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to face 10m
waves, in the
pitch dark and
freezing cold

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Explore, Discover or Observe the RNLI

The RNLI is a charity that provides a 24-hour lifesaving service around the UK and Republic of Ireland. Our lifeboat service in the UK receives no Government funding. As a charity, the RNLI relies on your support to carry on saving lives at sea.

The RNLI has over 230 stations around the coast of the UK and Republic of Ireland. These are split into three levels - **Explore**, **Discover** and **Observe**. Our Explore category stations offer you the best opportunities to enjoy the station and lifeboats close at hand, all free of charge. Subject to operational requirements, you can go inside and look around the station.

Our crews from Discover and Observe stations are equally welcoming to visitors as those at Explore stations. However these lifeboat stations were often built before visitors were considered. Discover stations normally open their boathouse doors during the summer months while Observe stations are often in more inaccessible places. Both are situated in stunning locations so you can enjoy exploring the local area.



KEY TO STATIONS

- EXPLORE (Yellow circle)
- DISCOVER (Red circle)
- OBSERVE (Orange circle)
- MUSEUM (Green circle)



Come visit us

Explore Seahouses Lifeboat Station



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Where to find us



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Seahouses Harbour Hill

EXPLORE STATION

Open: 9am–dusk daily

Directions: Near the War Memorial in town

Contact for group visits: John Harvey

Tel: 01665 720370

Shop open: Mar–Oct

Shop tel: 01665 721604

Web: www.seahouseslifeboat.org.uk



Shop / Souvenirs



Maximum Group Numbers

Our history

The station is perhaps most famous for its connection with Grace Darling, as it is the nearest operational lifeboat station to Longstone Lighthouse. The crew from Seahouses made an attempt to rescue the survivors of the steamship *Forfarshire* that had been wrecked in 1838 on the Farne Islands, but they had already been rescued by William and Grace Darling, who had set out from Longstone Lighthouse. The heroism and short life of Grace Darling is illustrated in the RNLI Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh.

A new boathouse was built in 1991 to house the current Mersey class lifeboat *Grace Darling*, named after the heroine, with its tractor and carriage. It also accommodates the station's D class lifeboat and shop.

Since the station was established in 1827, four Gallantry Medals have been awarded, three Silver and one Bronze, the last in 1959.



Our lifeboats

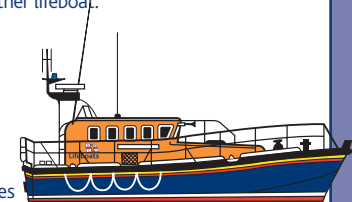
Grace Darling ON-1173 (12-16)

Mersey class lifeboat

The Mersey class all weather lifeboat has protected propellers and is relatively lightweight, which make it suitable for carriage launching, although it is capable of operating from slipways and may also lie afloat at berths. A small manually launched inflatable X boat is carried on board. This is used to assist in rescuing casualties and can be rowed into locations inaccessible to the all weather lifeboat.

Specification

Length:	12m
Speed:	16 knots
Range:	140 nautical miles
Launch method:	Carriage, slipway or moored afloat
Crew:	6
Introduced:	1988
Cost to replace:	£1.2M–£2M



Peter Downes D-686

D class lifeboat (IB 1)

The D class is the most numerous of the inshore fleet and was introduced in 1963 as the first inflatable lifeboat. Fast, light and with very shallow draught, it can respond rapidly and work in very shallow and confined waters. It is an ideal lifeboat for rescues close to shore in fair-to-moderate conditions in both daylight and darkness. It has a single outboard engine and can be launched from special trolleys or even manually.

Specification

Length:	5m
Speed:	25 knots
Endurance:	3 hours at maximum speed
Launch method:	Trolley
Crew:	2/3
Introduced:	1963
Cost to replace:	£29,000



Although our buildings are designed primarily for operational purposes, the RNLI is striving to provide disabled access at its stations wherever possible. However, at present, access levels vary considerably so please contact each station directly to ensure that access, appropriate to your needs, is available.