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Welcome



After an action-packed summer on the water, autumn finds us in a reflective mood

As we sent *Lifeboat* to print, the sun had been baking the UK and Ireland for weeks. And we weren't complaining! But warm weather draws crowds to the coast, and our volunteers were called away from barbecues, school sports days and a certain football tournament – to make sure summer didn't turn sour. We tell just a few of their stories from page 8.

And while they're still on call and ready to respond, autumn gives us a chance to draw breath. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day, thoughts turn to the First World War. With so many of our young men away in the trenches, the make-up of RNLI lifeboat crews changed. As did the types of shouts they were called on – from torpedoed

liners to downed aircraft. Wartime heroism is redefined from page 18.

Autumn is also back-to-school time. But for our crews and lifeguards, learning and training is a year-round pursuit. We've done a number of features in previous issues about the intensive training offered at RNLI College here in Poole, Dorset – but so often it's local knowledge and trust in your fellow lifesavers that make the difference on a challenging mission. See the paces they put themselves through, week after week, from page 22.

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IRELAND COMMUNITY NEWS

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Bundoran

Sun shines on soapbox race

Bundoran's seventh annual soapbox race took place in June, with crowds turning out to marvel at people's engineering triumphs – and chuckle at their mechanical failures.

The soapbox race is the flagship event in the station's fundraising calendar. Blessed with beautiful weather, 20 soapbox teams showed up to race and driver Ashley Ward retained the treasured Soapbox Cup in the final battle between Ward Automation's *MK II* and OK Cabs' *The Rogue Rocket*.

This year's soapbox race raised a fantastic €5,000, through €40 entry fees and bucket collections on the day.



Welcome to your community news for Ireland. For all the latest from where you are, head to RNLI.org/news

Ballycotton



Bernard Gribble's oil painting of the service to the Daunt Rock lightship

DAUNT ROCK MEDALS FOR CITY MUSEUM

The family of the coxswain from the famous 1936 rescue of the Daunt Rock lightship have presented his Medals for Gallantry to Cork City Museum for display. An exhibition is being curated to celebrate Ballycotton lifeboats and the Daunt Rock rescue.

Coxswain Patrick Sliney led the famed mission to save eight lightkeepers when their vessel broke away from its moorings and found itself in peril near the entrance to Cork Harbour, in hurricane force 12 winds and mountainous seas. The crew were on service for 3 days, during which

they had only 3 hours' sleep. All returned suffering from colds and saltwater burns.

Coxswain Sliney was awarded the Gold Medal for Gallantry. Silver Medals were awarded to Second Coxswain JL Walsh and Motor Mechanic T Sliney. Bronze Medals were awarded to MC Walsh, JS Sliney, W Sliney and TF Walsh. These are also due to go on display.

This was one of the most exhausting and gallant services in the history of the RNLI and is a true testament to our lifesavers' courage and determination.



Carrybridge

New lifeboat named

In June, inland lifeboat station Carrybridge officially named its new B class lifeboat the *Douglas, Euan & Kay Richards* in a special ceremony and service of dedication.

The honour of handing over the lifeboat and officially naming

her went to Barbara Stewart who represented the donor – the John and Elizabeth Allan Memorial Trust – and to Kay Richards. Kay is one of Dr Stewart's three children, whom the lifeboat is named after.



Carrybridge crew with Barbara Stewart and her three children, whom the lifeboat is named after

Portrush



PENLEE PEBBLE ON EPIC RELAY

A beautifully painted pebble is making its way from Penlee Lifeboat Station in Cornwall to Portrush Lifeboat Station in Co Antrim.

The pebble was painted by Penlee volunteer Elaine Trethowan and its first hiding place was in Penzance, Cornwall. On the front, it bears the message: 'Take me from RNLI Penlee to RNLI Portrush';

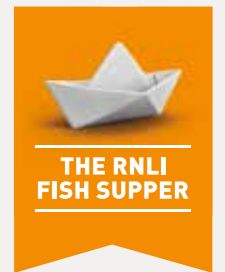
on the reverse: '#RNLIfamily. Take photo and post to Facebook group Kernow Rocks! Hide again. How long will it take to reach Portrush?' Kernow is the Cornish-language name for Cornwall.

At the time of writing, the pebble had been found inside Drumcliffe Church, Co Sligo, beside WB Yeats's grave and was on its way to Belfast.

WHAT'S ON

Fish Supper is back for 2018 from 5–21 October.

To host your own visit RNLI.org/FishSupper, or see RNLI.org/events to find one near you.



LADIES LUNCH

Friday 19 October, 12.30pm

Howth Yacht Club, Co Dublin

Lunch with fashion show and auction, by pre-booked ticket only. Contact howthfundraisingbranch@gmail.com.

BEST FOOT FORWARD

Wednesday 24 October, 7.30pm

Meadowbank Social and Recreation Club, Donaghadee, Co Down

Kate Boyd of Dunn's Footwear presents winter fashion ideas in aid of the RNLI. £5, including tea and coffee. Contact Evelyn Bennett on 07864 690115.

GALWAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

7–13 December

Eyre Square, Galway

Come along to get your Christmas cards, souvenirs and 2019 calendars. There will also be a raffle for a shopping trip to New York.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS AND EVENTS

Want to share your RNLI news and events with *Lifeboat* readers? By the time this issue lands on your doorstep, we'll be working on the winter issue, so please email supportercare@rnli.org.uk with anything you'd like considered.

LIFEBOAT LOTTERY

SUMMER 2018 RESULTS

Congratulations to Miss A Prince from Essex who won our first prize of £5,000 cash.

OUR OTHER WINNERS WERE:

2ND PRIZE: £2,000	AND 5 PRIZES OF £100 EACH
Mr R Pollard, North Humberside	Mr J Gardiner, Surrey
3RD PRIZE: £500	Mr GD Oldfield, East Sussex
Mr G Downham, Cambridgeshire	Mr A Craven, West Yorkshire
4TH PRIZE: £250	Mrs J Hall, Staffordshire
Mr P Porter, Hertfordshire	Mr and Mrs JT Ormston, Lincolnshire

We'll report the winners of the autumn Lifeboat Lottery in our winter 2018–19 issue. The winter Lifeboat Lottery will mail on 19 October 2018. The closing date is 6 December 2018 and the draw date is 20 December 2018.

To take part, please call 0300 300 9990 or email your details to lottery@rnli.org.uk and request a lottery mailing.

Phone lines are open Monday–Friday, 8am–6pm.

Please note that, due to tax and gaming laws, Lifeboat Lottery tickets are only available in England, Scotland and Wales. Entrants must be aged 16 or over. For full details (including terms and conditions), please go to RNLI.org/lottery or see your lottery letter.

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gifts in Wills keep RNLI volunteers saving lives.

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Email: legacy_enquiry@rnli.org.uk

or call us on: 0300 300 9990

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