

The RNLI – what does it stand for?



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has a clear aim: it exists to save lives at sea. The charity provides a 24/7 search and rescue lifeboat service all year round and most of the people that carry out the rescues are volunteers. There are over 5,600 lifeboat crew members in the UK and Republic of Ireland, forming crews at more than 238 lifeboat stations. These brave and selfless people aided 12,903 people in 2021.

The RNLI introduced a seasonal lifeguard service in 2001, which now patrols over 245 UK and Channel Island beaches. The lifeguards aided 40,762 people in 2021 – and helped many more people through offering prevention advice.

Despite their best efforts, around 140 people lose their lives at the UK and Irish coasts each year. So the RNLI aims to halve coastal fatalities in the UK and Republic of Ireland using safety initiatives. A key part of this is the **Respect the Water** campaign, which warns people that British and Irish waters are dangerously unpredictable.

Time and time again, people need the RNLI's help, from the shore to the open sea. To continue providing a ring of safety around the UK and Republic of Ireland, the charity relies on the crucial efforts of volunteers – be they crew members, safety officers or fundraisers – and the generosity of its supporters, whose voluntary contributions keep the charity afloat.

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The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

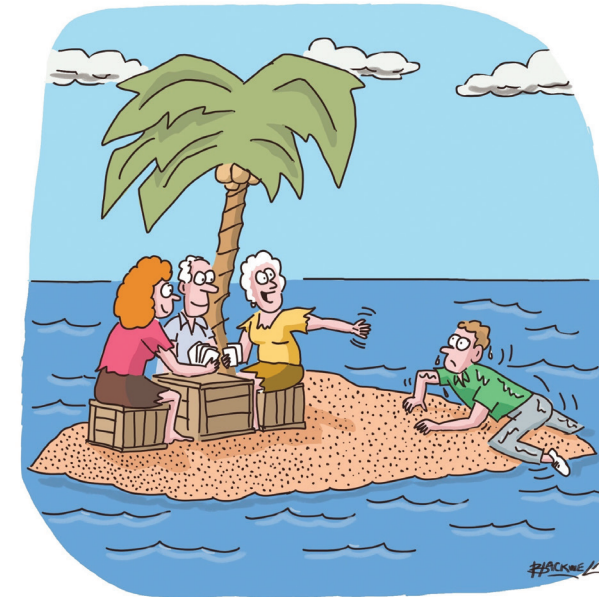
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The RNLI Central London Committee

invite you to a

Bridge Afternoon



“OH, THANK HEAVENS!! A FOURTH!”

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**St Columba's Church of Scotland
Pont Street, London SW1X 0BD**

Monday 21 October 2024

Doors open at **1pm** Bridge play **1.45–4.45pm**

Please come early and browse the high quality, donated stock of

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Future RNLI Central London Committee Events

2024

Tuesday 5 November
12.15pm

200th Celebration Luncheon
The Royal Thames Yacht Club

Tuesday 3 December
7pm

Carol Service
St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, SW3

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Bridge Application (or Donation) Form

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Please tick the following options:

Bridge Afternoon:
(you may play either rubber or Chicago bridge) I would like to book a **table for £100** for this Bridge Afternoon at St Columba's, Pont Street and will bring cards, scorers and cloths. (Hall tables are not baize covered)

OR

Home Table:
I am unable to come to the Hall, but will arrange to play at home at a time of my choice. I enclose a cheque for **£40 for a Home Table package** (includes two packs of cards) which will be sent to me. **Home Tables Draw 21 October 2024:** the winning hostess will receive a velvet bridge cloth.

OR

Donations only:
I would like to support this event to raise money for Lifeboats. Please accept my **donation for £** _____ as shown below.

Method of Payment:

I enclose a cheque payable to the RNLI for £ _____ OR

I have made a direct payment to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution of £ to Barclays, Branch 20-68-95, Account no. 23032981, reference payer's surname

**Please send this form (and your cheque if applicable) to
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