

## Commodore Jake Moores OBE DL

Jake Moores has been Chairman of the Dart RNLI Management team since he took over the role from Rear Admiral Robin Shiffner in December 2013. Robin became a friend and mentor to Jake during the latter's time as Commodore of Britannia Royal Naval College from September 2008 and so it appeared to be a natural progression to also hand on the role of Dart RNLI Chairman.

Jake, as Commodore, was responsible for the Initial Officer Training for the Royal Navy for two and a half years. His wife, Julie, left her post as Deputy Head of Port Regis Co-ed Preparatory School in Dorset to set up their new home in Dartmouth.

His earliest contact with the RNLI was when he was in the Naval Combined Cadet Force at Rossall School. When he was sixteen he was taken to sea on the RNLI Fleetwood all weather lifeboat and performed a 'man overboard' exercise. It was his experience with the Naval CCF that inspired him to choose the Royal Navy as a career and after experiencing life on board HMS Odin he was determined to join the submarine services. He served on the hunter killer Swiftsure Class, was Public Relations Officer on HMS Conqueror during the Falklands War and was the first Captain of the refitted,



Photo by Craig Keating, BRNC Photographer

Jake Moores and Fiona Bruce photographed during the *Antiques Roadshow* at BRNC

nuclear armed, *HMS Vanguard*. He oversaw her work up to full operational capability and test fired an unarmed Trident missile off the East coast of the United States before commanding her on her first operational patrol. Following his time at BRNC he commanded the Faslane flotilla, where the British nuclear fleet is currently based, before becoming Head of the Royal Navy ships and submarines in the South West, based at HMS Drake.

His philosophy since leaving the Royal Navy in April 2013 has been to work with Companies and organisations which help people who have problems in their lives. Earlier this year he became Devon President for the Royal British Legion, although his position is mostly ceremonial, and joined the Exeter based Family Law Company as Chief Operating Officer. The law firm deals with children in trouble as well as the victims of domestic violence.

His experience in the Royal Navy has led to him becoming the Vice Chairman of the Leaders Club and Honorary Professor

of Leadership at Plymouth University. The Leadership Club brings together senior leaders and those who will be the leaders of the future, to develop their leadership skills.

He has not lost his contacts with the BRNC and is a Trustee of the Britannia Association whose aim is to provide items, such a gigs and Hawke day boats that the public purse cannot provide.



"I have been a keen supporter of the RNLI throughout my thirty seven years in the Service; for obvious reasons" he said. "I hope to lead the Lifeboat Management Team to continue the excellent work of those who started the RNLI in Dartmouth and to have a professional, ongoing, expanding role in our aim of saving lives at sea."

Having proven expertise in Strategic Leadership and Thinking, Diplomacy, Change Management, Maritime Operations and Crisis Management who could be better suited to be our Chairman?



