



Lifeboats

Scotland

Come visit us

Stations and museums guide



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Welcome

to the RNLI - a voluntary service

With over 230 RNLI lifeboat stations around the coast of the UK and Republic of Ireland, our **Explore** category stations will offer you the best opportunities to enjoy the station and lifeboats close at hand.

The guide also includes information on our other stations, classified as **Discover** and **Observe** stations depending on their visitor facilities. Each of these stations will make you welcome and will often offer pre-booked tours although many are best suited to maritime rescue rather than visits.

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A selection of museums, celebrating the RNLI's lifesaving work and sharing the stories of the people, is also included in this guide.

This is just one of six regional *Come Visit Us* guides that provides you with details of opening times and contact details. An indication of the access for disabled people is also provided. If you are making a special visit to a lifeboat station or museum or are unsure about access, it is strongly recommended that you contact them before you start your journey to ensure the visit offers you the experience you are looking for.

A special guide to our **Explore** stations, containing details of facilities available for visitors with disabilities, is currently being produced for 2006 and our other stations will follow once this has been achieved.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you enjoy your visit.

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Explore stations

Explore stations offer the best visitor opportunities. With free access, you can go inside and look around the station, see the lifeboat and in most cases also pre-book a tour. They are normally open all year and have an RNLI gift shop.

▼ Kyle of Lochalsh lifeboat station



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Buckie

Buckie lifeboat station was established in 1860, when the need to provide a local rescue service for vessels in distress was recognised. A request from Commander McDonald RN, Inspector of Coastguard resulted in an order for a 'Peake' type six-oared self-righting boat. The lifeboat cost £156 3s 10d.

Early lifeboats were housed ashore and launched, when and where required, from a horse-drawn carriage. Until 1921 all of Buckie's boats had been powered by oar, or oar and sail, but in this year the first motor lifeboat, the *K.B.M.* arrived. To house this boat a unique boathouse was built near the harbour entrance with a hoisting system, which lifted the lifeboat clear of the water. A model of this boathouse is on display at Redcar Museum.

In 1961, the arrival of the *Laura Moncur*, a 47-foot non-righting Watson class, marked the end of the house-based boats, and the station moved to its present site with an afloat berth.

In 1995 a new shore facility and pontoon berth was constructed. The shore facility includes an ambulance/resuscitation area and improved crew facilities. It complements the existing lifeboat, the Severn class *William Blannin*, costing nearly £2M, which was placed on service on 28 May 2003.

Technology has advanced in leaps and bounds since Buckie's first lifeboat *Miriam* arrived in 1860. The days of telegram boys delivering messages on bicycles, and runners fetching crews have gone. The telephone and paging systems ensure that the *William Blannin* can put to sea in 6 to 10 minutes from the first alert.

During the station's history the crew have been awarded three Medals for Gallantry – two Silver and one Bronze, the last in 1968.

Buckie Commercial Road, Grampian	EXPLORE STATION
<p>Open: 10am–4pm weekdays. Weekends by appointment</p> <p>Directions: Station is located at the east end of the harbour.</p> <p>Contact: Bill Cormack</p> <p>Tel: 07967 677409</p> <p>Web: www.buckie-lifeboat.org.uk</p> <p>Don't miss: Crew training – 10am Sun</p>	<div data-bbox="781 1334 940 1406">  </div> <div data-bbox="674 1472 871 1537"> <p>Severn class <i>William Blannin</i></p> </div>



Photo: Geoff Smyth



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Lerwick

Lerwick is Britain's most northerly town and commercial port. There's always something of interest in the small dock to the south of Victoria Pier. It is the home of Lerwick's lifeboat, whose coxswains and crew have been decorated for several extraordinary rescue operations.

The first RNLI lifeboat station at Lerwick was established in 1930 although the first lifeboat based in Shetland was stationed at Fair Isle in 1878. The present lifeboat, the Severn class lifeboat, arrived on station in 1997 and is kept afloat on moorings in the harbour.

