



The annual Report
of the Civil Service
and Post Office
Life-Boat Fund

1975

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE LIFE-BOATS IN SERVICE

Fourteen life-boats out of 37 boats, the cost of which has been defrayed by the contributions of Civil Servants and Officers of the Post Office at home and abroad, remain in service at various stations in the British Isles. The list of Civil Service boats, at the time of going to press, is as follows:

- Civil Service No. 4 The "Lady Scott"
Portrush, Co. Antrim
- 7 The "Princess Royal"
Arklow
- 8 The "Winston Churchill"
Blyth, Northumberland
- 9 The "St. Cybi"
Holyhead, Anglesey
- 10 The "St. Andrew"
In reserve
- 11 The "North Foreland"
Margate, Kent
- 30 The "Greater London II"
Southend-on-Sea
- 31 The "Pentland"
In reserve
- 32 The "Charles Dibdin"
Walmer, Kent
- 33 The "Duke of Cornwall"
Lizard-Cadgwith, Cornwall
- 34 The "Joseph Soar"
St. David's, Pembrokeshire
- 35 The "Charles H. Barrett"
Clovelly
- 36 The "Eric Seal"
Eyemouth
- 37 The "Edward Bridges"
Torbay

The Fund contributes £5,000 per annum towards the maintenance of these boats and also refunds to the Royal National Life-Boat Institution the allowances on service paid to the crews.

The Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund

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The Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Report for 1975

The Council have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1975 of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund.

The total subscribed to the Fund during the calendar year 1975 was £57,046, a gratifying advance on the figures for previous years:

1970	£31,356
1971	£36,936
1972	£37,139
1973	£45,693
1974	£45,201

These figures have not been adjusted to take account of amounts carried over from adjacent years (for instance, the total for 1974 included money received early in that year as a result of the 1973 appeal and, at the other end, some money in the 1975 account in fact represented the tail end of the 1974 appeal). The use of the calendar year rather than the "appeal year" as a basis for the account enables a final figure to be available in time for the Annual Report and, we therefore propose to publish only figures compiled on this basis in the future; but Departments wishing to know the total received in response to a particular appeal can obtain full details from the Honorary Treasurer.

The annual payment to the Royal National Life-Boat Institution made in addition to our usual payments for maintenance and allowances on service, was £45,000; and this cleared the major part of the cost of our latest life-boat the "Edward Bridges". In addition, a number of good contributions received late in the year enabled us exceptionally to pay a further sum to the RNLI at the beginning of 1976, and this will be shown in the account for next year. It is understood that the payments made by the Fund to the RNLI represent by far the largest regular donation which that organisation receives, and the Assistant Director was moved to say, in acknowledgement of the main 1975 payment, that "the amount of the cheque was a wonderful surprise and a great encouragement to us".

Our new life-boat, the "Edward Bridges" (Civil Service and Post Office No. 37) is an Arun III Life-boat presented by the Fund to the RNLI to celebrate their 150th anniversary, it has been allocated to Brixham which is known as the Torbay Station.

The Fund was honoured by HRH the Duke of Kent, who accompanied by HRH the Duchess named the boat before a large number of our members and a great crowd of holiday makers. The naming day, 17th June, was cloudy, and, after the Duke had inspected a Guard of Honour of Scouts and Guides, he accepted the boat from the present Lord Bridges, who presented it on behalf of the Fund to the RNLI before it was named and handed over to the Torbay Committee and Crew for safe keeping.

After the ceremony, their Royal Highnesses boarded the "Edward Bridges" which put to sea to try her paces. She is a very fine boat and we should all be proud of her.

