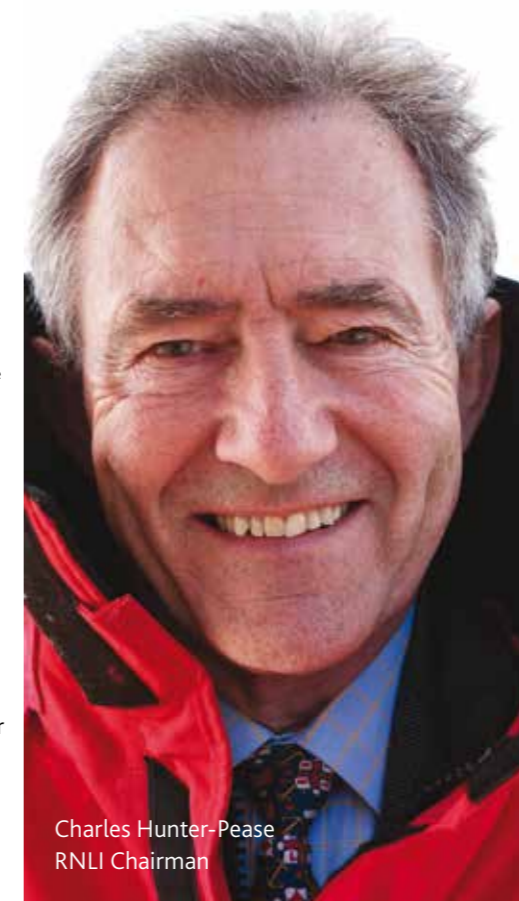
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For 190 years the RNLI has faced the challenge of being ready for anything – whether it's one person who needs our help, 30, or even 85 – as you will read in this magazine's remarkable rescue stories.

To be ready for anything requires amazing generosity from our donors, oodles of time and ingenuity from our fundraisers and professionalism of the highest order from our staff. And, of course, it requires dedicated volunteers and lifesavers to launch and man lifeboats, guard beaches, promote coastal safety and provide a flood rescue service further inland.

In July, I became Chairman of the RNLI, and that voluntary role is an honour beyond measure. It's also quite a responsibility to ensure we continue to be ready for anything. But I am reassured every time I meet any RNLI person – whether a supporter like you, fundraiser, supplier, staff or volunteer – that each has the best interests of the charity at heart. Together we are the RNLI. We can be so proud of each and every contribution we make to its success and sustainability, over what is approaching two centuries.

So thank you for your support – and I hope you enjoy this issue of *the Lifeboat*.



Charles Hunter-Pease
RNLI Chairman

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First class delivery



Supporters donated generously for her construction, volunteers gave their time to trial her, and the RNLI's project team worked day and night. Now a new class of all-weather lifeboat has become a reality after the first Shannon entered the lifeboat fleet over the Summer.

She's designed to face the worst of weather conditions, but the *Jock and Annie Slater* was blessed on a sunny day at the RNLI College pontoon in Poole, Dorset. Taking her name from the RNLI's former chairman Sir Jock Slater and his wife Lady Annie Slater (who officially named her at the event), the first Shannon class will be a relief vessel – ready to replace other Shannon class lifeboats when they are taken off service for maintenance or repair. The first *station* Shannon class lifeboat will go on service at Dungeness, Kent, in early 2014.

This new generation of lifeboats is replacing a selection of Mersey class lifeboats, which first came into service in 1988 and are now reaching the end of their planned 25-year RNLI lifespan. Like the Mersey, the Shannon is designed to be launched and recovered from a beach – but can also lie afloat if necessary.

The Shannon was designed in-house by RNLI naval architects who have harnessed cutting-edge technology. It's the first modern

all-weather RNLI lifeboat to use waterjets, which give her excellent manoeuvrability – as demonstrated when the lifeboat turned full circle following the naming ceremony (pictured). The introduction of the Shannon class is the final step in enabling the RNLI to fulfil its commitment to ensure that all its operational all-weather lifeboats have a top speed of 25 knots. It all gives our volunteer crews the speed, safety and support they need to save more lives at sea, thanks to our generous donors.

Busiest July since 2006

As *the Lifeboat* went to print, the rescue reports coming in from our lifeboat stations and lifeguard units showed 2013 is set to be one of the busiest Summers on record. People flocked to the coast during the sunny days of July, which was the lifeboat crews' busiest for 7 years with 1,639 launches.

See the full Summer statistics here: RNLI.org/summer2013.



Atlantic evolution

For years, students and teachers at Atlantic College have volunteered for a lifeboat crew ready to launch off the south Wales coast. But now the College has a new lifesaving focus. While the lifeboat station has now closed, students have been developing their RNLI lifeguarding techniques and volunteered to help keep beaches safe over the Summer.

It's a new chapter in the historic relationship between the RNLI and the College, where the rigid inflatable boat (RIB) was first conceived and designed – a craft that has become the most commonly-used inshore rescue boat in the world. Atlantic College was also the RNLI's first station with a female crew member: Elizabeth Hostvedt (pictured above). See page 24 for more on the women at the core of our lifesaving operations today.



Trained and ready

Volunteers in Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, are running a trial RNLI lifeboat station following the closure of the independent lifeboat service in the town. The crew took part in full RNLI training before the lifeboat went operational in the Summer, and are now on call ready to launch a B class inshore lifeboat to the rescue off the North East coast. They are pictured during their capsizing training at RNLI College.



Brave new world

Lifesavers from across Asia and Africa are sharing new-found skills with their lifesaving organisations, thanks to a course run by the RNLI.

An estimated 1.2M people drown around the world every year – more than the number who die from malaria. Most of these drownings occur in some of the world's poorest countries, which have either very limited lifesaving services or none at all.

As part of the charity's aim to help reduce the global drowning problem, 14 delegates from countries including Bangladesh, Kenya, Sudan and Sri Lanka visited the RNLI's Headquarters, Dorset, in July. The Future Leaders in Lifesaving course gave them essential lifesaving skills and strategies for building and sustaining their own rescue services.

Topics covered by the course included the causes of drowning, the role of a lifeguard, equipment needed to run a lifesaving service, managing incidents, practical lifesaving skills, conducting beach risk assessments, writing training programmes, and how to run safety education initiatives.

The course builds on the RNLI's broader international development work, some of which has been delivered in-country – for example, RNLI lifeguard trainers have spent time in Bangladesh, Senegal, Kenya and Cameroon, helping volunteer lifesavers in each country establish their own lifesaving services.

The Future Leaders in Lifesaving course ran for the first time last year. Austin Andemani from Uganda said: 'The skills the RNLI are providing are so great for our kind of work. I will be able to push lifesaving activities further from where it has been in Uganda. The content, the people, everything has been fantastic. It is so important for us to remember that although water gives life, it can also take life away.' For more on the RNLI's international initiative, visit RNLI.org/international.

Safety campaign packs a punch



He has taken on some of the most powerful sportsmen on the planet, but when it came to tackling the water, England rugby star James Haskell had to admit defeat.

James put his weight behind the launch of Respect the Water, an RNLI campaign designed to raise coastal safety awareness among men. More people die around our coasts than those lost in cycling accidents – and, as reported in the last issue of *the Lifeboat*, men aged between 25 and 65 are those most at risk.

The new campaign was trialled around Hampshire, Sussex and Kent throughout

August, and highlighted the key causes of drowning: rip currents, cold water shock, slips/falls, alcohol and fatigue.

Among the advertisements and activities that helped share the safety messages was a punchbag challenge. James (pictured) was the first to have a go, and eventually tired as he tried to fight against 250kg (quarter of a tonne) of water. Beer mats, pint glasses and advertisements were also used to share safety messages, all in a bid to encourage more people to give the water the respect it deserves – and prevent tragedies. For more information, visit RNLI.org/respectthewater.



A helping hand for flood rescue

A hardware firm that has put firm support behind the RNLI's Flood Rescue Team (FRT) is on course to raise £80,000 this year.

Toolstation is the FRT's sponsor, and staff have been boosting funding for the team's equipment and training through fundraising

events, collection tins in stores and merchandise – including a Corgi toy version of the team's vehicle and D class lifeboat.

• For more on the specially adapted D class lifeboats used by the FRT, see page 32.

The shark-baiting, tank-commanding granny!

She has already driven a tank and swum with sharks in aid of the RNLI this year – and now 77-year-old Jean Shields wants to drive a high-speed racing car.

Jean, President of the RNLI's Troon Fundraising Branch, raised almost £500 for the charity by diving in alongside huge tiger sharks at Deep Sea World at North Queensferry.

'Our family have always sailed, we are all sea people,' said the grandmother of six. 'My grandson has been on the Largs lifeboat crew for 10 years and everywhere me and my husband went we found a lifeboat station to make a donation. He always said that if you don't put in, you can't take out.'