During the station's history 17 Medals have been awarded for Gallantry – one Gold, four Silver and 12 Bronze.

The Gold Medal, the highest award for bravery, was awarded to Coxswain Hewitt Clark for the rescue of five men from a cargo ship, the *Green Lily*, during a fierce winter storm in November 1997. Bronze Medals for the same rescue were awarded to five other crew members. A special RNLI Vellum was awarded posthumously to helicopter Winch Man Bill Deacon, in addition to a collective Thanks of the Institution inscribed on Vellum awarded to the entire crew of the Coastguard helicopter in recognition of their actions during the service to the *Green Lily*.

Hewitt was the first man to receive the Gold Medal honour for 17 years, and it was awarded for great bravery and skill in manoeuvring the lifeboat alongside the stricken vessel to allow the crew members to be taken off. With three Bronze, one Silver and now one Gold award, Mr Clark was the most decorated serving lifeboat coxswain, until his retirement in 2000.

Lerwick Esplanade

Open: 10am–4pm weekdays. Weekends by appointment

Directions: On the harbour front next to the Queens Hotel.

Contact: Mr I Tulloch

Tel: 01595 693827

EXPLORE STATION



Severn class *Michael and Jane Vernon*



Photo: Ken Crossan

◀ Longhope lifeboat station

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Longhope


A lifeboat station was established at Longhope in 1874. The first boathouse was built on a neck of land connecting North and South Walls, known as The Ayre. It was used in 1906 and is still standing at the side of the road from Lyness to Longhope.


The Pentland Firth is regarded as the most dangerous channel in the world. The crew of the Longhope lifeboat *T.G.B* were well known for their dangerous rescues on this stretch of water. However, on 17 March 1969, the station suffered one of the worst tragedies in British lifeboat history. The *T.G.B* was lost with all hands after answering a mayday call during one of the most severe storms in the islands. A memorial to the eight lifeboatmen lost on service stands in Kirkhope Cemetery at South Walls.

Longhope's tradition of slipway-launched lifeboats came to an end in September 1999 when the Tyne class lifeboat was replaced in the interim by an Arun class lifeboat, which is moored alongside a pontoon in Longhope harbour. New crew facilities, including a shop, are nearby.

The old boathouse, built in 1906, has been purchased by the community and is now home to the Longhope Lifeboat Museum with the 1933–62 Longhope lifeboat *Thomas McCunn* forming the centrepiece.

Sixteen Medals for Gallantry have been awarded, 13 Silver and three Bronze, the last being in 1973.

Longhope Longhope Pier	EXPLORE STATION
<p>Open: Generally 10am–1pm daily and by appointment</p> <p>Directions: Go to the Island of Hoy. The station is 10 miles south of Lyness Ro-Ro terminal.</p> <p>Contact: Dr Tony Trickett</p> <p>Tel: 01856 701333</p> <p>Shop open: 10am–1pm and by appointment</p> <p>Web: www.longhopelifeboat.org.uk</p>	<div data-bbox="692 1131 936 1196">  </div> <div data-bbox="671 1356 907 1421"> <p>Arun class <i>The Queen Mother</i></p> </div>

Longhope Lifeboat Museum Brims	MUSEUM
<p>Open: Every Sun and on request</p> <p>Contact: Geordie Taylor or Angus Heddle</p> <p>Tel: 01856 701431 or 01856 701332</p> <p>Group bookings: no limit to numbers</p> <p>Lifeboat-related exhibits: Watson class lifeboat <i>Thomas McCunn</i> (1933–1962) in working condition. Unique launching vintage lifeboat. Local maritime and lifeboat artefacts are on display.</p>	<div data-bbox="868 1581 936 1646">  </div>



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Portpatrick

The lifeboat station was established in 1877 at the request of the local residents. The boathouse was constructed on the north pier and the boat was lowered into the harbour by crane. It was not until 1922, when the station received its first motor lifeboat, that this and future boats were kept permanently moored afloat.

