



This picture, taken around 1930, shows the launch of the *Ernest Dresden*. This was the last of the oared boats and was only on station from 1927 to 1933, when responsibility was transferred to the new Padstow Steam Lifeboat. This was probably a ceremonial launch as the sea is calm and, in fact, the boat never went out on any rescues.

The photograph was one of a number of old prints found by John Trayhurn in his loft, which presumably belonged to the former owner Inez Watkins (nee Cory) the daughter of the local policeman. That may be her father looking on at the launch.

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