The next experience on Jean's 'bucket list' is to get behind the wheel of a Formula One racing car. 'Why should it matter what age you are? My view of life is that I would rather be doing, rather than sat worrying about aches and pains,' says Jean. 'If you are able to do it, why not do it? I don't think age is a barrier to anything, as long as you have got your health, it's all about your attitude to life.'



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RESCUE

1 DOGGY PADDLE

19 July: Blackpool, Lancashire

When a dog got into difficulty near Blackpool's North Pier, the lifeboat crew launched in their D class and brought the pet to safety, much to the gratitude of its owner. As well as saving the life of an animal, rescues like these prevent concerned people from putting themselves in danger.

* If you have a soft spot for dogs, deer, dolphins and other animals, you'll love our collection of RNLI animal rescue videos made in celebration of World Animal Day on 4 October. Watch the rescues online at RNLI.org/animals.



2 SIGNS OF LIFE

2 July: Dunbar, East Lothian When Dunbar lifeboat crew sped to a sinking fishing boat, they feared they had arrived too late – the fishing boat's bow was all that could be seen. Crew Member Alistair Punton jumped into the water and banged on the hull to see if anyone was inside (pictured). There was no answer. But then another lifeboat crew member spotted the lone fisherman floating in the water 275m away, very much alive. The volunteers rushed to his aid, pulling him aboard and taking him back to shore where he recovered from his chilly ordeal.



3 SINKING SPEED BOAT

7 July: Tower, London Lifeboat crew members saved four lives with minutes to spare when a speedboat sank on the Thames just south of the Millennium Bridge. Unable to stop the water rushing in, the group made an emergency call to the Coastguard, and prepared to abandon ship. Tower lifeboat crew raced to the scene in their E class lifeboat, and pulled all four people to safety as their boat sank before their eyes. The crew then tethered the boat safely so it did not become a hazard to passing vessels.



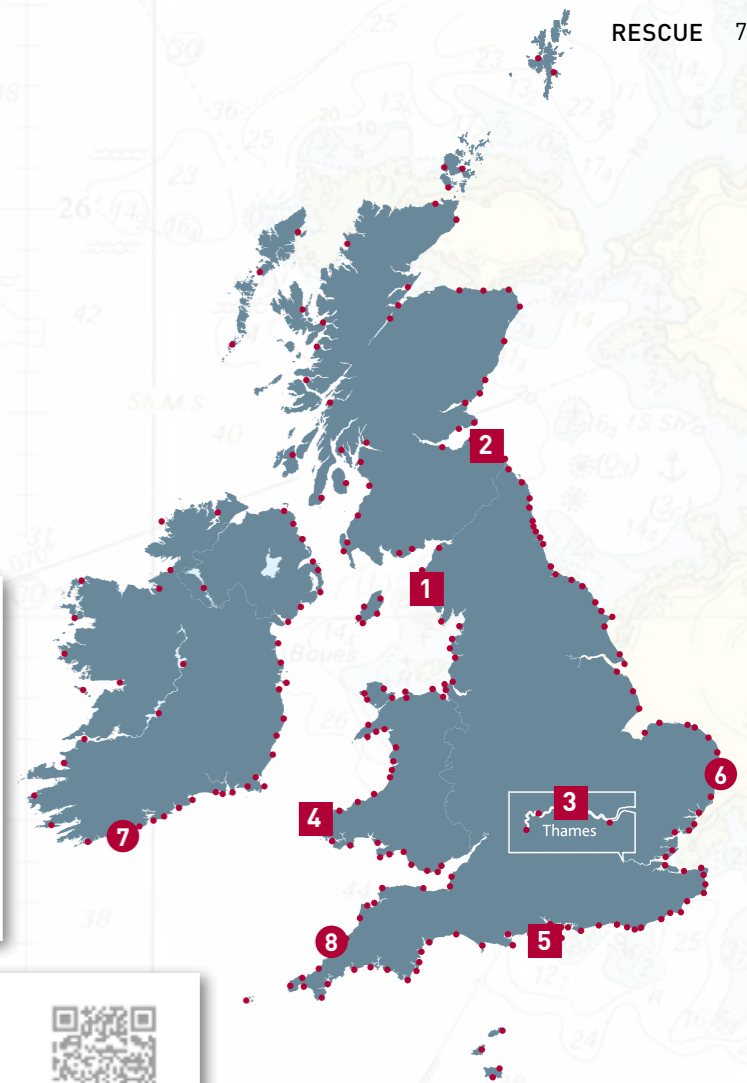
4 COASTEERING CALAMITY

19 July: St Davids, Wales A coasteering trip nearly ended in disaster when a 12-year-old girl seriously injured her neck near Porthclais Harbour. The inshore lifeboat crew arrived on scene at noon and gave first aid. Because of the severity of her injuries, they called for an RAF rescue helicopter to airlift her to hospital. The crew continued to treat the girl while they waited for the helicopter to arrive, and helped to place the girl in a stretcher. Once she was safely evacuated, they returned to the lifeboat station.



5 MID-MORNING MAYDAY

15 June: Yarmouth, Solent At 10.33am a mayday call alerted the Yarmouth lifeboat to a yacht in trouble in gale force winds. A female crew member had been hit by the boom and suffered a serious injury. The volunteer crew arrived to find Lymington lifeboat already on scene, and the two crews worked together to regain control of the yacht and treat the casualty until a rescue helicopter arrived. The injured woman was airlifted to hospital and the yacht was escorted to Cowes by the Yarmouth lifeboat where the remaining crew member was treated for shock by a waiting ambulance team.



The RNLI's lifeboat crews and lifeguards carry out thousands of rescues every year (see Launches on page 38). Here are just a few caught on camera – and see the list below for more in-depth reports.

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Race to the rescue

Our lifesavers usually rescue one or a few people at a time – but in May they were called to over 80 swimmers struggling against a powerful tide ...

It was a deceptively calm and sunny day on 26 May when 133 swimmers set off on a 1,200m race from Southwold Pier beach in Suffolk to a local pub. But the race was late starting. Unbeknown to the swimmers, the tide had turned. Within minutes, many found themselves being dragged out into the cold North Sea.

It was just 2 days into their patrol season, and already the Southwold RNLI lifeguards faced a mass rescue situation. They responded immediately. As people began to struggle, Lifeguards Ben Lock and Lucy Clews paddled towards them on rescue boards, while Lifeguard Supervisor Dan Tyler watched from his vantage point on the beach. He realised that a large number of people were in serious danger. Grabbing his radio, he alerted the Coastguard and Southwold's inshore lifeboat volunteers, who were on exercise in the area.

Within minutes, Ben and Lucy rescued two swimmers – one was panicking as she fought the tide, while another was suffering with cold. Once they were safely on shore, Lucy went back in. She guided swimmers away from rocks and inaccessible areas around the pier to make it easier for them to be rescued.

By now, the Southwold Atlantic 75 lifeboat crew had arrived too and began to pluck exhausted swimmers from the water. As time went on, more and more people tired and needed help. Helmsman Simon Callaghan recalls: 'There were just so many people that needed rescuing. An area of about a third of a square mile was just littered with people. They were all in the same situation.'

Realising that they needed additional support, Crew Member Paul Barker radioed the Coastguard.





Simon Callaghan,
Helmsman:

'We tried to keep the lifeboat down tide so no one could drift past us. That way, we couldn't lose anyone; they couldn't slip out of sight.'



Rob Kelvey,
Crew Member:

'Our only way of getting the swimmers ashore to safety was to help them swim the last 20m to the beach. Surf and underwater obstructions made it impossible to get closer in the lifeboat, so I went into the water with them and, where necessary, attached them to me to ensure they made it.'



Paul Barker,
Crew Member:

'We pulled a lifeguard we'd never met before onto the lifeboat, and he took to it like a seal to water, he just got on with the job.'



Dan Tyler,
Lifeguard Supervisor:

'When I couldn't see the race participants coming round the pier, I thought: "Why haven't they got here already?" I realised they had started late, and then the concern kicked in. I radioed the lifeboat and said: "Pull everyone in. Cut the race off and bring people to shore."'



Ben Lock,
Lifeguard:

'I told my supervisor I'd take the back of the race, so he could take the middle. We presumed that people at the head of the race would be the most competent swimmers, so that was the best way to handle it. We put people on the lifeboat instead of paddling them all the way back to the beach each time.'

» He requested ambulances, a rescue helicopter and asked for the lifeboats at flanking stations Lowestoft and Aldeburgh to launch too. Meanwhile Simon took the lifeboat down tide into a 'goalkeeper' position to catch the swimmers as they drifted north.

The lifeboat crew prioritised those who were unsupported in the water (some were clinging to rescue kayaks that had been provided by the race organiser). Simon had to manoeuvre the lifeboat with extreme care, ensuring the casualties were clear of the lifeboat's spinning propellers. At times, there were four people holding on to each side of the craft.