In 1992 an extension to the original 1877 boathouse was constructed to improve crew facilities and to provide a galley, shop and lookout training room.

Three Medals for Gallantry have been awarded, one Silver and two Bronzes, the last being in 1953.

Portpatrick Portpatrick Harbour

Open: Generally 9am–4.30pm daily
Directions: On the harbour front.
Contact: Robert Erskine
Tel: 01776 810251
Shop open: Summer 12pm–4.30pm
Shop tel: 01776 810855
Web: www.portpatricklifeboat.co.uk
Don't miss: Crew training – Summer 7pm
 Thurs; Winter 1.30pm Sun

EXPLORE STATION



Tyne class
Mary Irene Millar

Portpatrick Old Lifeboat House Portpatrick Harbour

Open: 12pm–4.30pm daily
Contact: Robert Erskine
Tel: 01776 810542 or 01776 810251
Group bookings: 20max
Lifeboat-related exhibits: Display of various classes of lifeboats including model of the *Original*.

MUSEUM



◀ Portpatrick lifeboat station

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Thurso


Thurso is mainland Scotland's most northerly town. Located on the north coast of Caithness, its seaward views are dominated by the distant cliffs of Dunnet Head to the north east, and those of the island of Hoy to the north. The sometimes turbulent seas of the Pentland Firth have led to Thurso becoming an unlikely centre for surfing.

Thurso lifeboat station, established in 1860, covers the south side of the Pentland Firth and the north coast of Scotland to Cape Wrath. The first lifeboats were launched down a slipway from a boathouse. The second boathouse was completely destroyed by fire in 1956, together with the lifeboat, *Dunnet Head (Civil Service No.31)* which was inside at the time. A new boathouse and slipway were built in 1957 and this was used until 1988 when the lifeboat was then placed on permanent moorings in Scrabster Harbour. The station was rather exposed and rehousing of the boat was often difficult.

The late HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother named the last Thurso lifeboat *The Queen Mother* at Scrabster Harbour on 9 August 1989. The present lifeboat, the Severn class lifeboat, *The Taylors*, arrived at the station in April 2004.

During the station's history the crews have been awarded ten Medals for Gallantry – seven Silver and three Bronze, the last in 1999.

In 1999 Coxswain William Farquhar was awarded a Bronze Medal for bravery for his part in a service to the burning chemical tanker *Multitank Ascania*. Coxswain Farquhar managed to take the 102m long tanker in tow as it drifted out of control in a west north westerly force 9 gale, hail showers and rough seas. By the time the lifeboat established a tow the tanker was close inshore at Dunnet Head and was within two cables of the land before the lifeboat was able to slowly tow it seawards.

Thurso Scrabster Harbour, Caithness	EXPLORE STATION
<p>Open: 9.30am–4.30pm daily</p> <p>Directions: East end of the harbour on the Ice Pier.</p> <p>Contact: Brian Williams</p> <p>Tel: 01847 893433</p> <p>Shop open: Spring–autumn</p>	<div data-bbox="695 1371 943 1443">  </div> <p data-bbox="671 1502 829 1568"> Severn class <i>The Taylors</i> </p>



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Tobermory

Tobermory was built as a fishing port in the late 18th Century and is now the main village on Mull. It is a picture-postcard place with the brightly painted buildings along the main street to the pier and the high wooded hills surrounding the bay. Recently, Tobermory has been the setting for the children's programme *Balamory* but it is also the setting for the lifeboat station.

Tobermory lifeboat station was originally opened in 1938 with the Watson class lifeboat *Sir Arthur Rose*. The boat was exhibited at the 1938 Empire Exhibition in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, from May to October. In 1947, the station closed due to manning difficulties, with the lifeboat being transferred to Mallaig.

The station was re-opened in 1990 with the Waveney class *Ralph and Joy Swann*, which was replaced in 1991 by an Arun class lifeboat. In 1993 new crew facilities were provided, along with a souvenir shop.