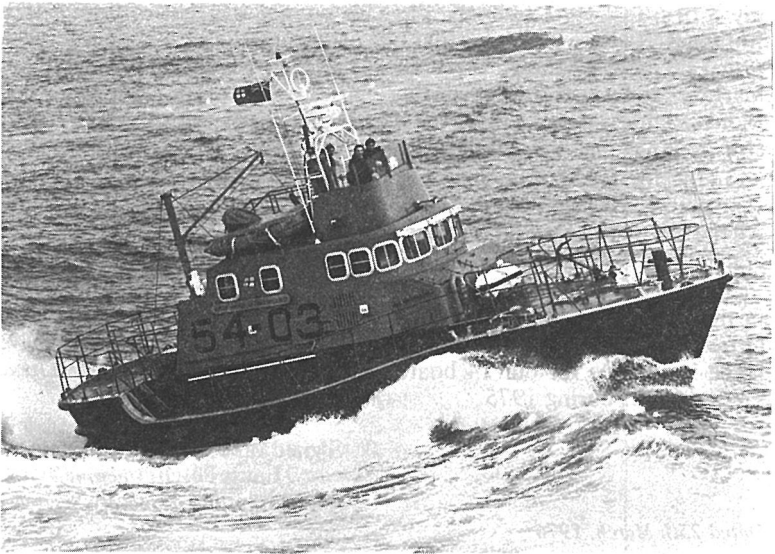
We had 14 conventional life-boats in service in 1975, and these are listed on the inside front cover of this report. A number of them are growing old, and the changing policy of the RNLI and the necessity for all boats to be self-righting by 1980 mean that four will be sold out of service very shortly and a fifth, the "North Foreland" (Civil Service No. 11) by 1980. The four to be sold are the "Princess Royal" (Civil Service No. 7), the "St. Andrew" (Civil Service No. 10), the "Lady Scott" (Civil Service No. 4) and the "Winston Churchill" (Civil Service No. 8) — though it is possible that the "Winston Churchill" will be preserved in one of the regional Maritime Museums in the North.

With the advent of faster life-boats the Institution's fleet of conventional life-boats is being reduced, as the faster boats from key stations can cover the coast more efficiently. At the same time, the Institution has developed cheaper Inshore Rescue Boats, which have proved to be very efficient in coping with the changing nature of the casualties encountered by the Life-Boat Service.

The Southend Station, one of the Fund's traditional stations where at present the "Greater London II" (Civil Service No. 30) operates, is being closed as a conventional station and the boat replaced by an Inshore Life-Boat, an "Atlantic 21". This is being purchased by the Fund following the approval of the Council at the 1975 Annual General Meeting, thus maintaining our connection with the Station, and the boat should go into service this year. The "Greater London II" is being reallocated to Beaumaris.

The "Atlantic 21" Inshore Life-Boat, a photograph of which appears in this report, was developed by the RNLI from a design originated at the Atlantic College, South Wales, to provide a small life-boat with increased speed and manoeuvrability in shallow waters. The boat is semi-inflatable, the rigid hull being made of glass reinforced plastic, divided into watertight compartments. The hulls are made by Halmatic Ltd. of Havant, and the fitting of inflatable tubes, engines, steering, self-righting gear and other equipment are carried out at the RNLI's Inshore Life-Boat base at East Cowes, Isle of Wight. The crew of 3 are seated on a console unit which contains radio, compass, controls, batteries and other equipment. The boat is designed to carry 25 survivors in a sitting position, although, if there are stretcher cases, the number would have to be very much reduced. In the event of the boat capsizing, a crew member activates a gas bottle which rapidly inflates the bag on the roll-bar assembly above the engines; within a few seconds she rolls upright and the engines may be restarted. The boat has an overall length of 22'9", a speed of 29 knots and a radius of 50 miles.

It has always been the aim of the Fund to provide effective and worthwhile support to the RNLI throughout the United Kingdom by the purchase and maintenance of conventional life-boats. With the changing policy, it is proposed over the years that the Fund should continue to maintain a fleet of conventional life-boats and build up a small fleet of,



Torbay Life-Boat - Arun Class



Atlantic 21 Inshore Life-Boat

say 5 or 6 Inshore Life-boats. We have bought the first of these latter. But the RNLI have suggested that our next purchase should be a conventional life-boat of the Rother Class to replace the "North Foreland" at Margate, and since this is another station with which we have a traditional connection we have agreed to this proposal — which will probably absorb our available funds for the next two years.