It wasn't long before the lifeboat was operating at the limits of her capability. Atlantic 75s have a maximum survivor capacity of 23 and, by now, she was carrying 21. The crew focused on ferrying the casualties as close as possible to the shore. Crew Member Rob Kelvey jumped into the water and swam back and forth, helping the exhausted casualties swim the last 20m, while another Lifeguard Supervisor Liam Fayle-Parr, took his place on the lifeboat.

Mobbed by swimmers desperate for help, Rob inflated his lifejacket. Once on shore, he grabbed towels and spare clothes from members of the public to warm up the casualties. He directed them to the lifeguard unit, which was being used as a muster point to register those safely returned.

Crew Member Paul Barker reflects: 'It was amazing how well we worked together. We didn't know any of the lifeguards before the rescue. But we knew they were RNLI and we knew they'd had the training, so the trust was already there.'

After an hour in the water, the swimmers began to bunch into groups and cling to each other for support and warmth, enabling the crew to pick up larger groups. By the time the rescue helicopter arrived from RAF Boulmer, the crew and lifeguards had rescued 83 people and there were just two swimmers left in the water. As Paul explains, the outcome could have been quite different were it not for the lifeguards' quick response: 'If we'd have been paged to the rescue, it would have taken us 5-10 minutes to launch.'

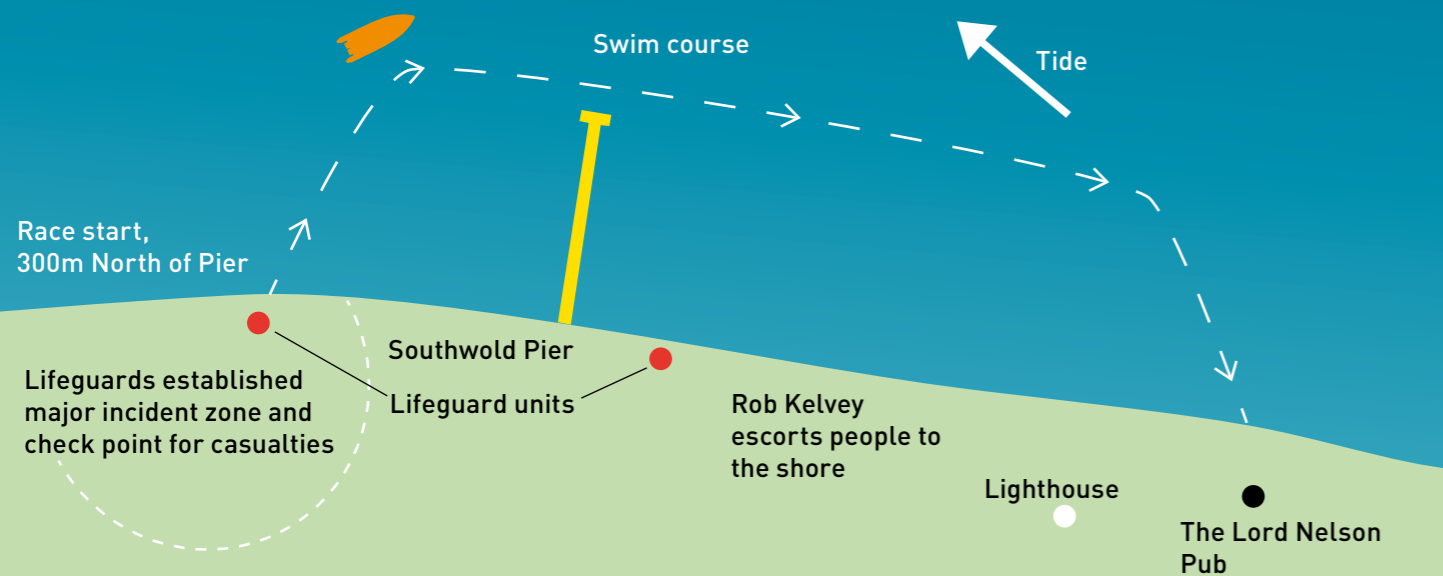
By now it was well after 2pm and lifeboats from Aldeburgh and Lowestoft arrived to scour the area for any remaining casualties. After a thorough search, they confirmed that no race swimmers were left in the water, and the lifeboats were stood

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down. In total, 85 people had been rescued. 'When you think of the numbers involved, and the fact that everyone made it home - it was quite a feeling,' says Simon, the Southwold Helmsman. 'You hear of similar stories with tragic outcomes, so I was just really pleased that everyone made it home.'

By the end of the week the story had made national news, and David Cameron paid tribute to the crew at Prime Minister's Questions. But Simon says: 'It could have been any lifeboat crew on that boat. It was an honour, but it says more about the organisation than the three of us.'

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Time of high water: noon
 Time of low water: 6.15pm
 Weather: Part cloudy
 Visibility: Good
 Wind force: 3, Gentle breeze
 Wind direction: 0°, Northerly
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 Lifeguards Ben Lock and Lucy Clews

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Saved from a shipwreck

This photograph captures the moment that our Kinsale and Courtmacsherry Harbour lifeboat volunteers saved 30 people from a sinking training vessel off the Cork coast



Both lifeboat crews were called out on 24 July when the crew of a 42m Dutch sailing ship found they were being driven onto rocks. *Astrid* had lost power just before noon, leaving her at the mercy of strong southerly winds off the Sovereign Islands near Kinsale.

In force 5–6 winds and a 2m swell, *Astrid* was blown onto the rocks, suffered a damaged hull and started taking on water – she was sinking quickly. But the group of young sailors aboard stayed calm and listened to their skipper's instructions.

Within minutes, Kinsale's Atlantic 75 lifeboat was on scene, closely followed by the Courtmacsherry Harbour all-weather Trent class lifeboat. The Kinsale Helmsman, Liam O'Connell, got close enough to the sinking ship to allow Crew Member Nick Searls to jump aboard. Realising *Astrid* was beyond saving, he reassured the sailors and helped 12 of them onto the inshore lifeboat with the help of Crew Member Jim Grennan. The 12 were passed onto a dive boat

and then transferred on to another vessel, *Sprit of Oysterhaven*.

By now, *Astrid's* deck was disappearing beneath the waves. Her crew had deployed a large liferaft, anticipating that they may need to abandon their vessel. So, while their crew mates were being ferried to safety, the remaining 18 got aboard the liferaft, which was then towed out to calmer seas by the Kinsale lifeboat crew. The tow rope was then passed to the harbour master's boat. Then the sailors were helped aboard the larger Courtmacsherry lifeboat, where Coxswain Sean O'Farrell was acting as on-scene commander.

The Courtmacsherry crew brought the sailors back to Kinsale Harbour, where they were assessed by medical teams.

Lifeboats from Ballycotton and Crosshaven had also headed to the scene and Coast Guard helicopters from Waterford and Shannon flew

to the area – but fortunately, the Kinsale and Courtmacsherry crews had quickly managed to get everyone to safety. Coxswain Sean O'Farrell said: 'I want to praise the quick thinking of the skipper and the crew from the *Astrid*. They kept calm and did everything we asked them to do.'

All 30 people were safe: a proud moment for the lifeboat volunteers. 'Everyone was very fortunate,' adds Sean. 'We were able to get them to safety quickly and a major tragedy was averted. To be able to recover 30 people was a great day for everyone involved. It was a great team effort.'



WATCH THE RESCUE

To see footage of this outstanding rescue, visit <http://bit.ly/rnliastrid>.

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'SEND HELP'

When holidaymakers got trapped between cliffs and 2m waves with no way of calling the Coastguard, could anyone help them escape?



'This was another idyllic sunny day so we headed out for a picnic,' recalls Tim Humfrey from Kent, who was holidaying in Cornwall with his family and friends at the end of July. The two families decided to take their sailing dinghy and rigid inflatable to a beach at Butter Hole (pictured below). Among the group were three children.

'By the time we decided to get everything together to leave, the swell and the waves were fairly serious,' says Tim. 'It was too dangerous to try and get out by boat. So we wrote a message in the sand, as we couldn't call out over the sea.'

Tim and the other three adults put lifejackets on the children and climbed to higher rocks at the cove. It was now a matter of waiting and hoping. High above, a cliff walker noticed a clear message in the sand: 'SOS – SEND HELP'.

The walker alerted the Coastguard, who sent their cliff rescue team to the area. 'They signalled to tell us that lifeboats were on their way,' says Tim.

Meanwhile, the volunteers of Rock inshore lifeboat and Padstow all-weather lifeboat were speeding to the cove.

Rock Helmsman Neil Davis and his crew – Dan Bosley and Leon Burt – knew their inflatable D class was best suited to get close to the beach. But it wouldn't be easy. They had to somehow negotiate a 2m swell and large dumping waves, reach the families, and get back out to sea.