In 2000 a new alongside berth was completed and in August 2003 a new Severn class lifeboat, *Elizabeth Fairlie Ramsay* was placed on service at Tobermory.

Tobermory Main Street	EXPLORE STATION
<p>Open: 9am–4pm weekdays or by appointment only at weekends</p> <p>Directions: Behind Cal-Mac Pier.</p> <p>Contact: John Wilshire</p> <p>Tel: 01688 302250 or 07768 556107</p> <p>Shop open: Easter–Oct</p>	 <p>Severn class <i>Elizabeth Fairlie Ramsay</i></p>

Kyle of Lochalsh

The newest station in Scotland, Kyle of Lochalsh, was established in 1995 to deal with the increasing number of people in the area using the sea for pleasure, such as yachtsmen, divers and canoeists. The station also supplements the all weather lifeboats at Portree and Mallaig.

The two-storey boathouse also houses the Harbour Master's office. Fortunately, the aerial torpedo embedded just outside the entrance is not 'live' but is doing an excellent service as a depository for donations.

Kyle of Lochalsh Kyle Prospect Road	EXPLORE STATION
<p>Open: Times vary</p> <p>Directions: Once in the village of Kyle go through the first and only set of traffic lights and take a hard left on to Kyle Prospect Road. Then go 300m to the right on to the seafront and you will see the boathouse.</p> <p>Contact: Ross McKerlich</p> <p>Tel: 01599 534214</p> <p>Shop open: Apr–Dec</p> <p>Shop tel: 01599 534627</p>	 <p>Atlantic 75 <i>Alexander Cattanach</i></p>

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Discover and Observe stations

Our crews from **Discover** and **Observe** stations are equally welcoming to visitors as those at **Explore** stations. However these lifeboat stations were often built before visitors were considered. **Discover** stations normally open their boathouse doors during the summer months while **Observe** stations are often in more inaccessible places. Both are situated in stunning locations so you can enjoy exploring the local area, perhaps using the station as a starting point.





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Aberdeen Victoria Dock Entrance, Waterloo Quay	OBSERVE STATION
Open: 7.30am–4pm daily Directions: East end of Waterloo Quay, turn right and station is on right. Contact: Roderick MacGillivray Tel: 01224 591658	 
	Severn class <i>Bon Accord</i>, D class <i>Margaret II</i>

Aith Bixter, Shetland	DISCOVER STATION
Open: 9am–5pm daily Directions: Situated at the head of Aith Voe. Contact: Luke Bullough Tel: 01595 810276	 
	Severn class <i>Charles Lidbury</i>

Anstruther Middle Pier Life	DISCOVER STATION
Open for group visits: By appointment only Directions: Go towards the harbour and the station is opposite the Scottish Fisheries Museum. Contact: Roger Grundy or David Whitehead Tel: 01333 310526 Shop open: Easter–Sept 2pm–5pm daily; Oct–Dec 2pm–5pm Sat and Sun Shop tel: 01333 312503 Web: www.anstrutherlifeboat.org.uk	 
	Mersey class <i>Kingdom of Fife</i>, D class <i>Colin Martin</i>

Arbroath Harbour	DISCOVER STATION
Open: 10am–4pm Mon–Fri Directions: Take the Harbour Cliffs exit from the A92. Turn right after 50m. Contact: Alan Russell Tel: 01241 873235 Contact for group visits: Stuart Ferguson Tel: 01241 873991 Shop open: Seasonal Shop tel: 01241 431585 Don't miss: Crew training – 7.30pm–9pm Tues and 9.30am–12pm Sat	  
	Mersey class <i>Inchcape</i>, D class <i>Duncan Ferguson</i>


Arran Old Pier, Lamlash, Isle of Arran	DISCOVER STATION
Open: By appointment only Directions: Take the A841 to Lamlash. Once in Lamlash, turn seawards at the Old Pier Tearoom. Contact: Geoffery Norris Tel: 01770 600420 Shop open: May–Sept 2pm–4pm Sat and Sun	   
	Atlantic 75 <i>The Boys' Brigade</i>