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# Launches since April 2014

No.	Date	Assisted	Location / Search area.	Description	
205	12/04/14 Saturday 10:29am	5 adults	Flat Owers Dittisham River Dart	<b>Racing skiff stranded on Flat Owers.</b> A rowing skiff was making its way from Totnes to the start of the Head of the River race in Dartmouth. They went aground on the Flat Owers mud bank. When the lifeboat reached the scene they could not get to the boat due to the lack of water but made verbal contact to ensure that they were OK. The lifeboat remained on scene until the skiff refloated and then escorted them back to Dartmouth where they were checked by the St John's Ambulance team.	
210	19/05/14 Monday 12:57pm	2 adults	Coombe point Start Bay	<b>Two in Dory rescued 20 feet from rocks.</b> The dory was swamped when they had attempted to land at Hallsands beach. On their return to Dartmouth the engine cut out when they were 20 feet from the rocks at Coombe Point. They used VHF to contact the Coastguard who requested the Dart lifeboat to launch. The two boatmen were very cold and wet from their immersion at Hallsands. They were towed back to Dartmouth Higher ferry slip where the lifeboat crew were joined by the RNLI launch crew and the dory was recovered to its trailer. The boatmen were taken to the lifeboat station for a hot drink	
212	08/06/14 Sunday 10:52am	2 adults	1.6 miles south of Blackpool Sands. Start Bay	<b>Mayday from dismasted yacht. Three lifeboats respond.</b> Dart inshore lifeboat was training on the Dart when they responded to a Mayday call from a dismasted 31ft yacht with two on board. A crewman was put on board to assess the condition of the sailors and their boat. The lifeboat helmsman then used the lifeboat to turn the yacht into the wind. Torbay all weather Severn class lifeboat had been on exercise in Lyme Bay and arrived 10 minutes later. Two of the Torbay crew were transported to the yacht and the mast and rigging were cleared ready for towing by the Salcombe all weather Tamar class lifeboat back to Salcombe.	
214	15/07/14 Tuesday 1:22pm	3 adults	Leonards Cove Start Bay	<b>Cygnus DS 25 drifting on to rocks.</b> A 25 ft. fishing boat with three on board developed engine failure in Leonards Cove and was drifting towards rocks in spite of attempting to anchor. One of their crew went overboard to swim the boat off the rocks. They radioed for help and the Coastguard tasked the lifeboat to assist. The inshore lifeboat towed them back to their mooring at Warfleet creek.	

A full account of all launches, with photographs, video if available and positional maps, can be found on the Dart RNLI station web site whose address is at the foot of the page.

**You can receive a Tweet when we launch, followed by details of the call out as it unfolds.**

Details of our last two hundred and fifteen launches, recent and forthcoming events, a photo gallery as well as details of the team members can be found on the local RNLI web site. Notices are also posted on the Notice Boards on the outside the Lifeboat Station and in front of the toilets on the North Embankment.

# The *Henry Finlay*

You may have noticed an old ex-RNLI lifeboat lying off the North Embankment in Dartmouth. This is the *Henry Finlay* and she is a thirty-five foot, self-righting, sailing and rowing lifeboat that was built for the RNLI at the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company yard at Blackwall in 1911 with the official number 618. What follows is a brief history of her life so far:

On December 29th 1908 at Tangtivil, on the north-west coast of the Mull of Kintyre, the 120 foot Fleetwood trawler *Albany* was driven ashore and started to break up. The Campbeltown lifeboat crew from the south-east battled their way through the snowdrifts on the desolate high moor that separates the two coasts of the Mull and finally on New Year's Day 1909 they were able to get a line to the crew of ten who had desperately clung to the remains of the *Albany* as she broke up beneath them. All ten crew were safely hauled ashore but the incident was the culmination of a series that prompted the RNLI to build a new Station at Machrihanish. The station, with the new lifeboat, the *Henry Finlay*, was opened in 1912.

The *Henry Finlay* was at Machrihanish until the station was closed in 1931. It was felt at that time that the *City of Glasgow*, the new motorized lifeboat at Campbeltown could cover the area. The *Henry Finlay* was the first and the last lifeboat to be stationed there: In the 18 years that the station was open there was never a

launch to a casualty.

The *Henry Finlay* was towed to Ardrossan by the *City of Glasgow* and was transported by rail to Teignmouth in Devon where she was stationed until the war years and saved two lives during this period.

In 1945 the *Henry Finlay* was sold out of the RNLI for £200, gained an engine and became the trip boat *Teignmouth Belle*. She plied this trade, latterly as the *Henrietta*, until 2008.

In 2008 the *Henrietta* was purchased by Peter Lucas of Kingswear who commenced an extensive programme of repairs and renovations. This work was completed by Alister Harbord of Stoke Fleming and finally in 2012 she was re-launched.



