

# DART TALES

Lifeboats

## NEWS FROM THE RNLI LIFEBOAT TEAM IN DARTMOUTH

**WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU**  
You can count on the RNLI in an emergency. But we can help you avoid getting into trouble in the first place too. Take advantage of our free safety advice.

### SAFETY

Heading down to the coast or out on the water is a great way to have fun and stay active. But, if you're not careful, it's a lot easier to get into trouble in the water than you might think. Conditions can change quickly and, if you're not prepared, you can easily get caught out.

The RNLI are sea safety experts. We've collected together all our advice in one place, so you can find the information you need to make the most out of your time at the coast. Whether you're going to the beach, exploring the coast, or venturing out onto the water, we have the sea safety advice to help you stay safe.

We've put together a comprehensive guide to coastal safety, so you know what dangers to look out for when you head to the coast. Thinking of going kayaking? Angling? Surfing? Our sea safety experts have created activity guides covering a whole range of water sports and hobbies, so you can prepare yourself properly for the challenges of your chosen activity. There's even advice for your dog!

For those after more detailed advice on sea safety, we've also created some specialist sessions that provide in-depth guidance and cover a range of safety topics

If you would like to know more, contact Phil Key on 07968 747156 or John Yunnie on 07768 007365

### ADVICE ONBOARD

Regardless of your boating experience, when it comes to safety, you'll want to keep up to date with the latest equipment and procedures. Take advantage of Advice Onboard – free, independent advice from highly trained RNLI volunteers.



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We'll visit you on your boat to give you practical suggestions about how to improve the safety of your boat and its equipment. We'll work through your boat from stem to stern, giving you all the detail you need. If you have any safety-related questions, we'll answer those too – anything from anchors to engines. You'll even get a summary of the main points to take away with you.

### LIFEJACKET CLINICS

Your lifejacket may save your life one day, but only if you maintain it



properly. If your lifejacket is faulty, all you're wearing is a dead weight.

At our free lifejacket clinics, specially trained RNLI volunteers will show you how to maintain your lifejacket to keep it fully functioning. They'll show you how to check it for wear and tear and do simple maintenance tasks like replacing gas bottles and firing heads. At one of our recent clinics, we found 80% of lifejackets had faults, and many had serious defects.

Don't wait till you're in trouble to find out your lifejacket is not working properly. Find out where your nearest lifejacket clinic is by registering your interest today.

### SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Are you part of a water sports or yacht club? Looking for advice on safety procedures and equipment for club members? Our safety presentations are delivered by experienced and highly trained RNLI volunteers. They cover everything from man overboard equipment to calling for help.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED:** **VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISOR – DARTMOUTH**

**This role will help us save lives at sea by promoting RNLI community safety messages to local target audiences in the RNLI's bid to reduce the number of preventable deaths and incidents that occur within the local coast and inland waterway environment**

Community safety fulfils one of the four strands of the RNLI's concept of operations, saving lives at sea by providing free education and advice and facilitating other interventions through Community Lifesaving Plans.

The Community Safety Adviser is a public facing role as you will be going out into the community

and delivering the RNLI community safety advice directly to members of the community. Whilst other members of the team will be designing the Community Lifesaving Plan which is aimed at reducing fatalities and serious incidents, and targeting particular 'at risk' groups, we are asking for advisers to provide that face-to-face intervention.

This is a great role for somebody who has good communication and people skills and possibly some experience of public speaking but if not, the desire to gain some skills and/or confidence in this area. The ability to interact within a team will be important and, whilst it would be desirable to have some

knowledge of coastal activity, this is by no means a requirement to be considered for this role.

If you would like to join a friendly, dedicated and motivated team and fit the criteria above or, have some of the required skills and would like to develop further in this area, we would like to hear from you. Training will be provided to ensure a full knowledge of the RNLI and in particular the work of the Community Safety Team.

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**Please contact Phil Key, RNLI Community Safety Officer, Dartmouth, if you would like to know more about this role.**  
**Mobile 07968 747156.**



News, details of launches, photographs and videos can be found on the Dart station website. [www.dartlifeboat.org.uk](http://www.dartlifeboat.org.uk) or the station Facebook page [www.facebook.com/dartrnllilifeboat](http://www.facebook.com/dartrnllilifeboat)

*Phil Key RNLI Dartmouth Community Safety Officer*



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