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Barra Island Castlebay, Isle of Barra	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 11am–4pm Mon–Thurs Contact: Roderick MacLean Tel: 01871 810307</p>	 5
	<p>Severn class <i>Edna Windsor</i></p>

Broughty Ferry Fisher Street, Dundee	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: West of Broughty Ferry Castle. Contact: Joe Samson Tel: 01382 779956</p>	 20
	<p>Trent class <i>Elizabeth of Glamis,</i> D class <i>Hartlepool</i> <i>Dynamo</i></p>

Campbeltown Old Quay	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 9am–4pm daily Directions: On the harbourside. Contact: John Mactaggart Tel: 01586 552414 or 07774 888835 Shop open: Spring–autumn Shop tel: 01586 551894 Don't miss: Crew training – 7pm Thurs</p>	 25  P  S
	<p>Severn class <i>Ernest and Mary Shaw</i> D class <i>Three Brothers</i></p>

Dunbar Victoria Harbour	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions to station and inshore lifeboat (ILB): At the north end of the High Street go right at the roundabout and down the hill. Directions to all weather lifeboat (ALB): The Trent class is located at Torness Nuclear Power Station, approximately six miles SE of Dunbar on the A1. Park at the Torness Visitor's Centre and follow the signs for the coastal trail. Contact: Gary Fairbairn Tel: 01368 863966 Shop open: May–Sept Web: www.dunbarlifeboat.org.uk Don't miss: Crew training – ILB 7pm on Sun, Mon and Weds; ALB 12pm Sun and 7pm Mon</p>	 24  S
	<p>Trent class <i>Sir Ronald Pechell Bt,</i> D class <i>The Hastings</i></p>



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Eyemouth Gunsgreen Quay, Eyemouth Harbour	OBSERVE STATION
Open: 10am–12pm Sun, or by appointment Directions: A1107 exit along the Avenue to Gunsgreen House to the parking area behind the lifeboat station.	 
Contact: Captain J Dougal Tel: 01809 750448 or 07802 940721	Trent class <i>Barclaycard Crusader</i>

Fraserburgh Shore Street	DISCOVER STATION
Open: Please call to check – building work in progress. Directions: Once in Fraserburgh the harbour is clearly signposted; continue on the main road past the beach, take the third right and the boathouse is visible.	
Contact: Alan Smith or Charles Duthie Tel: 01346 517517 or 01346 514032	Trent class <i>Willie and May Gall</i>

Girvan Knockcushion Street	DISCOVER STATION
Open: 9am–5pm daily. Groups by appointment Directions: Station is on the riverbank at the harbour. Parking at the Harbour car park. Contact: Turner Kirkpatrick Tel: 01465 714454 Shop open: May–Sept 1pm–4pm Shop tel: 01465 715285	 
Don't miss: Crew training – 7pm–9pm Mon	Mersey class <i>Silvia Burrell</i>

Helensburgh Rhu Mariner, Main Road	DISCOVER STATION
Open: 10.30am–12pm Sun; July–Aug 2.30pm–4.30pm Weds; or by appointment Directions: On A814 from Helensburgh towards Garelochhead in Rhu Village. Once in the Rhu Marina you will see the boathouse. Contact: Colin Gardiner	 
Tel: 01436 671152 (evenings) Don't miss: Crew training – 10.30am–12pm Sun	Atlantic 75 <i>Gladys Winifred Tiffney</i>


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Invergordon Shore Road	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 9am–3pm weekdays or by appointment Directions: At the West Harbour. Contact: Kevin Dent Tel: 01349 853915 Web: www.invergordonlifeboat.org.uk</p>	 
	<p>Trent class <i>Douglas Aikman Smith</i></p>


Islay Station Road, Port Askaig	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: East of Port Askaig Hotel and approach footpath. Contact: Alasdair Barker Tel: 01496 840608 Don't miss: Crew training – 7pm Thurs</p>	
	<p>Severn class <i>Helmut Schroder of Dunlossit II</i></p>

