

The Lizard RNLI lifeboat Open Meeting

Saturday 13 October 2012



The Lizard lifeboat station, Kilcobben Cove, The Lizard

Mike Lord JP MBE

Chairman

The Lizard lifeboat management group

The Lizard Lifeboat's most exciting time

The last 12 months have seen the most exciting year for our lifeboat station in more than 50 years – and perhaps in living memory: the opening of our new magnificent lifeboat station and dedication of our new Tamar-class lifeboat *Rose*. Lifeboat and station have been the biggest single investment in the RNLI's history – and it has all happened in our community!

More than 400 people attended the Naming Ceremony for *RNLB Rose* in May and many hundreds from near and far have visited since, on Lifeboat Day and other occasions. *Rose* and her home have already become one of the must-see attractions of The Lizard.

It has been all change too behind the scenes: the formation of a new fund-raising group including volunteers from The Lizard, Ruan Minor, Cadgwith and Mullion; our new magazine **Due South** replacing the former annual journal; and much more unseen but vital help from supporters in so many unsung ways.

You can find full details of the station's finances and fund-raising in our Treasurer's report.

Would you like to be part of our team? If you think you may be able to help, whether through meeting and greeting visitors, helping to sell goods from our shop located in the boathouse, volunteering at events or in any other way, please do get in touch for a chat – you will get a warm welcome!

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OPERATIONS REPORT - Ned Nuzum - Lifeboat Operations Manager

The past year has been an enormously busy and colourful chapter in the history of our station. Following an intensely demanding period of operations afloat, forever chasing ahead of the weather, moving the boat from mooring to mooring, including 49 passages to shelter in Falmouth, our magnificent new boathouse and slipway were finally ready for occupation on Thursday October 5th 2011. Moving our splendourous new Tamar lifeboat 'Rose' into her new home was an exceptionally memorable and relieving experience for us all. Our volunteer crew and shorecrew are to be commended for this very splendid achievement. Coxswain Andrew Putt, forever leading the charge, has continually applauded their high spirits and determined endeavour to learn all about 'Rose' and for their patience and professionalism.

Central to all this activity has been the superb commitment of all our people. Numbers are healthy and I'm pleased to announce some newcomers, Mike Pamphilon, appointed Deputy Launching Authority (DLA), Sophie Salter, Kevin Kinvig and Burnard Nixon having serving their time with Head Launcher Jeff Ashby and his team on the shore operation have successfully transferred to the crew. Ed Bray recently joined Jeff's team and will transfer to the crew shortly. John Harris (formerly Winch Operator) was appointed DLA. Dave MacBride was promoted to Winch Operator. Richard Woodmansey retired from the crew to become Deputy Winch Operator and Terry Thirlaway was promoted to Deputy Head Launcher. Unfortunately we've lost some volunteers too; Crewmen Danny Allerton and John Trott, Shorecrewman Steven Legge, DLA Tony Muller and Deputy Head Launcher Ken Bright. We sincerely thank them all.

Our Station Mechanic Dan Atkinson was recently passed out as a Deputy Second Coxswain, demonstrating great skill and ability in the process. A considerably expert level of training, logistics and administration in support of our volunteers continues to be delivered by Andrew and Dan and my role as Operations Manager is made so much easier by the excellent results they continually achieve during operational and training inspections. It's a real credit to them both and affirms the very considerable support they enjoy from everyone. Aply assisted by Second Mechanic Johnny Bray and recently qualified Assistant Mechanic Stevie Tattersall, we're meeting training and manning requirements, encouraging prospective deputy second coxswain and navigator training development plans as well as a considerable level of prospective mechanic training opportunities amongst the crew.

Not forgetting 'Rose' and the extensive level of attention required to maintain her 24/7 readiness for our primary role '*saving lives at sea*', I'm sure you'll agree she's looking spectacular. When our visitors walk through the door and see 'Rose', they often appear stunned by her appearance and presentation. Marvellous compliments follow and it's a humbling experience to hear what people have to say about her.

