

HISTORIC LIFEBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Friend,

For some years now, the idea of forming some form of organisation bringing together the owners of ex RNLI lifeboats has been discussed amongst a small group of owners who meet during the summer at rallies or other events. You may have seen recently in the popular boating magazines, a short article with the proposal to form the Historic Lifeboat Owners Association and asking for interest.

Quite a number of owners have responded positively and those of us, who have taken it upon ourselves, in the first instance to form an association, now invite you to become a member.

The fact is, if such an organisation were already in existence it is clear that many would wish to sign up and become members. It is this that has motivated our desire to see if we can get something started. We do hope that many of you will become involved as members and that some will be happy to assist in what we hope will be the small amount of simple admin involved.

It is not intended that the new association becomes hidebound by rules and formality but is kept as simple as possible with the following broad aims.

- To help and assist members who own or aspire to own historic lifeboats by creating a community of members sharing knowledge, experience and advice.
- To promote friendship by arranging get-togethers between the members and promoting historic lifeboat rallies around the coast.
- To provide a clearinghouse for information on events where our boats would be welcomed.

This letter is being sent to over 50 individuals who have expressed interest in becoming a member. This is **your opportunity to become a founder member**. If you are interested please complete the brief form and return it to us at either of the addresses below.

If you have any questions or suggestions please email Quinton or Gordon. No money is required at this stage, as we have not spent any, apart from some postage and stationary. If you wish to contribute by sending some stamps then that would be very welcome. Our aim is to keep the membership cost a minimal sum and if necessary look to getting a sponsor for any costs in the way of postage etc.

We hope that the association will reduce the burden of caring for our boats and not add to it!

We will write again at the end of February to those who have responded with more information and a report and summary on the response, suggestions and comments made.

Kind regards

Quinton Nelson.
Gordon Burns.

P.S.

If you know of any person who might be interested please let us know and we will issue them with a letter and membership form.

A membership form and a copy of this letter is available on the net at:
<http://www.nelsonsboats.co.uk/hloa/>

Please reply by post to:

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Member Information

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Address:	
Tel:	
Email:	
Fax:	
Mobile:	

Preferred contact method (Please tick)

Tel:	Fax:	E-mail:	Post:
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If you are an existing Owner.

Name of your boat:	
Former RNLI name:	

Do you have any skills you would be prepared to share in the forming / running of this organization. E.G. Printing, Publishing, Legal, I.T., other.
Please specify.

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Comments Suggestions?

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