Neil knew the heavy waves could swamp or even capsize the lifeboat, but he managed to draw close enough to the beach for Crew Member Leon Burt to jump into the sea

'I think the lifeboat crew were really brave to come and rescue us'

Elsa Boomgaardt, aged 8

and wade ashore. 'The lifeboat man lifted us into the lifeboat and drove us away from the beach. The waves were as big as our car,' says 8-year-old Elsa Boomgaardt. Leon lifted her and the other two children (pictured top right), Billy Boomgaardt (5) and Lily Slack (6),

into the D class, and helped one of the parents aboard too.

Neil powered out through the waves, his crew instrumental in keeping the lifeboat stable and the children safe. The crew of a passing passenger vessel, *Ocean Voyager*, offered assistance and the lifeboat crew passed the rescued party aboard.

Neil's return journey took the lifeboat crew close enough to pull Tim and two other adults aboard. The whole party were transferred into the Padstow all-weather lifeboat, which took them back to Rock.

'The lifeboat crew were utterly professional and considerate throughout. We will be putting a worthy donation their way,' says Tim, who admits he has learned a valuable lesson when it comes to communication equipment. 'I should have taken a VHF radio with me, and I should have checked the weather conditions and tide times. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the RNLI.'

Words: Rory Stamp
Photos: RNLI/Nathan Williams



Lifesaving through a lens

Sometimes, there is no better way to show the RNLI's people and purpose than with a photograph

Lifeboat crew member and award-winning photographer Nigel Millard has devoted 2 years to capturing the charity's lifesaving work on camera for a new book and exhibition, *The Lifeboat: Courage on our Coasts*. Nigel has teamed up with writer and historian Dr Huw Lewis-Jones, to publish a collection of photos that show our charity at its best. 'It's a way of reminding people that they are never more than 70 miles from the sea,' says Huw. 'We may all need the RNLI's help. The photos are a collection of what the RNLI family means, the true spirit of the RNLI – ordinary people doing extraordinary things.'

Nigel hopes the book and exhibition will inspire existing and future supporters. 'People who don't know anything about rescue at sea will get to hear about it, they will know we're here to help. Someone might be inspired to volunteer – not necessarily on the crew, but maybe as a fundraiser, or to donate.' *The Lifeboat: Courage on our Coasts* book launched in September, and the free exhibition is now touring the UK and Rol.



Nigel Millard has been speaking about how and why he took his photographs. To have a listen, scan the code or follow the link on this image and the one overleaf:



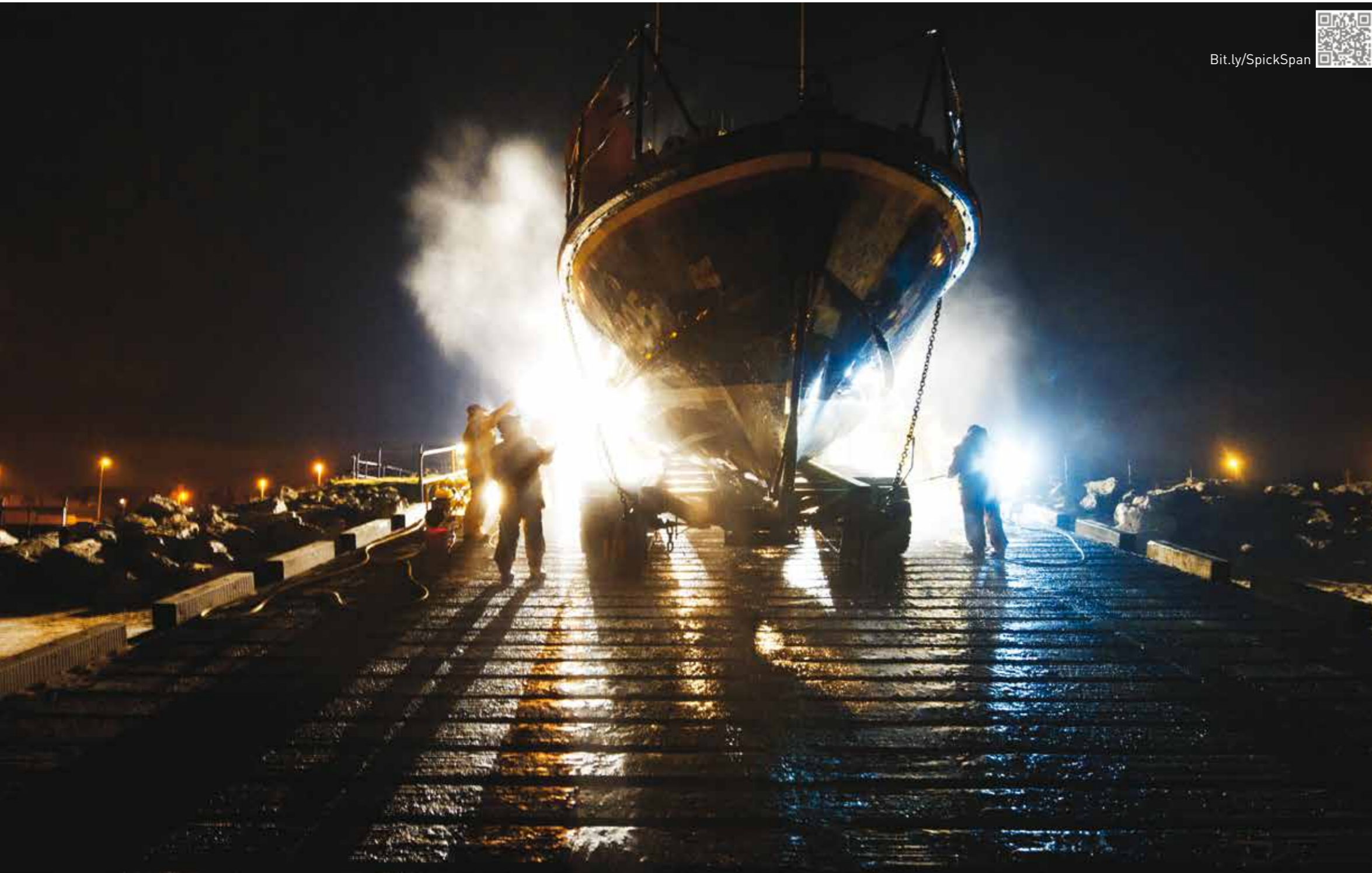
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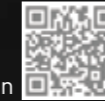
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For more information on the book, the free exhibition and how to purchase limited-edition prints, go to RNLI.org/courageonourcoasts.

The Lifeboat: Courage on our Coasts is published by Conway and retails at £25. It's available from RNLIshop.org, along with a range of products inspired by the exhibition photographs. Or order the book from Amazon, via the RNLI website at RNLI.org/amazon, and the charity will receive 5% of the purchase price.



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As you read this, an RNLI pager will probably be going off somewhere. Heads will turn to the ear-piercing beeps, adrenaline will pump and someone will be leaving in a hurry.

But what about the significant others who are left behind: the wives, husbands, children and parents of our lifesavers? How do *they* feel when their loved one gets that call – and what practical impact does it have on their daily lives? >>>

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THE CHILDREN

Emily and Mia Davies

Mia (4):
'My daddy is Hugh Davies, the coxswain of Barry Dock lifeboat. The crew call him Spud. He helps lots of people. His pager has been beeping lots lately ... normally when we are eating our tea or having fun. He switches the noisy pager off and shouts 'bye!' I wave and hope he comes back quickly.'

Emily (9):
'I love that my daddy is on the lifeboat, even though he can't come on fun days all of the time. He saves people and is a huge hero to us. I get so excited when I hear the pager. I run to the window and watch him zoom off. I know he will be safe because the lifeboat is the safest boat of all and daddy's can turn itself over if it capsized. I can't wait till he gets home so I can hear what has gone on. As soon as he is back we give him a big hug to say well done but sometimes we are in bed and have to wait until the next day. Daddy has been called out a lot this Summer, usually around teatime so we have to put his in the oven until he gets back.'

