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## Ex-lifeboat rally in Fowey.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June Fowey will be home to several ex-lifeboats, all of which have seen active service for the RNLI at various stations around the country.

The boats will be moored at Berrils yard near Fowey's present RNLI lifeboat the '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*', and will be open to the public between 11.00am and 4.00pm. At the top of the pontoon there will be a barbeque and refreshments, a National Coastwatch Institution display, RNLI crewmembers and Sea Safety representatives.

In addition to the lifeboats, at noon and 2.00pm there will be flare demonstrations by the RNLI Sea Safety Team.

We are hoping to have as many as ten ex-lifeboats for the rally however this will be weather dependant for their journeys to Fowey. One ex-lifeboat planning to make the journey is the '*Michael Stevens*', which was involved in the Dunkirk evacuations. Weather permitting a trip on one of the ex-lifeboats in the harbour will be available.

At 4.30pm there will be a procession of all of the Ex-Lifeboats through Fowey Harbour which can be seen from Town Quay.

Fowey RNLI would like to thank Fowey Harbour Commissioners for facilitating the day and Watson Fuel Suppliers for kindly donating 1 cubic metre of fuel for the ex-lifeboats.

For more information on Fowey RNLI lifeboats and details of any recent shouts log on to: [www.foweylifeboat.co.uk](http://www.foweylifeboat.co.uk)

### Notes to Editors

- On average it costs £5,800 to launch an all weather lifeboat, such as the *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* and £2,200 to launch an inshore lifeboat like the *Olive Two*.
- For more information on the Fowey RNLI lifeboats, the Trent class *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* and the D class *Olive Two*, please visit the station website at [www.foweylifeboat.co.uk](http://www.foweylifeboat.co.uk)

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**Key facts about the RNLI**

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 100 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.