Kessock Craigton Point	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: Turn off A9 (north) at North Kessock junction and go to the far end of the village to the station. Contact: Gary Friedman Tel: 01463 234178 Don't miss: Crew training – 6pm–9pm Mon</p>	  
	<p>Atlantic 75 <i>The Moray Dolphin</i></p>

Kinghorn St James Place	OBSERVE STATION
<p>Open: 10am–12 noon Sun or by appointment Directions: Go down Harbour Road to Kinghorn Harbour and turn right at the end of the prom. Contact: Charlie Tulloch Tel: 01592 890105 or 0780 2940723 Web: www.kinghorn.org.uk</p>	 
	<p>Atlantic 75 <i>Frederick Robertson</i></p>

Kippford Spring Bank	OBSERVE STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: On the seafront at the front of the village. Contact: G McQueen Tel: 01556 620608 Shop open: Call to check Shop tel: 01556 620131</p>	 
	<p>D class <i>David Whitehead</i></p>

Kirkcudbright The Lake	OBSERVE STATION
<p>Open: 10am–12pm</p> <p>Directions: Go through Kirkcudbright to Mute Hill, then follow the coast road one mile to the boathouse which is visible.</p> <p>Contact: Mr R Thomson</p> <p>Tel: 01557 330835</p>	
	<p>Atlantic 21 <i>Peter and Grace Ewing</i></p>

Kirkwall West Pier	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 9am–4pm daily</p> <p>Directions: Small pier to the west of the main pier.</p> <p>Contact: Dupre Strutt</p> <p>Tel: 01856 875201</p>	
	<p>Severn class <i>Margaret Foster</i></p>

Largs North Promenade	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only</p> <p>Directions: North promenade, in front of Vikingar at Barrfields slipway.</p> <p>Contact: Dave Hewitt</p> <p>Tel: 01475 675818 or 07785 593264</p> <p>Shop open: Daily during summer</p> <p>Shop tel: 01475 670147</p> <p>Web: www.largslifeboat.ukf.net</p>	
	<p>Atlantic 75 <i>Peggy Keith Learmond</i></p>

Lochinver Culag, New Pier, Lochinver Harbour	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: Usually 9am–4pm Mon–Fri</p> <p>Directions: Make your way to the harbour and the station is at the New Pier.</p> <p>Contact: Durrant MacLeod or David MacAskill</p> <p>Tel: 01571 844454 or 01571 844513</p>	
	<p>Severn class <i>Julian Maynard Leonard</i></p>


Macduff	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only</p> <p>Directions: Off A98 at Macduff Harbour and follow the signs for Macduff Aquarium.</p> <p>Contact: Gordon Phillip</p> <p>Tel: 01261 833491 or 07768 555862</p> <p>Shop open: Mar–Dec</p> <p>Shop tel: 01261 832813</p>	
	<p>Atlantic 21 <i>The Rotary Club of Glasgow</i></p>

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Mallaig New Harbour Building	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 9am–5pm daily Directions: Approx 46m from the railway station. Contact: George Lawrie Tel: 01687 462487 Shop open: Easter–Christmas Shop tel: 01687 462573</p>	
	<p>Severn class <i>Henry Alston Hewat</i></p>

Montrose Montrose Harbour	OBSERVE STATION
<p>Open: Strictly by appointment Directions: Follow signs to Harbour North Quay. Contact: Captain J West Tel: 01674 672789</p>	
	<p>Tyne class <i>Moonbeam</i>, D class <i>Holme Team 3</i></p>

North Berwick Victoria Road	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment Directions: The station is in Victoria Road, approaching the harbour. Contact: Mr Graham Thorburn Tel: 01620 893418 / 01620 893651 or 07863 163659 Shop open: 11am–5pm daily Apr–Sept Don't miss: Crew training – 11am Sun</p>	
	<p>D class <i>Blue Peter III</i></p>