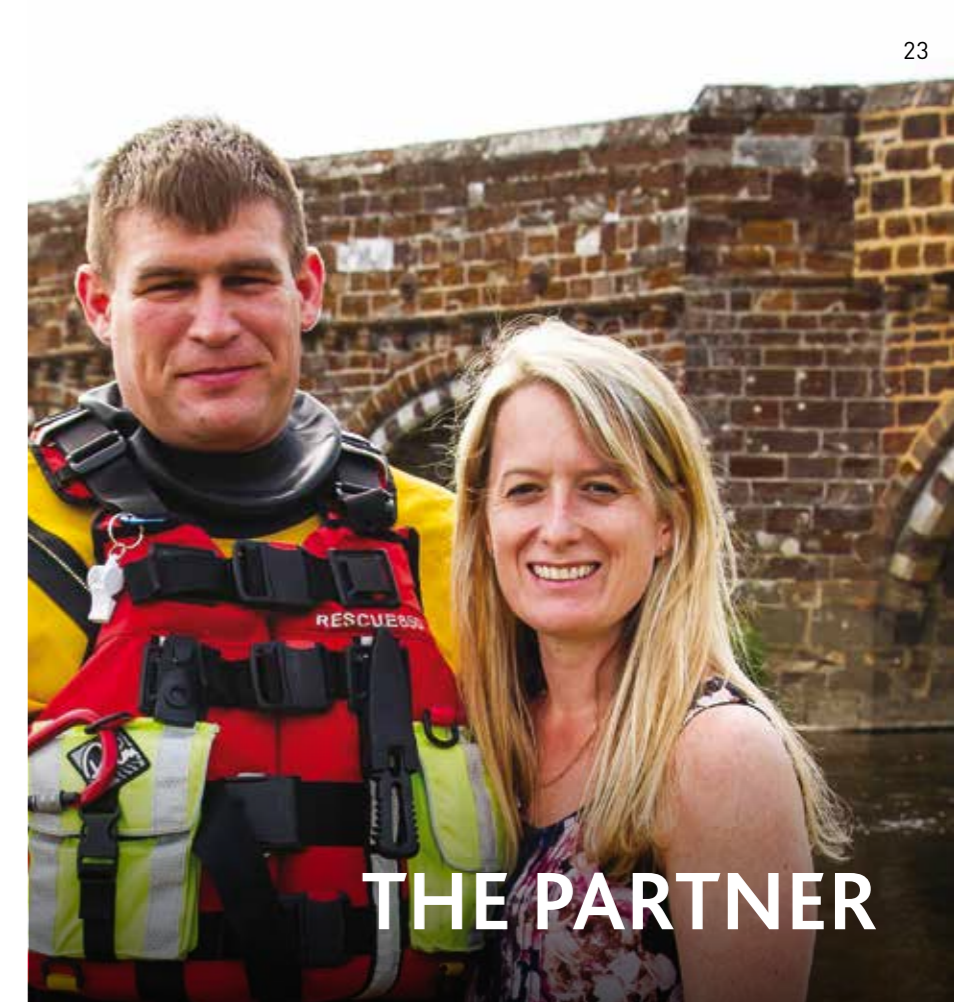
Helen Blaker-Rowe

'My husband Martin is an RNLI trainer and on the Flood Rescue Team. His pager went off the first time he met my mum and dad. He had just opened our front door to them when he said: "Hi, I'm Martin ... bye." They've never let him live that one down!

'When Martin was on the Littlehampton crew, I'd go with him when the pager went off. I'd sit at the station listening to the radio. I don't sleep well if he's on a job and we have an agreement that he will always text me. I worry, but I think it goes to the back of my mind. Like last Christmas, when he was called to the Umberleigh floods (see *the Lifeboat* issue 603). I could see it all unfolding on the news but it didn't compute that he was actually there. Maybe that's denial. I was choked when I saw the reconstruction months later.

'I'd like to think Martin wouldn't tackle anything too dangerous but I know the training and kit is first rate – and boats are more natural to him than driving a car.'

Watch a film on the Umberleigh flood rescue that earned Martin and the team RNLI Gallantry Medals at RNLI.org/2012.



THE PARTNER

Peter and Frances Hickey

Frances:
'Our son Lorcan joined Kinsale lifeboat last year. He is 18 and still lives at home. My heart misses a beat when I hear those beeps. Usually, I'm terrified until I know he's safe. He always texts me when he's back at the station though. I worry especially in the Winter – with the wind, rain and dark nights. On one particularly stormy night, we still hadn't heard from him by 11pm so I sent Peter out for an update! Lorcan doesn't tell me much about what's happened on a shout – they keep all that "in the boathouse". It's important work and he loves being on the crew. We're immensely proud of him.'

Peter:
'I'm not always around to hear the pager but I'm a protective dad and I'll be on tenterhooks until I hear that Lorcan's back safely. I've taken comfort from talking to the guys at the station. I've learned how things work and how serious the RNLI is about training, safety and equipment. Lorcan has been mentored by some of the most experienced crew so my fear of the unknown has been taken away. Sometimes I worry about the way he dashes off but I just have to accept that he's doing it safely. Lorcan is a level-headed lad and I respect his judgement. He could probably teach me a thing or two!'



THE PARENTS



THE COUPLE

Adam and Paula Bancroft

Adam:
'My wife Paula has been a crew member at Tower for 10 years. She'll do two 12-hour shifts back-to-back while I'm at home looking after the children. Then we'll swap roles for the next time. Working the Thames can be pretty full on. We'll see as much major trauma as your average ambulance crew. It's only because I know what's involved that my mind is at rest when Paula's away. She's in good hands and our training is the best.'

Paula:
'I don't feel *worried* when Adam is away on a shift ... it's more like jealousy! As paramedics, we're used to dealing with tough situations and have huge respect for each other's skills. The RNLI is a big part of our lives so this setup feels normal. We just write 'Bancroft' on the station rota and surprise our crewmates with which one of us it will be!'

Interviews by Jon Jones
Photos: RNLI/Nathan Williams, Eleanor Driscoll, Thinkphoto/Scott Warne

Heroines

Recently, people of all ages remembered the bravery of a lifesaver who battled fierce seas in a little rowing boat to carry out a rescue 175 years ago. This was no archetypal Victorian coxswain, but a lighthousekeeper's daughter whose bravery and determination is reflected in the women who help save lives at sea today

It's the early hours of 7 September 1838. You're wrapped up warm in a lighthouse, a mile or so out to sea. Outside, the rising sun is dimmed by a raging storm. The wind's howling and the waves are crashing against the rocks so loudly that you can't sleep. You peer from the window, watching the Farne Islands take a battering from the elements. And then you notice a large black shape about three quarters of a mile away – a shape that wasn't there yesterday. It's a wrecked steamship. You go and wake up your father, William, and then look out the window again. There are no signs of life.

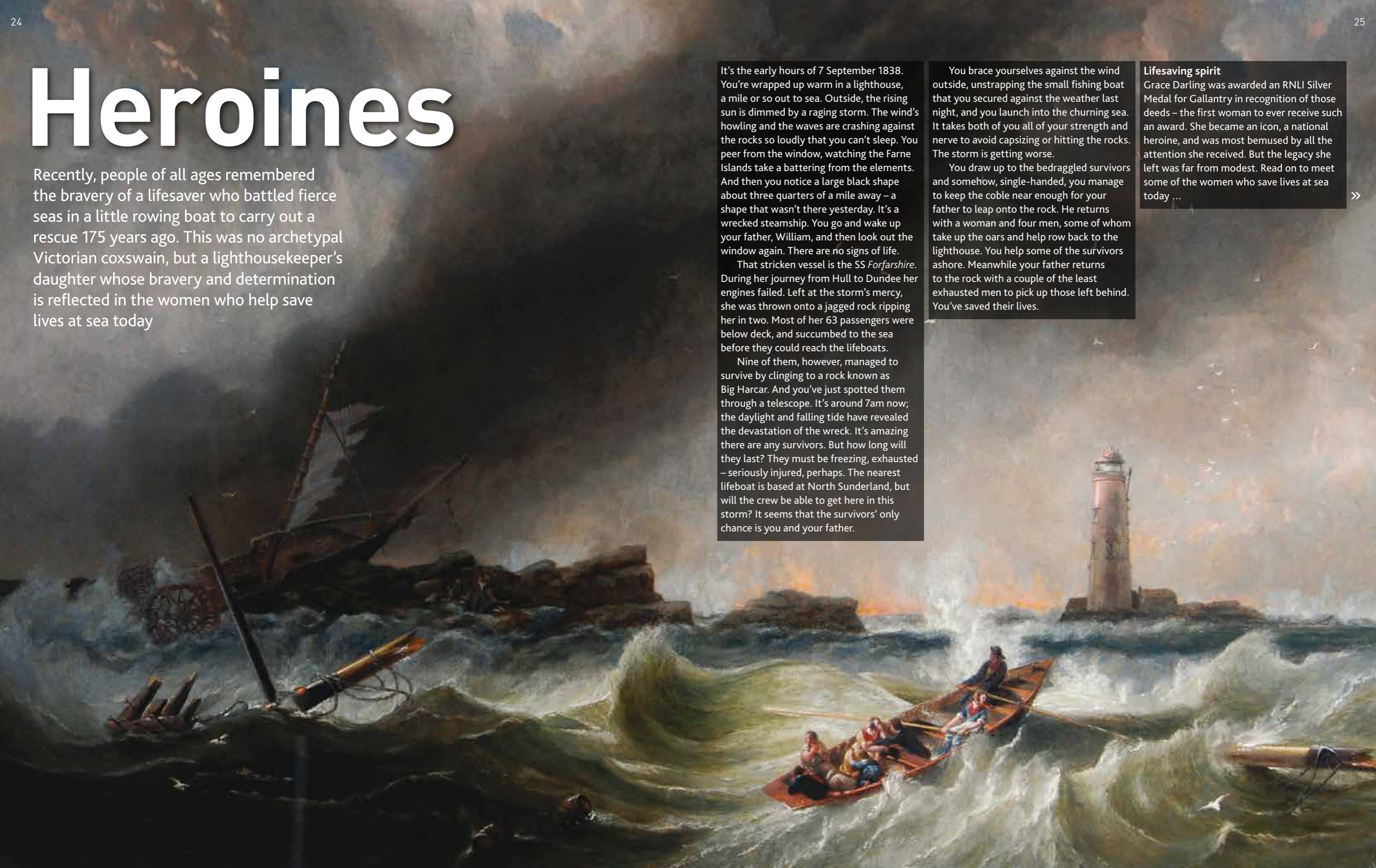
That stricken vessel is the *SS Forfarshire*. During her journey from Hull to Dundee her engines failed. Left at the storm's mercy, she was thrown onto a jagged rock ripping her in two. Most of her 63 passengers were below deck, and succumbed to the sea before they could reach the lifeboats.

