



Lyme Regis & Charmouth Lifeboat Supporters News

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LIFEBOAT WEEK 2022 Saturday July 23rd - Friday July 30th

LIFEBOAT WEEK RAISES £36,000

Lifeboat Week returned to Lyme Regis this year and recorded donations to the life-saving charity of more than £36,000,

Ken Lavery, Chairman of the fund-raising group, the Lyme Regis and Charmouth Lifeboat Supporters said: "The total is an absolute tribute to our fantastic volunteers who toiled well beyond the call of duty working long hours to achieve a great result.

"There was evidence that the public – our visitors and local residents – were delighted to see the return of Lifeboat Week. Many people said they were so pleased to see the event taking place as it signalled a return to some sort of normality. "We must place on record our sincere thanks to everyone who donated so generously to our charity and they are, quite literally, helping to save lives at sea."

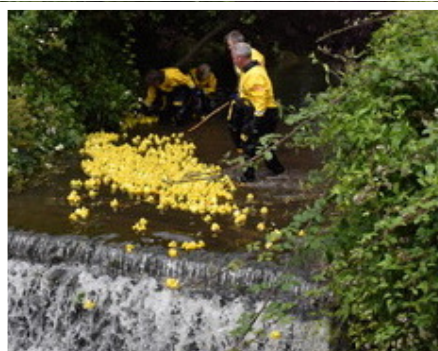


There were many success stories for events during the week. The wine or water tombola raised £9,000, and the lifeboat crew sold 600 hot dogs raising £1,715, some £1,021 was collected in the name the welly dog competition and the produce stall raised a record £800.

And 17 year old Josh Denning, who performed the Lifeboat Week opening ceremony, (see pic) kept up his record as top collector with over £1,600 going into his RNLI bucket during the week

At the time of writing the Lyme Regis RNLI lifeboat, Spirit of Loch Fyne, launched 28 times to answer calls for help. Volunteer Lifeboat Operations Manager Nick Marks said:" We have had the usual spread of calls for help with people reported missing, some cut off by the tide, and broken down boats, plus the very sad recovery of a body. But fortunately we had no issues with inflatable swans or unicorns !

"We recorded one life definitely saved by our volunteer crew, but unfortunately we had no video footage dramatic enough for the BBC series Saving Lives at Sea."



Will it float?

The Produce Stall sold out quickly

We raced online



Three Johns with their 20 year service medals presented by RNLI CEO Mark Dowie



Facebook page and website <https://www.facebook.com/> <https://www.lymeregislifboatweek.co.uk>

Supporting the charity that saves lives at sea



Our sadness at the loss of 'Boycie'

Everyone connected with the RNLI in Lyme Regis, and particularly those involved with organising Lifeboat Week, was deeply saddened to hear of the death of the actor John Challis, best known for his role as Boycie in Only Fools and Horses. John was a great ambassador for the RNLI and opened Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week in 2019, much to the delight of his many fans. With his trademark references to his screen wife Marlene and his unmistakable laugh he happily chatted to hundreds of Lifeboat Week visitors and signed many copies of his books. He made a valuable contribution to a highly successful week during which some £36,000 was raised for the life-saving charity. Lyme Regis Lifeboat Supporters chairman Ken Lavery sent a message of sympathy to John's family stressing how successful his visit was and how much his loss had saddened the town and the RNLI.



Ivor Hyde

We were very sorry to hear that a brilliant contributor to Lifeboat Week Ivor Hyde, had passed away. Ivor from Chard, loved 'busking' with his accordion for Lifeboat Week, accompanied by his friend Holly Chapman with her violin. By 2019 they had played annually for 25 years raising thousands of pounds for the RNLI. Ivor and Holly were delighted to play again this year.



Join us in the fun of creating another extraordinary Lifeboat Week

Life skills the only experience needed!

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RNLI seeks life-saving volunteers

The team at RNLI Lyme Regis is calling for new volunteers to help them save lives at sea.

In particular the charity is looking for sea - going crew for the inshore lifeboat, Spirit of Loch Fyne, based at the lifeboat station on the Cobb.

So far this year the crew have answered 28 calls for help.

The lifeboat normally has a crew of four at sea, and the station's Operations Manager Nick Marks is now looking for additional volunteers to further enhance availability for emergency calls.

Sea-going crew members need to be on call for 'shouts,' should enjoy being a team player, have a good standard of general fitness and live or work within five minutes of the lifeboat station. Lifeboat crew are aged between 17 and 55. First class training is provided - the ability to learn new skills is important. Mr. Marks said: "Volunteering with us gives people the opportunity to make a real difference in their local community, to save lives and become part of the larger RNLI family. "We can't keep people safe without the support of our dedicated volunteers who truly make a difference every day no matter which role they are fulfilling." To find out more potential volunteers can go to www.rnli.org/volroles or contact the volunteering team on 01202 663346.

Volunteer Lifeboat Operations Manager: Nick Marks
Volunteer Press Officer for Lyme Regis RNLI: Richard Horobin

DIARY DATES

Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Supporters Extraordinary General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd November
6.30pm the Power Boat Club, Lyme Regis.

See our decorated tree at
the Christmas Tree Festival
the Baptist Church Hall
16th - 19th December

Christmas Day Fancy Dress Swim
Charmouth 11am

Blessing of the Boats, Date tba

Lifeboat Week 2022
Saturday 23rd - Friday 30th July

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