

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Fowey RNLI in-shore lifeboat with 3 volunteer crewmembers launched at 5pm on 22 February 2013 to two boys cut off by the tide at Carlyon Bay who were soaked and had been on rocks for 45 minutes.

Within seven minutes of the pagers sounding, the ILB (in-shore lifeboat) D-class *Olive Two* had a full crew and were ready to set off to find the 14 and 15 year old lads stranded by the rising tide. They were wet and had scrambled onto rocks just below the Carlyon Bay hotel. The weather was 7 degrees in an easterly wind blowing directly on-shore.

Co-ordinating with the local Coastguards, the volunteer RNLI crewmembers had to land at a beach close by due to the strength of the waves and assist the casualties to the lifeboat. There they wrapped the lads in a windproof and balaclavas and took them as quickly as possible to Charlestown to await an ambulance. On arrival at Charlestown they asked to shelter the lads in the Pier House Hotel as they were worryingly cold. The staff of the Pier House Hotel offered hot drinks and a room with a fire.

This was the first shout for Pete Alford who said "It really makes all the training worth while." The three crewmembers who are all unpaid volunteers for the RNLI Charity were two local builder/decorators, Jan Philp and Pete Alford, and Tim Stables who is a tree surgeon. Nine other members of the crew arrived at the lifeboat station to help with the launch and in case the all-weather lifeboat Trent class *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* was required.

The ILB returned to station at 6.30pm and was made ready for service.

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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 160 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 139,000 lives.

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