



The Portishead Lifeboat Trust

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The Portishead Lifeboat Trust objective is...

“To save and protect the lives of the general public in particular by the provision of a Lifeboat in the Severn Estuary centred at Portishead.”

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I want to become a “Friend” of The Portishead Lifeboat Trust

Name:

Address:

Postcode:..... Telephone:.....

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to **The Portishead Lifeboat Trust**.

I agree to my name being held on the TPLT database for the sole purpose of receiving information about TPLT. I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and would like the donation to be treated as a gift aid donation.

Signature:..... Date:.....

Friend of TPLT Annual Membership £10 min.

Friend of TPLT Annual Family Membership £17 min.

Friend of TPLT Life Membership £250

Please return to:-

Friends of TPLT, 108 High Street, Portishead, Bristol BS20 6AJ

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Life Line

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The Portishead Lifeboat Trust is always on the lookout for volunteers and help at fundraising events.

Should you be able to help, even for an hour, please contact Brett Higgins :- tel 07886 644594

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The Newsletter for Friends of The Portishead Lifeboat Trust

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

You will no doubt have heard or read in the media that in order to more accurately reflect our major area of operations and to maximise upon our fund raising potential the Trustees have decided upon the following.

The Trust will continue to be styled “The Portishead Lifeboat Trust” and will remain registered as such with the Charity Commission and Companies House.

For all operational purposes the lifeboat will continue to referred to as “Portishead Lifeboat”.

For fund raising, marketing, and publicity purposes the Trust will be referred to as “Portishead and Bristol Lifeboat”.

The title “Portishead and Bristol Lifeboat” is to be used on collecting cans, logos and other advertising and marketing materials where appropriate.

I trust that this clarifies the current situation and I am sorry that the information may have reached you by other means but this is always a difficult situation to manage to suit all interested parties.

The main purpose of the above is to enable the trust to seek financial support from the wider Bristol “Area” which we serve but are not necessarily credited with.

Whilst on the subject of fundraising, I am delighted to report that Brett Higgins and Rachael Harper, along with a growing band of assistants, are making great

strides with our fundraising target for 2006/7.

A number of new initiatives have been projected not least of all our change of title and more user friendly standing order donation forms. The cancellation of the 2007 Raft Race was a great blow to us but due to printing difficulties we were unable to have programmes to sell. This would have severely restricted our income and it was decided to have a year off.....great pity, wasn't the 16th July a lovely day for it? We hope to have a bigger and better raft race next year.

We have a golf day scheduled for September 28th organised by Capita Symonds of Portishead, which should compensate for the raft race. (Any aspiring golfers who wish to participate please contact Brett Higgins or John Gittings) or charitygolf@capita.co.uk .

Thank you all once again for your continued support for Portishead and Bristol Lifeboat. I am confident that 2006 and 2007 will be just as eventful as previous years and sincerely hope that we can find a major sponsor to back our aspirations for a purpose built lifeboat station on the beach at the end of Pier Road.

Colin Wilson (Chairman)

Provisional Diary Date for 2006 AGM is Monday 30th

October., 19.30 for 20.00, venue...The Poacher.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you help us?

Throughout the year we attend various local events. In an effort to raise funds for Portishead Lifeboat and you are probably aware that, as an independent Lifeboat, we rely totally on voluntary contributions and fundraising events to cover the annual running cost. We are always looking for volunteers during the year for help at can rattles and coffee mornings etc. If you could spare an hour or two at any time we would love to hear from you. You can contact Brett on 07886 644594.

Dear Dave

How are you? Thank you for coming to are school it was very intresting. I learnt that the water only has to be 1 meter deep for the boat

from Anisha

p.s my favrite part was seeing miss Dixon in the dry suit



Dear Dave,

How are you? Thank you, for coming to our school, I really enjoyed it. When Miss Dixon put on the dry-suit I thought it was very funny, In our class ~~has~~ ^{have} some calapillers which made themselves a papa and hatched! I am very ~~supper~~ surprised that you have saved over 200 people!
from Megan.