Nine of them, however, managed to survive by clinging to a rock known as Big Harcar. And you've just spotted them through a telescope. It's around 7am now; the daylight and falling tide have revealed the devastation of the wreck. It's amazing there are any survivors. But how long will they last? They must be freezing, exhausted – seriously injured, perhaps. The nearest lifeboat is based at North Sunderland, but will the crew be able to get here in this storm? It seems that the survivors' only chance is you and your father.

You brace yourselves against the wind outside, unstrapping the small fishing boat that you secured against the weather last night, and you launch into the churning sea. It takes both of you all of your strength and nerve to avoid capsizing or hitting the rocks. The storm is getting worse.

You draw up to the bedraggled survivors and somehow, single-handed, you manage to keep the coble near enough for your father to leap onto the rock. He returns with a woman and four men, some of whom take up the oars and help row back to the lighthouse. You help some of the survivors ashore. Meanwhile your father returns to the rock with a couple of the least exhausted men to pick up those left behind. You've saved their lives.

Lifesaving spirit
Grace Darling was awarded an RNLI Silver Medal for Gallantry in recognition of those deeds – the first woman to ever receive such an award. She became an icon, a national heroine, and was most bemused by all the attention she received. But the legacy she left was far from modest. Read on to meet some of the women who save lives at sea today ...





Lena Howells,
Lifeguard Supervisor

Strong to save

Grace Darling was a woman of courage and determination, and it was those same characteristics – now woven into the fabric of the RNLI – that encouraged Lena Howells to become the first female member of Angle Lifeboat Station in 2007, at the age of just 17.

'When I moved to Angle in Pembrokeshire – a real lifeboat community – my brother was on the crew and his stories of all the rescues he was doing really inspired me to want to join,' Lena explains. 'It was difficult to get on the crew to begin with though. I think some of the older crew members thought it might be unlucky to have a girl on the lifeboat! But that made me even more determined. I remember feeling so passionate about it and I had my brother's support to get me there.' Lena has since moved away from Pembrokeshire – but she didn't leave the RNLI behind. She is now an RNLI lifeguard

supervisor in Dorset. And her example has left its mark in Angle where there are now three female lifeboat crew members at the station.

Female lifeguards make up nearly a quarter of the RNLI's total lifeguard team. But how does lifeguarding compare to being a lifeboat volunteer? 'Both are equally

'The dynamics do not change whether it is a mixed or single-sex crew. I love it.'

rewarding. Going home at night and feeling satisfied that you've kept the beach safe for another day – it's a wonderful feeling,' says Lena. 'And that odd occasion when you get a thank you letter from someone you've helped – that's so nice! It makes you realise that it's all worthwhile.'

Across and around our coasts, women are quietly and assuredly continuing to make waves in maritime lifesaving. Back in 2011, a shop worker, a classroom assistant and Royal Navy specialist, all members of Cardigan Lifeboat Station, became what is believed to be the first all-female volunteer lifeboat crew to respond to a call out in Wales.

Gemma Griffiths, one of the crew involved, didn't really get what all the fuss was about. 'The dynamics do not change whether it is a mixed or single sex crew – we're all focused on the job and put the same training into action. I love it,' she says. 'It is an adrenaline rush. And you have the feeling that you have helped someone.'

Of course, the RNLI's lifesaving work has evolved hugely since the day Grace Darling set out on her daring rescue: our lifesavers now go to the rescue inland as well as at sea. Kelly Allen, crew member at Portrush



'Everyone brings different skills and experience'

Kelly Allen, Portrush Crew and FRT member

Lifeboat Station, has been a member of the Flood Rescue Team since it was first established in 2000.

'The guys and girls on the team are really capable and passionate, it's a pleasure to work with such a fantastic bunch drawn from every corner of the RNLI,' she explains, exhilarated after returning from a flood water rescue training course. 'Everybody brings different skills and experience to establish a really strong team.'

And the most satisfying part of the role? 'The training and qualifications we receive in the Flood Rescue Team make it such a rewarding experience,' Kelly smiles. 'We know that we are always ready to respond to flood incidents at home and abroad. Plus we have trained in some really wonderful locations like The Falls of Lora in Scotland; hiking up a mountain in the Peak District with an X boat; and rafting down rapids in a whitewater centre. The specialist training we receive is very specific to floods and very different to what we train for on the coast. It's fantastic!'

Words: Catherine Richards
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'The most rewarding part of the job is knowing you've actually made a positive difference to someone's day. Whether it's something relatively minor, like treating a weever-fish sting or reuniting a lost child with their parents; or more major, such as treating an unconscious casualty or carrying out a water rescue – you always get a good feeling from knowing that you helped someone who could have been worse off if you hadn't been there.'

Nicola O'Toole, Senior Lifeguard, south Pembrokeshire



'I have to be able to complete the same tasks as any of the boys. I may never be as strong but this is not a limiting factor. For example, we are taught techniques to help with recovering casualties from the water. Being a female can be beneficial, particularly if dealing with women and children. I find that having smaller hands can help with undoing knots and setting equipment so there are definitely some advantages.'

Becky Mack, Crew Member, Swanage Lifeboat Station



'I didn't ever think I would be asked to train as a coxswain but it soon dawned on me that, after 18 years, I was one of the station's most senior crew members. It meant a lot of hard work but I relished the challenge and found the extra responsibility so rewarding. There is no difference at all me being female – I'm just another member of the crew. We all get on immensely well and banter among us is brilliant.'

Sloane Phillips, Deputy Second Coxswain, Hastings Lifeboat Station

FIND OUT MORE

While Grace Darling and her father successfully saved shipwreck survivors, her brother rowed towards the Farne Islands along with Seahouses fishermen in a rescue attempt of their own.

See what happened – and how the row was recreated 175 years on – at RNLI.org/farnerow.



The jammy Geordie

Robson Green's acting, presenting and singing skills have earned him sparkling success, but he'll never forget his rugged roots

I'm from Northumberland mining stock – my father, grandfather and great grandfather were miners. There was a unity and mutual trust among miners from working together in a dangerous job. I was recently working on a film about the SAS and it reminded me of those guys and, yes, of lifeboat crews too. They're decent and honest with values, integrity and self-worth – what I call salt of the earth.

I worked as a milkman and a cappella singer before I became an apprentice draughtsman at a shipyard in Newcastle. At one point I was drawing aft hull designs for HMS *Ark Royal*. But then I went down the showbiz route: I joined a local band. In 1988 I got into acting and that led to my role in *Soldier Soldier*.

Fishing is bloody good for you, and so is eating fish. I was 7 when I got into fishing. My Uncle Matheson took me on a river trip. He taught me how to cast and to make flies. Only a few days ago we were back out on the river. They don't call fish brain food for nothing – the omega-3 lifts your spirits. I love fresh lemon sole, wild salmon or sea trout. But I'm equally keen on haddock caught from a trawler and battered in a Seahouses chippy.

My friends call me the 'jammy Geordie'. That's because, in the *Extreme Fishing* TV programme, I get to travel to exotic places doing the hobby I love. Soon I'm going sea angling with Rob Archer, a lifeboat crew member from Hartlepool. I met

Rob at the Pride of Britain Awards when the crew got recognised for a rescue they did. I go to sea for fishing, but I know I couldn't go and risk my life in a dangerous environment to save other people like the RNLI volunteers.

