



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

Please can you volunteer €28 to help him?

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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
- DISCOVER
- OBSERVE
- MUSEUM



Come visit us

Explore Courtmacsherry Harbour Lifeboat Station



Nicholas Leach



Train one, save many

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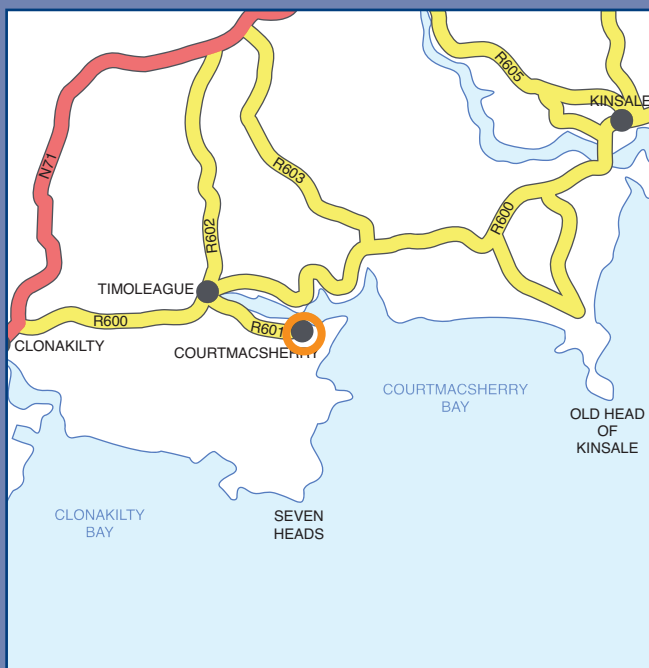
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Lifeboats

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Where to find us



Courtmacsherry Bandon

EXPLORE STATION

Open: 10am–4pm Mon–Fri; weekends by appointment

Directions: The boathouse is located in the centre of the village

Contact: Sean O’Farrell

Tel: 023 46600

Contact for group visits: Gerry Turner

Tel: 023 40584

Don’t miss: Crew training – first two Mon and last two Fri each month at 7pm



Parking



40 Maximum Group Numbers

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

Lifeboats have been stationed at Courtmacsherry Harbour since 1825, although the station was temporarily closed for 15 months in 1928 - 1929 due to crew shortages.

In 1979, a former relief lifeboat, stationed at Courtmacsherry Harbour, was the second of 13 lifeboats launched to assist those in difficulties during the notorious 1979 Fastnet race. The crew were at sea for nearly 22 hours. A special framed certificate, for display at the station, was presented to the Coxswain and crew in recognition of their efforts during this dramatic service.

In 1998, a new shore facility was built, finished in natural stonework, on the site of the old boathouse.

Six Gallantry Medals have been awarded, one Gold, four Silver and one Bronze, the last being in 1998.



Our lifeboats

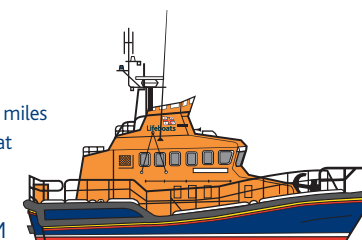
Frederick Storey Cockburn ON-1205 (14-07)

Trent class lifeboat

Trent class all weather lifeboats are allocated to lifeboat stations where they can lie afloat and are similar in design to the Severn class, though at 14m they are smaller and have a shallower draught. The Trent class has substantial side keels that protect the propellers so they can work in shallow water. A small XP boat is carried deflated on board and has a rigid 'rollaway deck' for ease of stowage. Having an inflatable keel and powered by a 5hp outboard motor, it can be launched from the Trent class lifeboat to assist in rescuing casualties in locations inaccessible to the all weather lifeboat.

Specification

- Length:** 14m
- Speed:** 25 knots
- Range:** 250 nautical miles
- Launch method:** Moored afloat
- Crew:** 6
- Introduced:** 1994
- Cost to replace:** €1.7M–2.9M



The lifeboat fleet



Severn class



Tamar class



Arun class



Trent class



Tyne class



Mersey class



E class



B class



D class



Hovercraft