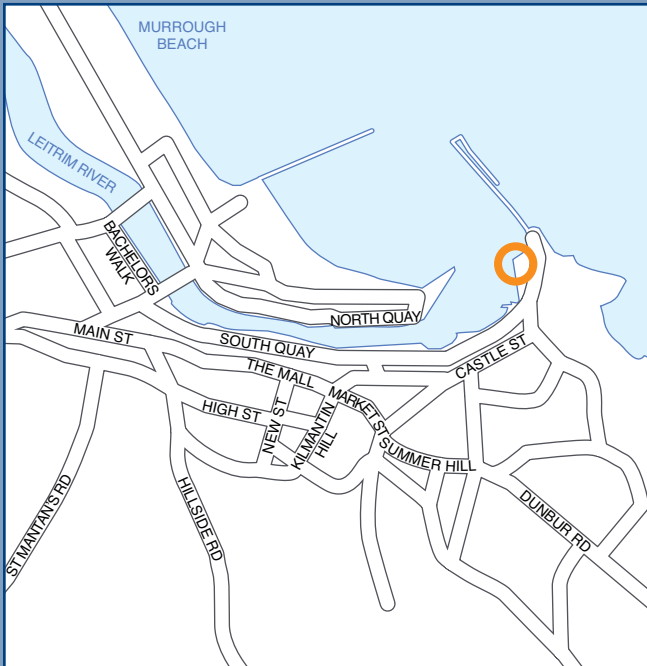


Where to find us



Wicklow East Pier, South Quay

EXPLORE STATION

Open: 9am–4pm daily

Directions: From the main street turn left in to Bridge Tavern on to south quay and then to the pier

Contact: Brendan Copeland

Tel: 040 467163

Shop open: May–Oct 1pm–5pm Sun also for pre-booked visits

Shop tel: 086 3250281

Web: www.wicklowlifeboat.com

Don't miss: Crew training – alternate Fri evenings and Sun mornings



Parking



Maximum Group Numbers



Shop

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.

Our history

Wicklow's long tradition of heroism and rescue at sea has been established since the early 1800s. The first RNLI lifeboat, *Dauntless*, was a 10m rowing boat stationed at Wicklow in 1857. The station's first motor lifeboat arrived at the station in 1911 and this was also the first motor lifeboat in Ireland.

The present lifeboat, the Tyne class, arrived in 1989 after the original boathouse, built in 1887, had been adapted and the slipway extended. In 1995 Wicklow station was also established as an inshore lifeboat station. Three years later an extension to the boathouse was built to accommodate the D class.

During the station's history, three Medals have been awarded for Gallantry – two Silver and one Bronze.



Our lifeboats

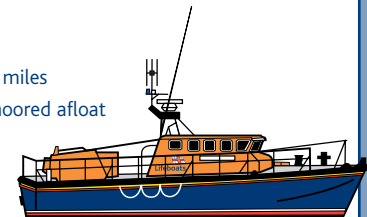
Annie Blaker ON-1153 (47-035)

Tyne class lifeboat

The Tyne class all weather lifeboat, introduced in 1982, is the RNLI's main slipway-launched lifeboat. She has a compact superstructure and her steel hull and fully protected propellers take into account the stresses and strains of slipway launching. A number of these lifeboats also lie afloat. 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: 14.3m
Speed: 18 knots
Range: 240 nautical miles
Launch method: Slipway or moored afloat
Crew: 6
Introduced: 1982
Cost to replace: €2.97M



Sheringham Shantymen D-671

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: €34,100

