Serving from 1971 to 2008, the Arun class lifeboat vastly improved the accommodation and speed capabilities of the fleet at the time.

When introduced in 1982, the Brede class was the fastest lifeboat in our fleet.

The Clyde class lifeboat was the largest ever built for the RNLI and the first to have a steel hull.

The 52 foot Barnett class was the final incarnation of a lifeboat class that served for most of the 20th Century.

The 60 foot Barnett class was the largest lifeboat in our fleet when introduced in 1923, named after its designer, naval architect James Barnett.

The 51 foot Barnett class was introduced soon after its predecessor to allow this successful boat design to launch from a slipway.

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Our Severn class lifeboat is the largest lifeboat in the RNLI fleet, developed in the early 1990s and introduced into the fleet in 1996.

The Surf class was the smallest and lightest offshore motor lifeboat, designed by naval architect James Barnett. When the Tamar class was introduced in 2005, it was the most sophisticated and safest lifeboat in our fleet.

The Shannon is the first modern all-weather lifeboat to be propelled by waterjets instead of traditional propellers, making it the most agile and manoeuvrable all-weather lifeboat yet.

The Solent class lifeboat was a steel-hulled version of the 48-foot Oakley class. The final Tyne class in service was at Wicklow, withdrawn on 4 April 2019.
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