Oban South Pier	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 2pm–5pm weekdays or by appointment Directions: Off Galanach Road, near the ferry terminal. Contact: Ronnie MacKillop Tel: 01631 563733 Shop: 7 Stafford Street, Oban Shop tel: 01631 567325</p>	
	<p>Trent class <i>Mora Edith MacDonald</i></p>

Peterhead West Pier	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 8.30am–4.30pm daily Directions: Follow signs to the harbour and then turn on to the west pier. Contact: Alex Palmer Tel: 01779 473331 Shop open: 8.30am–4.30pm daily Shop tel: 01779 473331 Don't miss: Crew training – 6.30pm–9pm Mon. Also don't miss the arrival of a new Tamar class lifeboat later in 2005.</p>	
	<p>Tyne class <i>Babs and Agnes Robertson</i></p>



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Portree The Pier	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 9am–5pm weekdays or by appointment Directions: On the pier head at the harbour. Contact: David Urquhart Tel: 01478 613610 Don't miss: Crew training – 7pm–9pm Mon</p>	<div data-bbox="878 235 944 301" style="text-align: right;">20 </div> <div data-bbox="671 331 955 397" style="text-align: right;">Trent class <i>Stanley Watson Barker</i></div>

Queensferry Hawes Pier, South Queensferry	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: At end of promenade beside the Forth Rail Bridge on Hawes Pier. Contact: Thomas Robertson Tel: 0131 3311563 Shop open: April–Oct daily; Winter 12pm–4pm Sat and Sun</p>	<div data-bbox="692 591 758 657" style="text-align: right;">P</div> <div data-bbox="785 591 851 657" style="text-align: right;"></div> <div data-bbox="878 591 944 657" style="text-align: right;">S</div> <div data-bbox="878 679 944 744" style="text-align: right;">15 </div> <div data-bbox="671 775 965 840" style="text-align: right;">Atlantic 75 Donald and Ethel Macrae</div>

St Abbs 12 Briery Dean	OBSERVE STATION
<p>Open: By appointment only Directions: Can be seen from the car park. Contact: Alistair Crowe Tel: 01890 771250</p>	<div data-bbox="868 989 934 1054" style="text-align: right;">20 </div> <div data-bbox="671 1085 924 1150" style="text-align: right;">Atlantic 75 Dorothy and Katherine Barr II</div>

Stornoway Sir Max Aitken House, Cromwell Street Quay	DISCOVER STATION
<p>Open: 10am–4pm weekdays; 12pm–4pm Sat Directions: Head for the town centre. Station is only accessible from the Quay entrance from Gateway in the town car park. Shop entrance is accessible from the town centre footpath. Contact: M Campbell Tel: 01851 703339 or 07760 203657 Shop open: 12pm–4pm Thurs and Sat Shop tel: 01851 704192</p>	<div data-bbox="692 1334 758 1399" style="text-align: right;">P</div> <div data-bbox="785 1334 851 1399" style="text-align: right;">S</div> <div data-bbox="878 1334 944 1399" style="text-align: right;">15 </div> <div data-bbox="671 1583 861 1648" style="text-align: right;">Severn class <i>Tom Sanderson</i></div>

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Stranraer Foreland Place	OBSERVE STATION
Open: By appointment only Directions: Off Shenehan Street. Contact: Andrew Murray Tel: 01776 705806	 
	D class <i>Tom Broom</i>

Stromness 16 Victoria Street	DISCOVER STATION
Open: By appointment only Directions: South Pier in Stromness. Contact: William Duncan Tel: 01856 850279 Web: www.orkney.com/stromnesslifeboat	
	Severn class <i>Violet, Dorothy and Kathleen</i>

Tighnabruaich Main Street	DISCOVER STATION
Open: By appointment only Directions: Located in the village centre. Contact: Ronnie Irvine Tel: 01700 811609 Shop open: Easter–Oct	 
	Atlantic 75 <i>Alex and Maimie Preston</i>

