

FROM THE HISTORIC RECORDS HELD AT PORT ISAAC STATION THE COXSWAINS OF THE HISTORIC PULLING LIFEBOATS WERE

James Haynes 1869-1895
John Haynes 1895-1908
Thomas Mitchell Collins 1908-1910
Joseph Honey 1910-1920
William Harris Steer 1920-1931
George Honey 1931-1933

THE PULLING HISTORIC LIFEBOATS WERE

Richard and Sarah I from 1870-1890 - six life saving services saving 57 lives
Richard and Sarah II from 1890-1904 - six life saving services saving 28 lives
Richard and Sarah III from 1905-1927 - four life saving services saving 5 lives
Ernest Dresden from 1927-1933 - no rescues

Up to 1927 The Lifeboats were housed high up on the eastern side of the village in the building now known as *The Boathouse Stores*. The RNLIs were then able to purchase and demolish some cottages at the end of Middle Street and a new station was built where the fourth and last traditional Lifeboat, the ***Ernest Dresden*** was housed up to 1933. The Station was temporarily closed over 1917 to 1918 as there was a crew shortage and a local boat the ***Willing Boys*** stood in.

The new Inshore Lifeboats came into service with the RNLIs in the 1960s and Port Isaac Station re-opened in 1967 to house one of the early inflatables, ***IRB 139*** which was donated to Port Isaac RNLIs by Cullumpton (Devon) Rotarians. Within 12 months ***IRB 139*** had been called out 17 times, saved four boats and four lives. Since this time there have been seven Inshore Boats at Port Isaac that have launched 611 times, saving 316 lives. Our current and latest state-of-the-art D Class Lifeboat ***Copeland Bell***, donated by Mr Copeland and Mr Bell in 2010 and named after them.