

The Richard and Sarah III



The ***Richard and Sarah III*** served at Port Isaac Lifeboat Station between 1905 and 1927. A self righting boat, she was 34 ft long and 7ft 6in on the beam. Her crew of ten manned long rowing oars and could set two sails if conditions and wind directions allowed.

On December 7th 1911, the ***Richard and Sarah III*** rescued four crew from the French schooner, *Berthe Marie* of Brest that had anchored on a lee shore in storm conditions. The Captain refused to leave his ship, remaining on board throughout the night as the storm raged. The next morning conditions had improved and the Lifeboat returned the crew to their ship and helped them lifting the anchors allowing the *Berthe Marie* to continue her voyage.

On May 30th 1913, a strong southerly gale blew up as the Port Isaac fishing boat, *Flossie* was trying to make her way home from the fishing grounds. The Lifeboat found *Flossie* shipping water two miles off Port Isaac and escorted her home.



Two years later the *Flossie* was again in trouble. She had become weather bound, contending with howling winds and rasing ground seas when the crew signalled distress to the Coastguard Station. With minutes ***Richard and Sarah III*** was launched from her carriage into the waves and was pulling strongly out towards the distressed vessel. *Flossie's* crew were exhausted and two of them were replaced by members of the Lifeboat crew and once again *Flossie* was brought safely into harbour much to the relief of the waiting families.