I hated history at school, but now I'm fascinated. I presented a TV programme shown over the Summer called *How the North Was Built*. It was a social history based on coal, which fuelled the industrial revolution in the north. And I'm filming a show about the history of Northumberland. There's a bit about Holy Island, where people often get caught out on the causeway at high tide – so Seahouses lifeboat crew are often in demand there. And we'll be talking about Grace Darling (see page 24) – how on earth did she row all that way? I'm not sure I believe it, but we'll leave it up to the audience to see what they think ...

Interview: Carol Waterkeyn
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Offshore members can read more on Robson Green in the current edition of *Offshore* magazine.

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Dai Jenkins, crew member on the first D class at Aberystwyth

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Gavin Forehead, St Agnes Helmsman and recipient of the Silver Medal for Gallantry

D CLASS

Words: Liz Fitzpatrick
Photos: RNI/Nathan Williams, Nigel Millard

FROM SEA TO FLOOD

The D class has more than proven itself as a coastal lifeboat over the decades – and its size and durability makes it an ideal flood rescue craft too. With a few adjustments, it's become one of our flood rescue team's most important bits of kit ...

THE BOAT:

BOW SECTION

This area is modified for flood operations – the canopy or pod has been removed to aid survivor access.

REMOVABLE BOW BAG (L)

Contains a tool box and lines.

REMOVABLE BOW BAG (R)

Contains anchor wrap, survivor lifejackets, drinking water and food.

THE KIT:

TORCH

Carried by crew for searching in low light.



CANYON LINE AND TECHNICAL ROPE KIT

For complex access and extraction operations in all flood environments



WADING POLES

To allow crew's safe movement around unseen hazards in flood water.



LIGHTING SYSTEM

Area scene lighting for coverage of night operations.



PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Includes aerated helmets to allow water to flow through and specialised personal flotation devices for all round buoyancy. Throwbag with floating line is also provided for team safety and rescue



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REVIEW



The Fisherman's Apprentice

by Monty Halls

Review by Chris Fecher

This is a real account of Monty Halls working for 8 months as a trainee fisherman in a small Cornish fishing village on the Lizard. It is a great insight into the working lives of our small boat fishermen along with the hidden pressures of trying to make a living in such a dangerous profession.

I would defy anybody to read this book and not finish it with a renewed and increased respect for our hard-working fishermen. The book sucks you into the wonderful, but harsh world of Cornish fishermen, and is definitely worth the read.

This book accompanied *The Fisherman's Apprentice*, a BBC TV series broadcast last year. Monty lived and worked in Cadgwith for nearly a year, while it was being filmed. And, as well as being a TV personality, Monty volunteers with Dart Lifeboat Station as a launch tractor driver.

Hardback book

Special offer for readers of *the Lifeboat*: £15 for a signed copy including postage at montyhalls.co.uk/shop (RRP £20). £5 from the sale of each book will be donated to the RNLI.

Publisher: AA Publishing
ISBN 9780749572723



The Lifeboat Service in Ireland Station by Station

by Nicholas Leach

Review by Chris Speers

As one of the acknowledged experts on lifeboat history, Nicholas Leach has written a comprehensive record of the RNLI around the coast of the island of Ireland. The first section of this book covers the first lifeboats in Ireland; the introduction of motor, self-righting and inshore lifeboats; and the loss of life of brave crews. Details of the Daunt Rock rescue, wartime operations, and the RNLI in Ireland today share the pages with well-sourced historical imagery.

The second section provides highly detailed information of 65 stations past and present. Every entry includes key dates, current lifeboats, station honours and the history of the station. Photography brings the content to life. This book is a must for anyone with a connection or an interest in the RNLI in Ireland.

Paperback book

Price: £15.99

Published by Amberley

ISBN 9781445609720



Ship Finder App

Review by Matt Jones

Ever wondered what that ship was carrying out to sea? The *Ship Finder* app gives you the lowdown of the ships on our UK and RoI coastlines – whether you want to know speed, destination or cargo. Be warned: there are some problems with the GPS tracking for Android but, when it works, it's a great tool for anyone interested in all things maritime, or even for those who just want to know what boats are out there.

For iOS and Android

Price: £4.99 (iOS), £1.99 (Android)

Developer: Pinkfoot



FIND OUT MORE

Review is compiled by
Carol Waterkeyn

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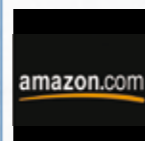


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Generous supporters like you have been donating their old mobile phones, gadgets and printer cartridges to TRF, which donates funds for every item it successfully recycles. Recycle Week, held in June, really boosted your efforts after TRF promoted the scheme around the UK – and it's not too late for you to donate your gadgets or cartridges (see below for more on how to donate).

Our volunteers have been getting in on the act too. Lifeboat stations and fundraising branches have been appealing for items to recycle, and the team that raises the most funds by the end of December will win a refurbished Samsung Galaxy S3 mobile phone. So, if you're in one of the teams, thank you for being recycling champions!

To request your freepost recycling envelopes or collection boxes, call 0800 091 0696 or visit therecyclingfactory.com/rnli. Remember: a donation will be made to the RNLI for every item successfully recycled, so your gadgets and cartridges will help save lives at sea.

Change to mobile phone recycling

Due to a change in guidance covering the transportation of dangerous goods, Royal Mail is no longer able to accept mobile phones or electronic gadgets via the freepost system. If you have a mobile/gadget you'd like to recycle, either drop it to your local station/branch or, for larger collections, call TRF for a free collection box and free pick up.

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Among the new lifesaving craft that have entered the fleet is a brand new class of lifeboat: the Shannon. The first of the fleet was funded by the generous donors who supported our new lifeboat appeal. For more on the Shannon, see the news section.

