



ALDEBURGH RNLI

Jo Litt, volunteer press officer and member of the shore crew

At the lifeboat station in Aldeburgh, we currently have two boats on service:

- All-weather Mersey-class lifeboat, Freddie Cooper, which launches and is recovered from the beach. Freddie Cooper was delivered 30 years ago, and we celebrated with a demonstration launch in November.
- An inshore D-class, Susan Scott which launches and is recovered from the beach, or is transported to the River to launch and recover at Aldeburgh Yacht Club

Following an extensive coastal review and a local lifesaving effect review, when Freddie Cooper is retired, it was announced last July that she will be replaced by an Atlantic 85.

The Atlantic 85, was introduced to the RNLI in 2005 and is one of the fastest craft in the RNLI fleet.

the Atlantic 85 works equally well in shallower water or fairly challenging open sea conditions.

In the event of a capsize, it can be manually righted by an inflatable bag and the crew can quickly restart its inversion-proofed engines.

Length: 8.44m

Speed: 35 knots (approx 40 miles per hour)

Endurance: 3 hours max, until refuelling is necessary

Crew: 3–4

Weight: 1.8 tonnes

Engine: 2 x 115hp

A training Atlantic 85 was delivered mid-March. As yet, we do not have a confirmed timescale for the Atlantic 85 to go into service. A new Atlantic 85 is being built for our station.

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Intensive crew training is underway, as all crew need to transition their skills from the current qualifications on the Mersey and the D-class, onto the Atlantic 85.

We will retain the D-class inshore lifeboat when the Atlantic is on service. Freddie Cooper will be returned to the RNLI.

The Shop on Crag Path is open 10.30am – 4.30pm.

For regular updates, please follow us on facebook (@RNLIAldeburghLifeboat) or Instagram (@aldeburgh-lifeboat-station).

The boat house is currently unavailable for public browsing due to extensive training schedule and for health and safety reasons.

If you would like to bring your group to visit the lifeboat station for a tour, please email linda_hall@rnli.org.uk or call 01728 452552

The RNLI was established in 1824. Aldeburgh has been operating a lifeboat station since 1826 and joined the RNLI in 1852. Since formation, Aldeburgh RNLI has saved 693 lives.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 16 May, 11am - Connecting our Communities event where a scroll is travelling around the UK, being signed by RNLI station and fundraising staff, as part of RNLI 200 anniversary celebrations

Saturday 1 June, 3pm – Community Choir outside Crag Path RNLI shop

Saturday 15 June – 6 – 9pm – live music at the boathouse and much more

Monday 19 Aug – 11am demonstration launch as part of Aldeburgh carnival

Saturday 24 August – Street fair and open day

Friday 13 September – station visit as part of 911 challenge

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