Troon The Harbour	OBSERVE STATION
Open: 9am–4pm weekdays & 9am–12pm weekends Directions: From the town centre follow the signs for the Seacat. Contact: Bob Johnson Tel: 01292 314414 Web: www.troonlifeboat.ukf.net	  
	Trent class <i>Jim Moffat</i> , D class

Wick Harbour Quay	DISCOVER STATION
Open: 11am–4pm daily Directions: When entering Wick follow signs for the harbour. Contact: Dr Ian Johnston Tel: 01955 603723 Web: www.btinternet.com/~jock.taylor/wicklfeboat/index/	 
	Trent class <i>Roy Barker II</i>



Historical
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RNLI Heritage Trust

RNLI museums

The RNLI has been collecting wonderful artefacts and archive material since its foundation in 1824. Five museums were established between 1938 and 1995 to celebrate the RNLI's work and share the stories of the people behind the objects. Several of the museums are in old boathouses of great character with naturally spectacular seafront locations; others are in purpose-built museums, but each is unique.



Lifeboat!

The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ

Tel: 01634 823800

Displays the national collection of 17 history-making lifeboats.



The RNLI Grace Darling Museum

Bamburgh, Northumberland NE69 7AE

Tel: 0845 122 6999 (during redevelopment work)

Celebrates Victorian Britain's greatest heroine.

(Closed in 2005 for major redevelopment; reopening summer 2006).



The RNLI Whitby Museum

Pier Road, Whitby YO21 3PU

Tel: 01947 602001

Has a fascinating object-rich collection housed in a double boathouse.



The RNLI Zetland Museum

The Esplanade, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 3AH

Tel: 01642 494311

The home of the *Zetland*, the oldest surviving lifeboat in the world.



The RNLI Henry Blogg Museum

Old Lifeboat House, The Gangway, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9HE

Tel: 01263 511294

The museum is named after the most decorated lifeboatman, who helped to save 873 lives. A new museum is being built next to the old boathouse and is due to open in September 2005.

Heritage items are also on display at many RNLI boathouses, visitor centres and sales outlets. In 2004 the RNLI Heritage Trust was established to care for the future conservation and financing of the museums and collections.

Please contact us for more information: tel 0845 122 6999.

Lifeboats of the RNLI

All weather lifeboats

Severn class

Length: 17m Speed: 25 knots
Crew: 6 Introduced: 1995



Photo: Gilbert Hampton

Trent class

Length: 14m Speed: 25 knots
Crew: 6 Introduced: 1994



Photo: Gilbert Hampton

Arun class

Length: 16m Speed: 18 knots
Crew: 6 Introduced: 1971



Photo: Peter Bentley

Tyne class

Length: 14m Speed: 17 knots
Crew: 6 Introduced: 1982



Photo: Sam Robbins

Mersey class

Length: 12m Speed: 17 knots
Crew: 6 Introduced: 1988



Photo: Rick Tomlinson

Inshore lifeboats

E class

Length: 9m Speed: 40 knots
Crew: 3 Introduced: 2002



Photo: JP Trenque

D class

Length: 5m Speed: 20–25 knots
Crew: 2/3 Introduced: 1963



Photo: Jane Morgan

B class (Atlantic)

Length: 6.9–7.3m Speed: 29–32 knots
Crew: 3 Introduced: 1970



Photo: Derek King

Inshore rescue hovercraft

Length: 8m Speed: 30 knots
Crew: 2/3 Introduced: 2002



Photo: Martin Fish

The RNLI is at the forefront of technical innovation in boat design and is committed to providing dependable, effective and safe lifeboats for its crews.

SeaBritain 2005

SeaBritain 2005 is a national maritime celebration on a grand scale and the RNLI is one of the official partners. There will be events ranging in size from small local community walks to large-scale international festivals celebrating the ways in which the sea touches all of our lives. Whether you live by the coast or inland – everyone can get involved.

Check out the events throughout the year on
www.seabritain2005.com

**Join the celebrations and ...
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Photo: Peter Bentley

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