



We would like to introduce our new newsletter to keep you abreast of all that is happening at Poole Lifeboat station. You may hear and read about our 'Shouts', what happens on the water, however, we would like to keep connected, keep you informed of all the 'action' around the station and from our 'Lifeboat family'.



POOLE RNLI - LIFEBOAT MANAGEMENT GROUP

'SUPPORT PEOPLE AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS'

What is the Poole RNLI Lifeboat Management Group (LMG)?

The LMG is the forum which coordinates activities at Poole Lifeboat station and maintains links between the lifeboat station and the local community. The LMG is composed of the leaders of the specialist teams which deliver those activities, the teams comprise of representatives from all strands of the Lifeboat Team

Operations Matt Thomas & Helen Gilchrist **Treasurer** Oli Mallinson

Lifeboat Press officer Anne-Marie Clark **Visits Team** Phil & Carol Cox

Museum Dave Corke **RNLI Area Lifesaving Manager** Seb Pinkard

Water safety - Chris Holloway **Crew Representative** Suzie Jupp

RNLI Community Manager - Stephen Bennett **RNLI Lifeguard Supervisor** Kester Sheppard

Fundraising Chairs Lynn Malcolm and Steve Phillips **Station Administrator** Lizz Parry

LMG Chair Paul Thompson



STATION ACTIVITY

The launch numbers as we write are at 75, which is slightly busier than 2022 with an increase in more serious incidents, boat fires, jet ski fire, persons in the water and SUP's (Stand Up Paddle Boards). A life saved in February, has been officially acknowledged. There has been an intake of boat crew and some new shore crew to assist with launch and recoveries. The station is busy with training for both the newer crew and the OCF (Operational Competency Framework) for the substantive crew and getting ready for Open Day on August 6 and to next year, the RNLI 200th birthday



FUNDRAISING AND VISITS

Fundraising events and visits to the station have been going well this year and there is a new RNLI '1st Wednesday of the month' quiz hosted by the **Shah of Persia**, everyone is welcome. It was acknowledged that there is a shortage of volunteers, and issues with recruitment and retention. This appears to be a problem across the organisation, with the singular exception of operations. Paul Thompson, the new Chairman has agreed to look into this and it will be discussed at the next LMG meeting in September 2023. If you have any ideas or thoughts on recruitment please contact Paul - Paul.Thompson@rnli.org.uk

WATER SAFETY

The team have had another busy year with lots of Lifejacket clinics around the Yacht clubs and marina's. Some of the lifejackets the team have inspected have been found to be in some terrible states.

At one club the team checked over 125 in one day.

SUP recently released RNLI stats show a 155% increase in lifeguard incidents and 20% increase in lifeboat rescues.

Please encourage paddleboarders to:

Wear a buoyancy aid, Carry a phone in a waterproof pouch

Wear the correct leash, Avoid offshore winds

It's also good to have some knowledge of recovery skills and label your board with your contact details, just in case you get separated from your board and it washes up ashore.

Check and monitor the weather. Please stay safe, please don't take the risks,