In the discussion of future purchasing policy, it is worth remembering that the printing and administration costs of the Fund are a mere 3.7%. All the balance is spent on the purchase of new boats and on maintenance and allowances to crews.

Finally, your Council wish again to place on record the dependence of the Fund's success on the Collectors in the Departments and the Post Office who give their time and effort throughout the years; they have made it possible for our 14 boats to be launched 96 times and to have saved 44 lives during 1975.

Signed on behalf of the Council
Louis Petch, *Chairman*
John Chapman, *Honorary Secretary*

Dated 25th March, 1976

The Record of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boats

during the year ended 31st December, 1975

Station	Life-Boat	Launches	Lives* rescued	Boats and Vessels saved
Blyth	"Winston Churchill" (Civil Service No. 8)	—	—	—
Clovelly	"Charles H. Barrett" (Civil Service No. 35)	20	4	—
Eyemouth	"Eric Seal" (Civil Service No. 36)	—	—	—
Holyhead	"St. Cybi" (Civil Service No. 9)	10	5	1
Lizard/Cadgwith	"Duke of Cornwall" (Civil Service No. 33)	4	—	—
Margate	"North Foreland" (Civil Service No. 11)	9	2	1
Portrush	"Lady Scott" (Civil Service No. 4)	6	—	—
St. Davids	"Joseph Soar" (Civil Service No. 34)	5	5	1
Southend-on-Sea	"Greater London II" (Civil Service No. 30)	6	12	3
Walmer	"Charles Dibden" (Civil Service No. 32)	5	—	—
Torbay	"Edward Bridges" (Civil Service No. 37)	23	16	3
Reserve	"St. Andrew" (Civil Service No. 10)	2	—	—
Reserve	"Princess Royal" (Civil Service No. 7)	3	—	—
Reserve	"Pentland" (Civil Service No. 31)	3	—	—
		96	44	9

This brings the total of lives rescued since the foundation of the Fund to 3,496.

* Lives are not claimed as "rescued" unless there is a strong probability that they would have been lost had no rescue been effected.

CIVIL SERVICE AND POST OFFICE
Receipts and Payments Account, 1975

RECEIPTS

1974		1975
£		£ p
10,112	Balance brought forward, 1st January 1975	10,011.45
45,176	Subscriptions	57,029.04
25	Legacies	17.95
835	Interest on No. 1 Deposit Account	929.63

£56,148

£67,988.07

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1975 with the books and vouchers. We have received all the information and explanations we have required. We certify that in our opinion it records correctly the transactions of the Civil Service and Post Office Life-Boat Fund for the year under review as disclosed by the books and in accordance with the information and explanations furnished to us.

15th January, 1976
 CANTERBURY

REEVES & NAYLAN
 Chartered Accountants

OFFICE LIFE-BOAT FUND
January 1975 to 31st December 1975

		PAYMENTS		1975		
1974	£		£	p	£	p
		<i>Payments to R.N.L.I.</i>				
	5,000	Maintenance of Civil Service Life-boats	5,000.00			
	1,223	Allowances on Service 1974	2,251.52			
	37,000	Advance payment for 'Civil Service No. 37'	45,000.00			
		New Fittings for C.S. Life-boat Stations	176.58			
	43,223				52,428.10	
		<i>Administrative Expenses</i>				
	1,238	Printing, Duplicating and Stationery	1,494.77			
	37	Postage	25.00			
	51	Travelling Expenses	—			
	5	Audit Fee	10.80			
	562	Provision of Office Accommodation etc.	600.00			
	8	Clerical Assistance	2.00			
	13	C.S. Sailing Association - Trophies	12.60			
	1,000	Retiring Honorarium	—			
	2,914				2,145.17	
		<i>Balances on 31st December 1975</i>				
		No. 1 Deposit Account	—			
	8,641	Current Account	12,143.13			
	1,238	Cheques in transit on 31st December 1975	1,138.55			
	115	Subscriptions, etc. received direct by R.N.L.I. in year ended 30th September 1975	114.70			
	17	Petty Cash	18.42			
	10,011				13,414.80	
	£56,148				£67,988.07	

