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Introduction

Founded by Sir William Hillary in 1924, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a voluntary organisation, which exists to save lives at sea. It is the world's oldest lifeboat society and, since its foundation, its lifeboats have saved over 133,500 lives. The first recorded lifeboat station, with a boat specifically set aside for saving life at sea, was in existence at Formby, Lancashire in the early 1770's. The first lifeboat to be designed and built solely for sea rescue was the *Original*, stationed at South Shields on Tyneside between 1789 and 1830. Today, there are more than two hundred and two lifeboat stations on call twenty-four hours a day, to cover, search and rescue requirements to fifty miles out from the coast of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The variations of "Lifeboat" are exact as per each individual item.

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| 7 | <i>Coxswain John Mackins of the Walmer Life-Boat, Navy & Army Illustrated, Vol. 15.</i> | 8 Nov 1902 |
| 8 | <i>The Atherfield Lifeboat being lowered down the cliff ready for launching, Navy & Army Illustrated, Vol. 15.</i> | 7 Mar 1903 |
| 9 | Model of the "lifeboat" invented by William Wouldhave in 1789. | n.d. |
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| 1 | <i>The Life-Boat Service and the War 1824-1940</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | 1940 |
| 2 | <i>The Life-Boat</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | 1956 |
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| 1 | <i>Standard Types of The Institutions Life-Boats</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | 1959 |
| 2 | <i>A 46' 9" Life-Boat is Launched</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 3 | <i>A Modern Life-Boat 42 Feet Watson Type.</i> [2 copies] | n.d. |
| 4 | <i>37 Feet Oakley Type Life-Boat</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 5 | <i>We Man the Life-Boat Fleet Help us to build it</i> , colour illustrations of life-boats from 1789 until the 20 th century, Royal National Life-Boat Institution. [3 copies] | c.1941 |
| 6 | <i>Life-Boats A Year of War</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. [3 copies] | c.1941 |
| 7 | <i>The Life-Boat Service</i> , an exhibition of photographs held at the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, Grosvenor Gardens, London. [2 copies] | c.1930 |
| 8 | <i>Lend A Hand</i> <i>The Life-Boat Service Appeals To All Women To Help In Its Work</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 9 | <i>Poster Stamps of the Life-Boat Service (1st and 2nd Series)</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 10 | <i>The Life-Boat Service Voluntary or Maintained By The State?</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 11 | <i>What Is The Life-Boat Service</i> , appeals for donations to support the service, Royal National Life-Boat Institution. [3 copies] | n.d. |
| 12 | <i>Life-Boats And Helicopters</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | n.d. |
| 13 | <i>Films on the subject of the life-boat service</i> , Royal National Life-Boat Institution. | 1961 |

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| 2 | Diesel Lifeboat 42' O.N.941 Berwick-on-Tweed, general arrangement as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 4 Oct 1957 |
| 3 | Diesel Lifeboat 42' O.N. 941 Berwick-on-Tweed, sectional elevations as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 4 Oct 1957 |
| 4 | Beach Type 42' T.S. Diesel Lifeboat O.N. 937 Dungeness, general arrangement as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 12 Feb 1958 |
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| 6 | T.S. Lifeboat 52' x 14' O.N. 952 Lizard-Ladgwith, general arrangement as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 15 Nov 1960 |
| 7 | T.S. Motor Lifeboat 52' x 14' O.N. 952 Lizard-Ladgwith, general arrangement as fitted sections. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 15 Nov 1960 |
| 8 | T.S. Motor Lifeboat 47' x 13' O.N. 959 Whitehills, general arrangement as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 10 Jul 1961 |
| 9 | T.S. Motor Lifeboat 47' x 13' O.N. 959 Whitehills, general arrangement as fitted sections. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 10 Jul 1961 |
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| 11 | RNLB Motor Lifeboat 37' x 11' 6" O.N. 961 Weston-Super-Mare, general arrangement as fitted. [Scale 1" : 1'] | 7 Nov 1962 |

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| 1 | <i>Ship Models In Botanic Gardens Museum.</i> | 13 Jul 1940 |
| 2 | <i>LifeBoat Exhibition At Church Town "R.A.M.C. of the Seas".</i> | 8 Oct 1940 |
| 3 | <i>Southport Sea Tragedy Recalled "Mexico" Mementoes AT LifeBoat Exhibition.</i> | 12 Oct 1940 |
| 4 | <i>Model Boat Takes 28 Years To Build.</i> | 26 Oct 1940 |
| 5 | <i>Ben Brancker Jug Southport Man's Gift.</i> | 28 Sept 1940 |

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