Alister Harbord Vice Chairman Dartmouth Yacht Club



The *Henry Finlay* at Dartmouth Regatta

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# RNLI Coastal Safety Update

The stated aim of the RNLI, since its inception in 1824, is to “Save lives at sea.” A closer look at last year’s figures show that out of the 8304 lifeboat launches 55% were to marine vessels but 45% were to people engaged in shore activities. 325 lives were saved and the RNLI lifeguards saved a further 100 making a total of 425. However in the same year there were 408 deaths by drowning in both coastal and inland waters. The size of the problem is remarkable if it is related to other causes of death.

Cyclist’s deaths	118
Drink driving deaths Quite recently this figure was over 1000	290
Deaths in house fires	306
Motorcyclist’s deaths	328
Death by drowning (inland & coastal)	408

The RNLI is developing a new strategy and aims to reduce the number of lives lost by drowning in the UK and the Republic of Ireland by 50% over the next ten years. Research has already begun. Analysis of accidental coastal deaths per annum for the years 2006 – 2009, separated into different activities, have thrown up some surprising findings. Angling 18%, Walking 17%, Swimming 15%, Sub Aqua diving 14%, Commercial Fishing 13% and Sailing 12.5% make up over 90% of the deaths. Canoeing and kayaking only account for 5% and half of these were in Scotland. Coastal fatalities are predominantly in men aged 36 to 60.

### The Recent Past.

The RNLI has been addressing marine safety and currently continues to provide Lifejacket Clinics and presentations linked to the “Useless unless Worn” campaign, Lifejacket lockers in Ports, Sea Safety checks and presentations at Marinas and

Yacht Clubs as well as to commercial fishermen. The RNLI Education volunteers and Lifeguards teach Beach Safety, predominantly to children of Primary school age. Presentations aimed at the older students include the dangers of Tombstoning, the dangers of mixing alcohol with water and the effects of Peer to Peer pressure.

### The Present.

In addition to these activities research is continuing on Audience Profiling. Nineteen key risk activities have been identified. They include groups such as Anglers and coastal walkers where the RNLI has not been involved in safety awareness programmes.

New programmes have started including the “Respect the Water” campaign and Swim Safe events this summer at Bude, Bournemouth and South Shields, aimed at children aged 7 – 14 and run by Amateur



Photo by Nigel Millard

Swimming Association instructors and RNLI Lifeguards. (See the [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk) web site.) Other initiatives include training Angling shop staff to be RNLI Angling Ambassadors and trialling a "traffic light" system to reduce 'cut off by tide' incidents.



Photo by Skye Brackpool

**RNLI Respect the Water campaign**

Nine RNLI Community Incident Reduction Managers have been appointed supported by the central RNLI Coastal Safety Dept. Keith Colwell is the CIRM for our English Channel Division and James Millidge covers the S.W. Division.

**The Future.**

The aim is to produce Community Safety Action Plans based around RNLI SAR units; lifeboat or lifeguard. Nine pilots are in progress. There will be a new role at lifeboat stations – a Coastal Safety Officer, replacing the Lifeboat Sea Safety Officer's position. As part of the Ops team they will be the focus of coastal advice and lead the implementation of the plan as well as supporting existing prevention services. The Lifeboat Station or Lifeguard unit will be central to saving lives at sea in every way possible. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive reactive/pro-active service that reduces the risks not only to the public, but also to our lifeboat crews and lifeguards.



