

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Early morning call to assist ex-lifeboat

Lifeboats News Release

Saturday 8 April 2017

Ramsgate RNLI's inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 6.10am today to assist an ex-RNLI lifeboat with one person on board having difficulty entering Ramsgate harbour.



RNLI/Steve Burton

Ramsgate ILB 'Claire and David Delves' at sea

Once alongside two of the ILB crew transferred to the ex-RNLI 46ft. 9in. Watson and assisted in getting it into harbour under its own power and helped with mooring.

Both Humber and Walton and Frinton lifeboats have previously assisted this vessel which was the Lytham St. Annes station lifeboat from 1951 - 1978, then named *Sarah Townsend Porritt*, and after a brief period in the relief fleet sold out of RNLI service, in 1983.

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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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Contacting the RNLI - public enquiries

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