(Signed) R. A. Brall, *Hon. Treasurer*
 (Signed) L. Petch, *Chairman*
 (Signed) R. C. Griffiths, *Deputy Chairman*

(Signed) J. W. Smart, *Member of Council*
 (Signed) J. R. Hopper, *Member of Council*

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM DEPOSITS WITH THE
 ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION**

		Receipts	Appropriations		
	£				£
30.12.70	70,000		Modifications o.n. 940 (C.S. 31)		18,000
29.12.71	30,000		o.n. 1026 (C.S. 36) (Funding complete)		81,864
29.12.72	30,000				
20.2.73	2,050	Sale of C.S. No. 6	o.n. 1037 (C.S. 37)		
			Total Cost	176,862	
31.12.73	38,000		Less: RNLI		
			Experimental work	572	
31.12.73	1,879	Interest		176,290	
23.12.74	37,000		Funded to 31/12/74		
			109,162		
31.12.74	97	Interest	Funded year to 31/12/75		
			45,000	154,162	154,162
30.12.75	45,000			22,128	
	254,026			154,162	154,162
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				45,000	45,000

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

Received during the year ended 31st December 1975
from the Departments listed below

	£
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of	1,089.08
Agricultural Research Council	270.91
British Museum (Natural History)	26.50
Cabinet Office	197.25
Central Office of Information	249.57
Charity Commission	48.26
Civil Service Department	373.15
Crown Estate Commission	37.00
HM Customs and Excise	3,531.29
Defence, Ministry of	7,599.35
Education and Science, Department of	381.60
Employment, Department of	3,304.67
Energy, Department of	108.06
Environment, Department of the	3,910.53
Exchequer and Audit Department	185.75
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	5.00
Friendly Societies Registry	16.00
Government Actuary's Department	8.00
Health and Social Security, Department of	9,165.87
Home Office	839.90
House of Lords	34.15
Industry, Department of	775.24
Inland Revenue Department	6,400.00
Land Registry, HM	245.78
Lord Chancellor's Office	1,002.40
National Debt Office	22.86
National Savings Department	569.60
Overseas Development, Ministry of	152.25
Population Censuses and Surveys, Office of	164.13
Post Office (excludes £8.00 received direct by RNLI)	10,592.93
Public Records Office	24.10
Public Trustee Office	57.00
Royal Courts of Justice, Admiralty Practitioners and Admiralty Registry, per the Admiralty Marshal	220.00
Royal Mint	17.99
Science Research Council	123.91
H.M.S.O.	454.84
Treasury Solicitor's Office	57.00
 Wales	
Welsh Office	142.90
Post Office	184.23
 Scotland	
Scottish Office	1,245.43
Scottish Records Office	9.00
Registers of Scotland, Department of	40.00
Post Office	58.00

CORRECTION TO 1974 ACCOUNT. It is regretted that in the Annual Report for 1974, the sum of £978.63 which had been donated by the Scottish Office was wrongly attributed to HM Exchequer, Scotland.

