

# DART TALES



Lifeboats

## NEWS FROM THE RNLI LIFEBOAT TEAM IN DARTMOUTH

### RNLI Dart Lifeboat week. Thursday 1 August to Monday 5 August

#### Our planned events will be:

##### **FLAG DAY Thursday 1 August**

If you are able to hold a collecting box for an hour please contact Lizzie Helyer, RNLI Fundraising Treasurer, using the Contact us link on the station web site – see below.

##### **RAFT RACE Saturday 3 August**

Unfortunately, this has had to be cancelled. The Raft race in Regatta IS STILL GOING AHEAD.

##### **DEDICATION AND NAMING CEREMONY OF D838 at 2pm Sunday 4 August on Coronation Park.**

The donor will hand over the new lifeboat (to replace *Spirit of The Dart* - see below) to a senior representative of the RNLI who will then present her to RNLI Dart. The boat will then be named *Dudley*

*Jane* by Mrs Fuller, the Donor in memory of her Aunt, before being blessed by the RNLI Dart Chaplain. The BRNC RN Volunteer Band will be playing during the ceremony and afterwards. Invited guests will be seated in a roped off area in front of the boathouse and will receive a cream tea after the ceremony. The general public are invited to attend and will be able to see and hear all that is going on from outside the roped off area.

##### **RNLI FETE Monday 5 August from 10am to 4pm in the Royal Avenue Gardens.**

The new lifeboat will be on display by the Bandstand. If you can provide bottles for the Tombola please deliver them in the previous week to the RNLI Visitor Centre on the South

Embankment. **Cakes** for the Cake stall and slicing cake for the tea hut can be brought on the day but any that would stay fresh for a couple of days can be delivered to the RNLI Visitor Centre between the Friday and Sunday before.

Surplus vegetables, fruit or good specimens of garden plants can be brought on the day. There will also be a produce stall this year so homemade pickles, jams etc. will be most welcome. There will be plenty of other stalls as well as things for the children to join in with.

If you can help at this event please contact Tracey Lucas at the Visitor Centre 01803 832423 or leave a message on the *Contact Us* page on the RNLI Dart web site.



## CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE RNLI?

We have a range of volunteering opportunities at **DART LIFEBOAT STATION**

There are three different volunteering opportunities – deputy launching authority, shore crew and community safety officer. The requirements for each are quite different.

If you would like to be sent a more detailed description of a role please use the *Contact us* link on our website (see opposite page) and it will be sent to you by email.



The 2008 naming ceremony for the *Spirit of The Dart*

## RNLI LIFEGUARDS

From July 6 the RNLI lifeguards will be patrolling the additional Peak Season beaches, along with the beaches that were already manned. Every lifeguard has a preparatory two weeks of intensive training, covering topics such as the casualty care course which is the RNLI's highest level of first aid training. They also are trained in lifeguard and beach management, how to operate the vehicles and watercraft and receive talks from our media department, the police and local lifeboat stations. They also visit the Devon Air Ambulance to develop their knowledge of how to work around the aircraft. RNLI advice is always to swim or body board between the red and yellow flags where the lifeguards are watching. If unsure of the safest place to be, ask a lifeguard for further advice.



### SEASON DATES:

All beaches covered by the RNLI are lifeguarded 10.00 -18.00 throughout the season.

**Bantham.** From now to 29 September, 7 days a week, weekends in October and all of half term October 21-27

**Sedgewell / Bigbury and**

**Challaborough.** From now to 29 September, seven days a week.

**Blackpool Sands, Slapton Sands**

now at Torcross, Thurlestone, Hope Cove and Bigbury on Sea North. From 6 July to 1 September, seven days a week

### OPS REPORT

There have been 22 launches up to 4 June. Twelve of these shouts were for the B Class and ten for the D class. Both lifeboats launched to a person reported to be in the water on the night of 29 April. A young man was pulled from the water at 1.30am after a significant search and with the help of a member of the public. He had been in the water for an hour. Fortunately he was wearing his lifejacket. The rescue has been officially designated as a life saved by the member of the public and the RNLI lifeboat crews. The visitor to the town raised the alarm and hung onto the casualty until he could be lifted out of the water by the lifeboat crews.

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/dartnllifeboat](http://www.facebook.com/dartnllifeboat)

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