Besides routine exercise launches, we've been paged for assistance by Falmouth Coastguard 14 times, resulting in 12 launches on service to help 31 people including 3 children. We've also carried out varied exercises with both flank stations Falmouth and Penlee, joint exercises with Falmouth Coastguard and hosted a number of visiting blue-light personnel aboard 'Rose' for familiarisation training.

Our most memorable moment during the year was our long-awaited naming day when we were joined by hundreds of visitors and distinguished guests for the formal opening of our boathouse and the christening of 'Rose'. For me, accepting our new lifeboat into the station's care from RNLI Operations Director Michael Vlasto was a moment I'll never forget. After the service of dedication and boat naming, Stevie Tattersall was

presented with his 20 year long service badge, Jeff Ashby received a 30 year bar to his long service badge, Ken Bright received his retirement service certificate and RNLI Chairman Admiral the Lord Boyce presented John Harris with a 40 year bar to his long service badge, a notable honour after 45 years voluntary service.

Finally, on behalf of our Coxswain, Mechanic and all our volunteers, I hope your visit to our annual Open Day is enjoyable and sincerely thank you for your support.

SHOUTS OCT 2011 – OCT 2012

22 Oct – Large fishing vessel '*Sparkling Line*', total engine failure, 21nm south of Lizard Point, towed to Newlyn, assisted by Penlee lifeboat

20 Nov – Small fishing vessel '*Seafoam*', engine failure and taking in water, transferred salvage pump and towed to Porthleven

08 May – Shoreline search locally for missing lady. Found safe near Kuggar.

29 May – Small yacht snagged, released, made own way on passage.

07 Jun – Small yacht in trouble, foul seas, 40nm ssw Lizard Point, lone yachtsman recovered by helicopter, lifeboat stood down at 7nm.

25 Jun - Swimmer in difficulty at Kennack.. Stood down before launch.

09 Jul - Yacht '*Soundwave*' becalmed with engine failure close to Lizard Point, towed to Falmouth.

20 Jul - Yacht '*Cornish Curlew*' snagged off Lizard Point, released and made own way on passage.

22 Jul - 2 x Coastguard Cliff Rescue personnel cut off by rising tide following a rescue at Cadgwith, recovered both safely to beach. (***nb:*** *Mechanic Dan Atkinson's first service in command*)

08 Aug - 2 x children unaccounted for in Mullion Cove area. Stood down before launch.

08 Aug - Fishing vessel '*Boy Codie*' fouled by own net, Poldhu area. Released vessel and towed to Porthleven.

12 Aug - Yacht '*Duet*' lost steering close to station, towed to Falmouth.

28 Aug - Body boarders in the water off Polurrian Cove. Lifeboat reached the Rill rock before being stood down. Rescue 193 recovered casualties, one to hospital.

03 Sep – Fishing vessel '*Charisma*', with engine problems, escorted to Newlyn.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the period 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2012
THE LIZARD STATION - 924065

RECEIPTS

Reimbursements	20.00
Donations	10,830.80
Contribution Boxes	4,301.86
Collections	0.00
House to House	0.00
Branch Fundraising Events <i>SOS day / Summer fete / Lifeboat day</i>	3,129.03
Lottery (UK Only)	0.00
Education	0.00
Campaigns	0.00
Misc.Income	0.00
Event income used for event expenses	190.00
Headquarters Income <i>Gift Aid relief</i>	12.50
Total Receipts	18,484.19

PAYMENTS

Fuel	0.00
Training Costs (excluding travel & subsistence)	0.00
Travel & Subsistence <i>Relief crew / training</i>	519.90
Conf. & Seminars, Branch Events (Non Fundraising)	183.00
Stationery & Administration Costs <i>Stationery / postage / victuals</i>	1,208.30
Purchase, repair & maintenance - boat & related	0.00
Purchase, repair & maintenance - boathouse & related	716.74
Branch Fundraising Events	642.07
Branch Fundraising Event Floats	0.00
Petty expenses on behalf of RNLI (Sales) Ltd	0.00
Event expenses paid from event income	0.00
HQ Costs	0.00
Total Payments	3,270.01
TOTAL BRANCH SURPLUS	15,214.18

Lee Bartholomew - Lifeboat Treasurer