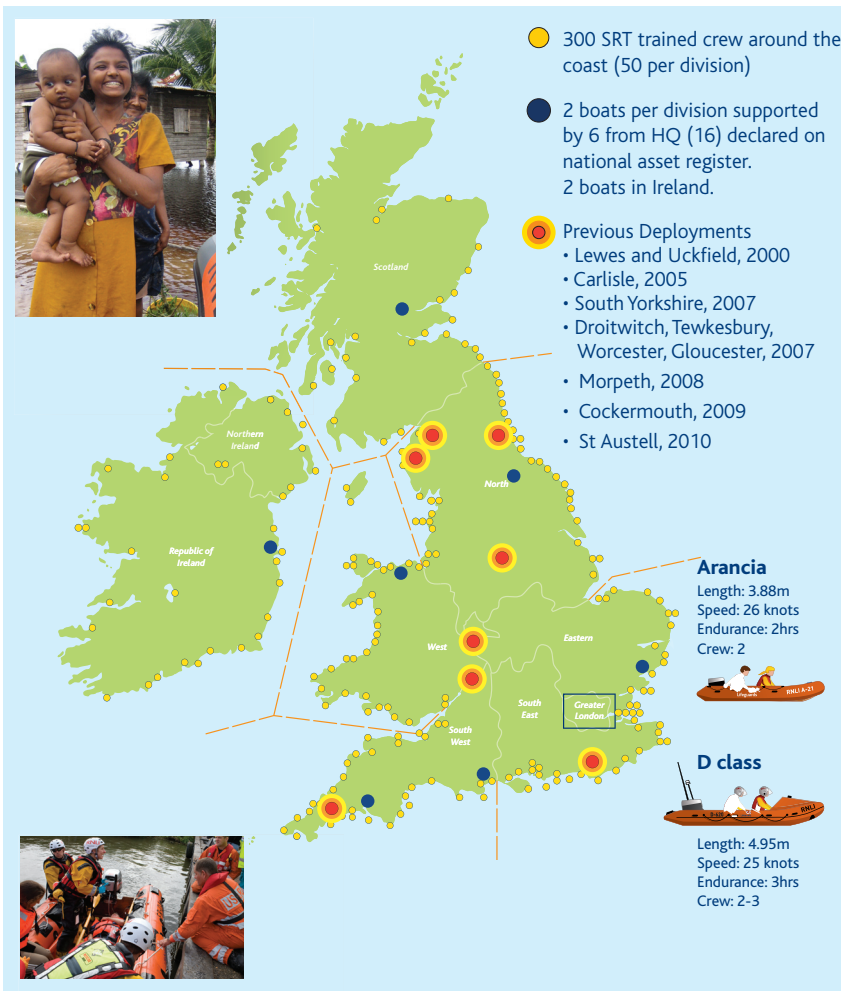


# THE RNLI FLOOD RESCUE TEAM

**60 SPECIALLY TRAINED RNLI VOLUNTEERS READY TO RESPOND INTERNATIONALLY WITHIN 24 HOURS, WITH ADDITIONAL BOAT TEAMS STRATEGICALLY PLACED TO RESPOND TO FLOODING ANYWHERE IN THE UK AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.**



The FRT was born out of the RNLI's involvement with the Mozambique floods of February 2000. A team of eight, with six D class inflatable lifeboats were deployed for SAR purposes and ended up providing humanitarian aid to some 10,000 people. In 2005, 6 boats and a team of 20 were deployed to Guyana, when heavy rain and flooding affected 250,000 people. RNLI teams have attended a number of incidents ranging from small to major throughout the British Isles two recent major incidents being the severe flooding in the Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester area in the summer of 2007, and the devastating flooding in Cumbria in November 2009, particularly in Cockermouth. Now, wherever flooding occurs, the RNLI are strategically positioned to respond rapidly.

The RNLI declares 16 boat Type B teams to the UK's National Asset register (with a further two in the Republic of Ireland). When deployed we integrate with the Fire and Rescue Service Command and control system. We operate within the guidelines set out in the Flood Rescue National Enhancement Project Concept of Operations.

**The RNLI** is the charity that saves lives at sea  **Lifeboats**

**Should you require flood assistance please contact the Fire Service Bronze, Silver or Gold command in the first instance, alternatively contact the RNLI Operations Room (on 08451 668222)**