- ABERDEEN**
ON-1260(17-31):Jun1,11,14,16,28
D-694:Jun1,14,29
- ABERDOVEY**
B-758:May13,Jun2,15
- ABERSOCH**
B-754:May19,30,Jun8,9,17
B-790:Apr20,May4
- ABERYSTWYTH**
A-78:May10,Jun2,20
B-822:Apr3,May7,26,Jun2,4
- ACHILL ISLAND**
ON-1240(14-28):May13,Jun2,12,22,24
- AITH**
ON-1232(17-14):May4,27,Jun26
- ALDEBURGH**
ON-1193(12-34):May4,26
D-673:May4,26,Jun9,11
- ALDERNEY**
ON-1199(14-04):
May29(x2),31,Jun7(x2),25
- AMBLE**
ON-1184(12-25):Apr4,7,Jun13
D-736:Apr4,May12,Jun9,13
- ANGLE**
ON-1291(16-11):May8,25(x2),Jun6,8,22,26
D-638:May19(x2)
- ANSTRUTHER**
ON-1174(12-17):Apr9,Jun24
D-667:Apr9,May16,26
- APPLEDORE**
ON-1296(16-16):Apr26,May14,29
B-861:Apr14,27,May3,19,27,Jun23,26
BB-502:Apr10,27,May11,Jun5,24
- ARAN ISLANDS**
ON-1217(17-06):Apr18,23,May13,Jun18,26,29
ON-1269(17-38):May31,Jun3,16
- ARBROATH**
ON-1194(12-35):Apr1,8,9,13,Jun18
D-621:Apr1,2,8,9,13,May12,31,Jun16,18
D-759:Jun29
- ARKLOW**
ON-1223(14-19):May7,21,Jun19
- ARRAN (LAMLASH)**
B-770:Jun3,8,30
B-777:May22
- ARRANMORE**
ON-1244(17-22):Apr2,17,May26,Jun3,10
- ATLANTIC COLLEGE**
B-763:Apr7
- BALLYCOTTON**
ON-1233(14-25):Apr9,10,11,12,20,30,May3,23
BB-051:Apr10,11,12,20,30
- BALLYGLASS**
ON-1235(17-15):Jun17
D-687:Apr14,21
- BALTIMORE**
ON-1302(16-22):Apr15,16,17(x2),May29,Jun2,5,11,23
B-753:May29,Jun11,23
- BANGOR**
B-805:Apr6,14,16,May4,12,20,27,Jun7,16,19,22(x2),24,26
- BARMOUTH**
ON-1185(12-26):May4
D-678:May26(x2),Jun5,7,8
- BARRA ISLAND**
ON-1230(17-12):Jun6,17
- BARROW**
ON-1288(16-08):Apr25
D-733:Apr15,29,May23,Jun2,9,23
- BARRY DOCK**
BB-450:Apr11,May1,4,17,25,Jun11,14
ON-1245(14-29):Apr11,19,May1,4,17,23,25,27,Jun8,11,14,15,27
- BEAUMARIS**
B-838:Apr1,13,May5,20,23,24,25(x2),26,28(x2),Jun1,5,9(x3),15,16,20,25,29
- BEMBRIDGE**
ON-1297(16-17):
Apr1,27(x2),May6,8,16,Jun1,7,19
D-649:Jun1,29
- BERWICK-UPON-TWEED**
ON-1191(12-32):Jun3,9
D-639:May6,7,9,20,21
- BLACKPOOL**
B-867:May19
D-732:Jun16
- BLYTH**
D-746:May4,Jun16
- BORTH**
D-622:Apr27(x2),Jun9
- BRIDLINGTON**
ON-1169(12-12):Apr9,May31,Jun8
D-721:Apr9,May15,18,27,Jun8,22,30
- BRIGHTON**
B-852:Apr7,12,17,21,23,May9,12(x2),19,Jun6,7(x2),8,11,16,19,20,23,25,28,29(x3),30
E-09:Apr27,May1,3(x3),5,7,9(x2),10,11,25,27,28,30,Jun1,2,5,10,11(x3),12,13,14,15(x2),16,18,19(x2),20,21(x2),26,27,29(x3),30(x2)
- CLACTON-ON-SEA**
B-863:Apr20,May13,Jun2(x2),6,8
D-700:Jun15
D-723:Apr4,Jun8,9
- CLEETHORPES**
D-757:Apr12,13,14,16,May2,11,24,26,Jun2,14,25,30
- BUCKIE**
ON-1260(17-31):Apr19
ON-1268(17-37):Apr7,15,27,28,May6
- BUNDORAN**
B-855:May26,Jun6,9
- BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH**
B-849:Apr14,May2,7,18,25,Jun8,9,14,30
D-672:Apr6,Jun8,9
D-710:May2,7(x2),25,27
- BURNHAM-ON-SEA**
B-795:May6(x2)
D-664:May6(x2)
- BURRY PORT**
B-731:Apr1,May6,Jun2,7(x2)
- CALSHOT**
B-860:Apr6,27,May9,12,30,Jun14,25,26,29
D-748:Apr3,May12,Jun9,10,29
- CAMPBELTOWN**
ON-1241(17-19):May15,17,Jun5,21
D-737:May31
- CARDIGAN**
B-752:Apr2,20,21,23,May18,31,Jun4,24,28,29,30
D-709:Apr2,20,May18,31,Jun2
D-740:Jun7,28
- CASTLETOWNBERE**
ON-1277(17-44):Apr28,May22,23,Jun10,27
- CHISWICK**
E-003:May22
E-006:Apr25
E-07:Apr1
E-08:Apr2,3(x2),5,8(x2),10(x3),11,12,14,16,19,21(x2),24
E-09:Apr27,May1,3(x3),5,7,9(x2),10,11,25,27,28,30,Jun1,2,5,10,11(x3),12,13,14,15(x2),16,18,19(x2),20,21(x2),26,27,29(x3),30(x2)
- CLIFDEN**
B-751:Apr5,Jun6
- CLOGHER HEAD**
ON-1190(12-31):Jun16
- CLOVELLY**
B-759:May4
- CONWY**
D-627:Apr21,May1,6,13,21,30,Jun1(x3),9
- COURTMACSHERRY HARBOUR**
ON-1205(14-07):Apr13,May6,26,Jun7,20
- COURTOWN**
D-711:May25
- COWES**
B-859:Apr11,21,30,May6,7,10,16,30,Jun1,21,22,27
- CRASTER**
D-703:Jun30
- CRICCIETH**
A-76:May14,16,25,26(x2),Jun25
B-823:May14,16,25,26,Jun8
- CROMER**
ON-1287(16-07):May26(x2)
D-734:Apr22,29,Jun21
- CROSSHAVEN**
B-782:Apr17,May12,14,18,19,30,Jun2,5,9,10,15,19,20,28
D-709:Apr2,20,May18,31,Jun2
D-740:Jun7,28
- CASTLETOWNBERE**
ON-1277(17-44):Apr28,May22,23,Jun10,27
- CHISWICK**
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E-07:Apr1
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- DOVER**
ON-1220(17-09):Apr21,28,May3,8,16,21,30,Jun3,10
- DUN LAOGHAIRE**
ON-1200(14-05):Apr7,18,21,22,May11,15,25,26,Jun4,7,21,22,23
D-731:Apr7,May6,13,Jun1,2(x2),20,22
- DUNBAR**
ON-1253(14-32):Apr30
- DUNGENESS**
ON-1186(12-27):Apr20,28,May1,13,Jun3
- DUNMORE EAST**
ON-1215(14-17):Apr7,May5,Jun6,12,30
- EASTBOURNE**
ON-1303(16-23):Apr2,7,15,28(x2),30(x2),May6,8,15,17,20,Jun2,12,13,23,25,26,30
D-700:Apr2,15,24,25,May2,4,5,7
D-744:May20,21,23,26(x3),Jun16,18,25,26(x2)
- EXNISKILLEN**
B-703:Apr2,5,May11,31,Jun3,6,9
- B-792:Apr14,May19,28,Jun1,10,23,30**
- RWC-052:May19,28,Jun10**
- RWC-053:May31,Jun3,9**
- RWC-054:Apr5,Jun6**
- GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON**
ON-1208(14-10):May9,Jun21
A-77:May10,Jun27
B-786:Apr4,5,25,May9,Jun2
- HAPPISBURGH**
D-607:May5,6
- FALMOUTH**
ON-1274(14-37):Apr7,May6,27(x2),Jun11,25,29
- B-757:Apr3**
- B-766:Apr7,17,May26,27(x2),Jun1,2,6(x2),10,25,26,27,29,30**
- HARWICH**
ON-1254(17-27):Jun6,8,22(x2)
B-789:Apr14,16,27,May8,12,21,26,27,28,29,Jun6(x2),9,22(x3),25,27,30
- HASTINGS**
ON-1125(12-002):
May1(x2),Jun1,8
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D-699:May12,Jun10,17,25,30
- HAYLING ISLAND**
B-829:Apr8,12,14,27,30,May1,4,6(x4),18,Jun1,2,8(x2),14,20,21,23,28
D-642:Apr8,14,May1(x2),6,Jun1,2,14
- HELENSBURGH**
B-791:Apr2,14,19,22,27,May3(x3),10,22,24,26,Jun11(x3),15,21,23
- FLINT**
D-658:Apr14,May6,26,Jun1,5
- FOWEY**
ON-1222(14-18):May1,6,8,28,31,Jun8
D-681:May1,22,28,Jun6,8,13
- FRASERBURGH**
ON-1259(14-34):May20,31,Jun15,16,24,29,30
- GALWAY**
B-853:May11,13,23,26,31,Jun6(x2),9,10,12
- GIRVAN**
ON-1196(12-37):May18,Jun3,8,18
- GRAVESEND**
B-827:Apr6,14(x2),26(x2),May6,7,8,11,12,14,20,21,26,27(x2),30,31,Jun8,9,11,15(x2),22,23,26,28,29,30(x2)
- GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON**
ON-1208(14-10):May9,Jun21
A-77:May10,Jun27
B-786:Apr4,5,25,May9,Jun2
- HAPPISBURGH**
D-607:May5,6
- HARTLEPOOL**
ON-1274(14-37):Apr7,May6,27(x2),Jun11,25,29
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D-642:Apr8,14,May1(x2),6,Jun1,2,14
- HELENSBURGH**
B-791:Apr2,14,19,22,27,May3(x3),10,22,24,26,Jun11(x3),15,21,23
- HELWICK HEAD**
B-760:Apr23,28,May19,Jun1,6,8,19
- HOLYHEAD**
ON-1272(17-41):May16,23,25,Jun3,8(x2),15,16,18
D-654:Apr21,May31,Jun15,16,18
- HORTON AND PORT EYNON**
D-688:Apr27,29,May11,Jun1,9
- HOWTH**
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ON-1231(17-13):May3,Jun14,25
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B-856:Apr7,23,27,May4,25,Jun16
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B-854:Apr27,May11,13,19,21,26,Jun7,11,29
- LARNE**
ON-1246(14-30):Jun6,23
D-646:Apr27,May26(x2),27,Jun5,8,20,23
- LERWICK**
ON-1221(17-10):May30
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ON-1195(12-36):May1,26(x2),Jun1(x2),15
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D-628:Apr18,20,28,May6,Jun2
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B-779:Apr20,May6,Jun8,30
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B-785:May23,31,Jun2,10,15,16(x2),30
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ON-1164(12-006):Apr18
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- LOOE**
B-793:May6,26(x2),31,Jun2
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B-755:Apr6,14,20(x2),May15,25,26,Jun9,21,22
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ON-1172(12-15):Apr3,May26
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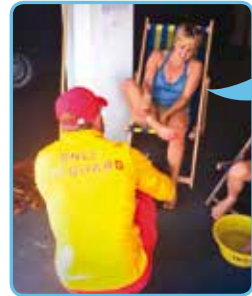
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