

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Lough Derg RNLI launched to assist seven people on board a 15ft motor boat

Lifeboats News Release

Wednesday 20 July 2016

Lough Derg RNLI Lifeboat launched at 10.20pm this evening, Tuesday July 20, following a request from Valentia Coast Guard to assist seven young people on board a 15ft RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) with engine difficulties near Coolbawn Quay.



Winds were westerly, Force 3, visibility was poor, with imminent nightfall.

At 10.30pm the lifeboat, with helm Peter Clarke, Eleanor Hooker and Keith Brennan on board, located the vessel by Illaunmor. The seven people on board were unharmed, but feeling chilled and were wrapped in towels. Survivor lifejackets were

distributed to those who had none. An RNLI volunteer boarded the RIB and one of the casualties was taken onto the lifeboat. The lifeboat towed the RIB with her passengers to Dromineer.

Peter Clarke, Helm at Lough Derg RNLI Lifeboat, advises lake users to 'respect the water, to carry enough lifejackets for everyone on board and to ensure they wear them, and to regularly service their boat's engines'.

The Lifeboat returned to station and was ready for service again at 11.40pm.

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Key facts about the RNLI

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824, its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,700 lives.

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