Northern Ireland									£
Commerce, Department of ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41.20
Education, Department of ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84.12
Exchequer and Audit Department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.17
Finance and Central Secretariat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	571.90
Health and Social Services, Department of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	612.72
Housing, Local Government and Planning, Department of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	631.85
Manpower Services, Department of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	268.20
Northern Ireland Commissioner of Complaints, Office of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.80
Northern Ireland Convention, Office of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.30
Postal and Telecommunications Branch	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	632.74

Special Contributions

Subscriptions received direct by RNLI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96.75
Anonymous donations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.45
Birtley ROF, Co. Durham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47.74
Major H. Chapman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.12
Civil Service Sailing Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.00
Miss O. Pappalardo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Price Commission Staff Party	11.50
Royal Air Force, Upavon	5.00

Legacies

Miss E. A. Close	17.95
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£57,046.99

Requests have been received from certain branches of the Contributing Offices to show separately the amounts collected by them. These amounts, which are stated below are included in the total of £57,046.99 shown in the Summary of Contributions received during the year ended 31st December, 1975.

									£
Post Office Data Processing Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	325.00
Aberdeen Telephone Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00

Royal Courts of Justice, Admiralty Practitioners and Admiralty Registry per the Admiralty Marshal:-

Mr. P. Bucknell, QC Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Mr. B. Sheen, QC Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.00
Bentleys, Stokes and Lawless	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.00
Crawley and de Reya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Clyde and Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.00
Constant and Constant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
Wm. A. Crump & Son	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Elborne, Mitchell & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.00
Hill, Dickinson & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Holman, Fenwick & Willan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Ince & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Ingledeew, Brown, Bennison & Garrett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Andrew M. Jackson & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Middleton, Lewis & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Sinclair, Roche & Temperley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Waltons & Morse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.00
Office Staff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.50
J. Franklin Willmer, QC Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.50
Thomas Cooper & Stubbard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00

The Civil Service Benevolent Fund

The Civil Service Benevolent Fund spent over £263,000 in 1975 helping more than 2,900 widows and dependants of civil servants, and nearly 1,300 sick and disabled civil servants.

The Fund is managed by a Committee of serving civil servants helped by over 5,000 voluntary representatives and 100 local committees in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Are YOU helping? You can do so by simply completing a form authorising the deduction of only a few pence each week from your pay. Forms can be obtained from the Fund's local representatives or direct from the Civil Service Benevolent Fund, Watermead House, Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey.

THE ROWLAND HILL MEMORIAL AND BENEVOLENT FUND

THE ROWLAND HILL BENEVOLENT FUND exists to relieve distress of Post Office operational staff and their dependants. In 1974/75 almost 1,000 individuals were assisted by means of free grants or interest-free loans. The majority of these were the widows of former Post Office staff whose only income was that provided by the Department of Health and Social Security. The assistance that the RHBF can give in these cases make quite a difference to their happiness and comfort. In addition, the fund is now able to assist Post Office pensioners to obtain sheltered accommodation.

WILL YOU HELP to provide the cash to enable the RHBF to continue to do its job? There are many former colleagues or their dependants who are much worse off than you are. A subscription of a few pence per week is all that is required. Subscribers' forms can be obtained from your local Post Office, RHBF representative or direct from the Secretary Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, Room 305, Armour House, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, EC1A 1AR. Individual donations are also welcome.

The Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society

Patron : Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

CANCER TREATMENT . . . Operation fees paid and hospital charges met in accordance with the Rules. Fees and charges in excess may be authorised. Domestic expenses defrayed.

TUBERCULOSIS and RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES . . . The Society provides treatment at its modern chest hospital at Benenden, Kent, and its Children's Unit at Seaford, Sussex.

SPECIALIST'S CONSULTATION FREE

HEART CONSULTATIONS FREE

TRAVELLING AS NECESSARY FREE

EARLY TREATMENT essential

BENEFIT FREE after 6 months in the Society

SUBSCRIPTIONS deducted from pay

ENROLMENT is open to **EVERYONE** under 60 in the Post Office and in the Civil Service.

The Society brings the best possible treatment within the reach of all staff at small cost. Wives/Husbands, Children and Dependents may be enrolled if under 60 years of age.

For further particulars about the Society and as a measure of precaution, write to the Secretary at 63 Catherine Place, London, SW1E 6HE. Telephone 01-834-5022.