Photo by Rod Kirkpatrick

Practical advice from the RNLI Sea Safety team



Photo by Nathan Williams

Tombstoning at Tenby



Photo by Nathan Williams

A crewman on the Gerry Anne C out of Brixham

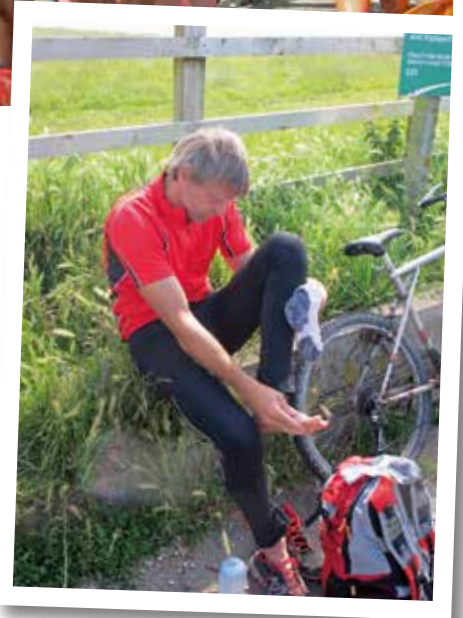


(Left to right) Yorkie Lomas, Kev Murphy, Jamie Mathys, Dean Nettleton, Kev John, Steve Wallis, Ewen Menzies and Buster Hart

## Dart lifeboat crew Triathlon

Eight of the crew joined in fundraising for the RNLI on Sunday 6 July by taking part in the RNLI Dart Lifeboat 2014 Triathlon challenge. The runners set off from Kingswear to run the 10 miles to Berry Head along the coastal path. Their running time was 2 hours 16 minutes. They climbed 2374 feet and each burnt off 2000 calories. They were so fast that they beat the vehicle-based back up team to Mansands.

At Berry Head they mounted their bikes for the 10.5 mile cycle to the Totnes Boating Association at Steamer Quay. Their cycling time was 1 hour 8 minutes. The last stage was accomplished by paddling down the Dart on kayaks lent by the Dartmouth Yacht Club. The distance was 8.2 miles with a re-hydration stop at the Ferry Boat Inn at Dittisham. The crowd listening to the band on the foreshore






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### Dart Lifeboat Station

Coronation Park, North Embankment

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Please do not ring this number if you think a launch is in progress.

**Do you have an idea for a future article? Please send your views to John Fenton using the 'Contact Us' facility on the web site.**

## Future Events

### Dart RNLI Lifeboat "Week"

1 to 8 August

Friday 1 August

**Dartmouth RNLI Flag day.**

If you can help please contact Jo Escott 01803 834296

Thursday 7 August

**RNLI Fete in Royal Avenue Gardens.**

10am to 4pm

Live music, fairground games, stalls, refreshments and the D Class lifeboat with Thomas the Tractor.

If you can help with setting up or running a stall please contact Ed Featherstone 835328

He needs Cakes, Plants, Books & DVDs

Sunday 10 August

**Deep Sea Angling on Outlaw of Dartmouth & Saltwind of Dart**

Contact Owen Mallia for details & booking information

on 01803 832897 or 07891 498023 or [owen@outlawcharters.co.uk](mailto:owen@outlawcharters.co.uk)

Saturday 16 August

**RNLI Vehicle Gathering.**

Coronation Park, Dartmouth

Vintage cars, tractors, RNLI goods and craft stalls

Details will be on Posters and our web site. Entry forms from Simon Amphlett 07597 180799

**Dartmouth Regatta.**

Thurs 28, Fri. 29 & Sat. 30 August.

Lifeboat Station open on Coronation Park.

See the lifeboat & RNLI goods on sale 10am to 4pm.

Wednesday 15 October

**Talk by Captain Henry Duffy the Captain of BRNC**

Dartmouth Yacht Club 7.30pm

Tickets £5 from Yorkshire Building Society, DYC and on the door.

Further information on all these future events and reports of past events can be found on the Events section of the station web site.

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## RNLI Lifeguard cover in the South Hams

Last year our local RNLI lifeguards saved 8 lives and recued 120 people. They carried out major First Aid on seventy five occasions and gave 4263 beach safety education talks.

### RNLI lifeguard cover this year

Full Season

03 May – 28 Sept

Bantham & Sedgwell Cove

Main Season

17 May – 28 Sept

Bantham, Sedgwell Cove &

Challaborough

Peak Season

05 July – 09 Sept

Burgh Island, Blackpool Sands

& Slapton Sands



Blackpool Sands

Photo by John Fenton

**If there is no flag there is no lifeguard on duty.**