

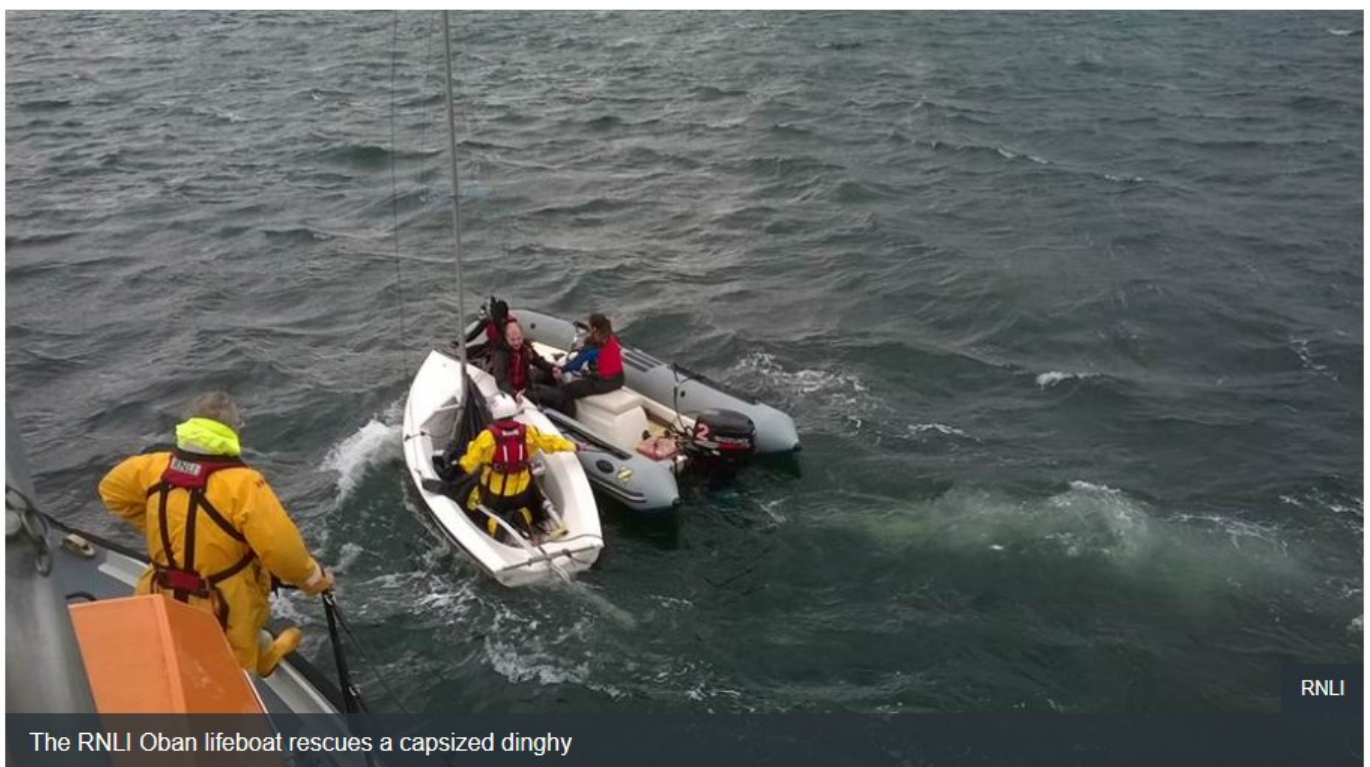
The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Oban lifeboat launches to capsized dinghy

Lifeboats News Release

Sunday 15 October 2017

Oban RNLI lifeboat launched this morning (Sunday 15 October) to a capsized dinghy in Oban bay.



The RNLI Oban lifeboat rescues a capsized dinghy

At 11.49am this morning the volunteer crew of Oban lifeboat were tasked by UK Coastguard to assist two persons in the water who's dinghy had capsized off Dungallan Park in Oban bay.

The lifeboat 'Mora Edith MacDonald' left the berth at 11.53am, arriving on scene a minute later. On arrival, it was established that the persons had been recovered to a sailing club rescue boat which was now en-route to shore. Meanwhile a second rescue boat was dealing with the capsized dinghy, now drifting rapidly and heading for the bay's busy north channel, in a fresh southerly wind and flooding tide.

A member of the lifeboat crew quickly entered the water to right the dinghy, allowing the sails to be brought down. The lifeboat then escorted the club rescue boat as it towed the dinghy back to safety.

With everyone safe and accounted for, Oban lifeboat returned to her berth where she was made ready for service again by 12.30pm.

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