

# THE LIFEBOAT FUND

Helping the RNLI save lives at sea

## 2011 ANNUAL APPEAL



The Communications and Public Service Lifeboat Fund, known as: The Lifeboat Fund  
Registered Charity Numbers: 248421 and SC041904 Patron: HRH The Duke of Kent



**Lifeboats**

## WHAT WE'RE DOING THIS YEAR

In 2011, the focus of The Lifeboat Fund's fundraising activity is to support the training and equipping of crews at lifeboat stations around the UK.

It costs more than £1,200 to train each volunteer member of the crew.

To provide these courageous volunteer crews with the proper protective kit they deserve when putting their lives at risk to save others costs more than £1,100 for an inshore kit and around £1,130 for an all weather kit.

In 2010, The Lifeboat Fund met its target of purchasing a new state-of-the-art D class lifeboat for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) – and raised more money besides. It's the 52nd lifeboat we have bought since The Fund began in 1866 and was handed over in April 2011. It brings to 12 the number of vessels provided by The Lifeboat Fund currently in service in the RNLI fleet.

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The Lifeboat Fund exists because RNLI Lifeboats and crews depend on voluntary donations. Last year, the volunteer crews spent more than 10,000 hours of their own time at sea in active service, and at least 20,000 in training. We want to help.

This year we want to raise £200,000 to contribute to the costs of their training and equipment – we need to do this by the end of 2011.

### Please give generously to the appeal.

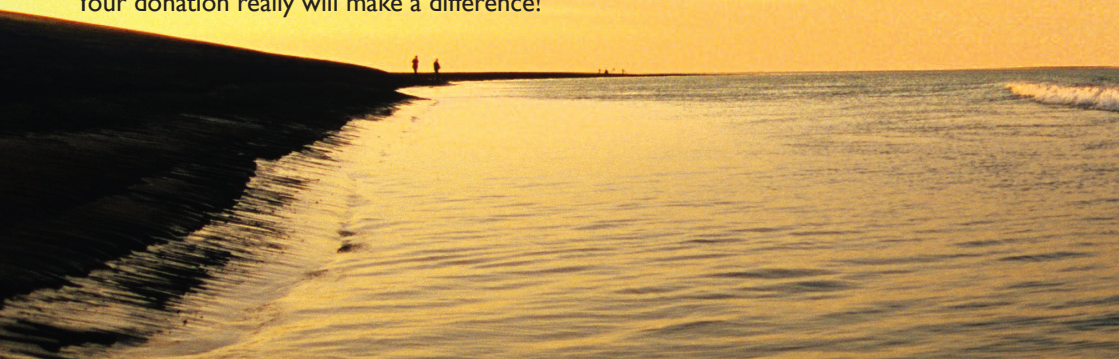
There are several ways you can support The Lifeboat Fund:

- Send a donation (using the form on the back page)
- Donate online at [www.thelifeboatfund.org.uk](http://www.thelifeboatfund.org.uk)
- Payroll Giving / Pension Payroll Giving
- Leaving a Gift in Your Will

Contact Angela Saunders, Hon. Secretary, for more information, on 0131-244 8488, or e-mail [secretary@thelifeboatfund.org.uk](mailto:secretary@thelifeboatfund.org.uk)

The Lifeboat Fund, Scottish Government, 51 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD

**Your donation really will make a difference!**



## WHO WE ARE

The Communications and Public Service Lifeboat Fund is proud to be the single largest regular contributor to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), the charity that saves lives at sea. The RNLI's volunteer crews rescued more than 16,000 people in the last two years alone.

The Lifeboat Fund is an official charity of the Civil Service, the Royal Mail and British Telecom. It benefits from giving by serving and retired employees and from legacies. Civil Servants the length and breadth of the UK organise fundraising collections and promote the lifesaving work of the RNLI.

All money raised by The Lifeboat Fund goes towards the life-saving work of the RNLI. Did you know that it costs £148 million every year to run the RNLI - every penny coming from voluntary giving and legacies?

The total raised by The Fund for this cause in 2010 was £131,000 - including £31,000 to buy the new lifeboat for the station at Portrush, Northern Ireland.

The lifeboats purchased by The Fund for the RNLI have saved more than 4,700 lives.

The Fund never takes the support it gets for granted. We are working hard to maintain and develop our charity's profile. A new website was launched recently and we are taking steps to get more public servants involved with our fundraising activities, encouraging more Departments and other public service bodies to 'get on board'.

Supporting The Lifeboat Fund is our way of showing that public servants value the amazing men and women who volunteer to crew the lifeboats.

The sole aim of our charity is to help the RNLI in saving lives at sea!



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## DONATION FORM

Please return the completed donation form to: Angela Saunders, Honorary Secretary, The Lifeboat Fund, Scottish Government, 51 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD

I would like to give £15  £10  £3  Other £ \_\_\_\_\_  
to The Lifeboat Fund

Please make cheques payable to 'The Lifeboat Fund'

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Public service organisation/location \_\_\_\_\_

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more: for every pound you give us, we get an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs. You can do this provided you pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax in each tax year at least equal to the tax that the charity will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aided donations(s).

So just tick here.  It's that simple.

### *Many thanks, on behalf of the lifeboat crews!*

- Training turns a volunteer into someone who can save lives well and safely.
- When the RNLI trains one, they save many.
- Only 1 in 10 crew members join the RNLI from a professional maritime occupation.
- The skills they need range from navigation to search and rescue; from being able to repair a lifeboat engine at sea to resuscitating a casualty in danger.
- Inshore lifeboat gloves cost £16
- Inshore lifeboat thermal suit (woolly bear) costs £145
- Inshore lifeboat safety helmet costs £166
- Inshore lifeboat lifejacket costs £434
- Inshore lifeboat drysuit (boots included) costs £319
- All weather lifeboat lifejacket costs £494
- All weather lifeboat gloves cost £16
- All weather lifeboat safety line costs £53
- All weather lifeboat safety helmet costs £166
- All weather lifeboat jacket costs £170
- All weather lifeboat trousers cost £230