

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION

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PORT ISAAC BRANCH

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

OF THE

PORT ISAAC INSHORE RESCUE BOAT STATION



An Inshore Rescue Boat

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on the

Town Platt, Port Isaac

on Sunday, 3rd September, 1967

By the 1960s a new need had arisen for a Lifeboat in Port Isaac. The village and surrounding area reaped the harvest from tourism, fuelled by the spread of car ownership. Many of these visitors were unaware of the dangers of the sea, not seeking or taking advice of the risks they were taking.

The necessity for a fast, easily launched craft to assist swimmers, sailors, surfers etc led to the introduction of the Inshore Lifeboats by the RNLI.

Port Isaac Lifeboat Station was re-opened in 1967 with one of these Inshore Boats. The Boat was housed in the Fish Cellars, the doors being widened for it. This was a temporary home for the Lifeboat that lasted for 26 years until the RNLI were able to buy back part of the Slipway Hotel garage to provide a permanent, fulling operational Station.