The expanding part of the Trust

During the past twelve months we have been inundated with requests to give talks about the role of the Portishead Lifeboat Trust to various local clubs, charities, schools, cubs ,scouts, brownies, Rotary and Probus. This now includes visiting other areas outside Portishead. We not only feel honoured and privileged to be asked but we feel it is an important part of promoting the Trust. For the young people there is an obvious educational aspect.

Several weeks ago, one of our Coxswains, David, spent a whole morning at a local primary school talking to three separate classes, not only about the lifeboat but also giving advise to pupils on the dangers that can be encountered when in or on the water and teaching them to have respect for it. David's talks are followed up by the pupils having to write a letter thanking him for his time. Most of the letters mention how enjoyable it was to see their teacher dressed up in a lifeboat-man's dry suit and helmet! The talks are so popular that some organisations have already booked twelve months ahead.

Two charming letters received from local schoolchildren feature on the next page.

For the latest news on the boat, crew or the callouts please see our new web site:

<http://www.portishead-lifeboat.org.uk>

The new web site has been developed and maintained thanks to Adam Forest, one of the lifeboat crew members.



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RECORD OF SERVICE CALLS 2006

Date	Launches 2006	Description	Persons assisted by Lifeboat	Total assisted since 1996	Total calls since 1996
02/04	1	Called to assist a 36' long yacht with steering failure, towed to Portishead Marina.	4	242	178
09/04	2	Called to assist a dinghy which had capsized, stood by while dinghy was towed ashore.		242	179
06/05	3	Called to assist a yacht aground on the middle grounds, escorted to Portishead Marina.	2	244	180
28/05	4	Called to fishing boat with engine failure off Clevedon, towed to Pier where engine repairs were carried out.	2	246	181
29./05	5	Called to a yacht in trouble off Walton Bay, yacht towed to Portishead Marina.	2	246	182
02/06	6	On standby for a boat with engine failure.		248	183
07/06	7	Launched to investigate a light near Denny Island, boat located, no assistance required.		248	184

DATE	Launches 2006	Description	Persons assisted by lifeboat	Total assisted since 1996	Total calls since 1996
08/06	8	Called to investigate flares off Clevedon, area searched, nothing found		248	185
09/06	9	Called to investigate yacht reported to be in trouble, yacht located not in trouble, area searched nothing found.		248	186
27/06	10	Called to assist a boat with steering difficulties, escorted to Portishead Marina	1	249	187
16/07	11	Called to assist 36' motor cruiser taking in water, escorted to Portishead Marina	2	251	188
17/07	12	Called to a yacht with engine problems, yacht escorted to Portishead Marina	1	252	189
24/07	13	Called to a motor boat with engine failure off Clevedon, boat towed to Portishead Marina	3	255	190
27/07	14	Called to assist a 31' fishing boat with engine failure off the welsh coast, boat towed to Portishead marina	4	259	191
27/07	15	Called to assist a person swimming in the river Avon, swimmer got himself ashore		259	192

OH! WHAT A NIGHT .

On Saturday, the 15th July, Jenny at the Galley arranged an evening of jazz down at the Portishead Marina, in aid of the Lifeboat Trust. The jazz band, who gave their services free, was well received, the 'piece de resistance' being the playing of the Last Post followed by Sunset. Judging by the large crowd with their picnic tables, bottles of wine, beer, etc. a good community spirit was most evident. A special thank you goes to Jenny, the accomplished jazz band and the local companies who supported the raffle: Worthington's, Portishead Fish Bar, Iceland and Anita's Nursery.

We are eternally grateful for the continued support by local companies and the people of Portishead for **their local independent lifeboat.**

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### Plant Sales and Open Garden

These past few months we have held two plant sales in the village along with a open garden held by Christine Jarvis in Clevedon, a special thanks to all who helped to make them successful

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A 'Meet the Crew' Coffee Morning

to be held on **Sat 14th October 2006**

10-12 at the Folk Hall, Portishead.

A chance to meet the Trustees and Crew of the Lifeboat, as well as old and new friends, a raffle, cakes, plants and Xmas cards will be on sale.