



**SOUTHPORT  
LIFEBOAT**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1146805

# Crewmember Application Form

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**Southport Offshore Rescue Trust: The Lifeboat House, The Esplanade, Southport. PR8 1RX (Tel. No. 01704 501471)**

Are you 16 or over? Do you live **or** work in Southport/Formby area and can be part of a team on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year? Do you have a desire to give aid to those in distress along the Sefton and West Lancashire coastline? Then read on....

Your application will be reviewed by the Coxswains and successful candidates will be invited down for a face to face meet.

Following the face to face meet, candidates may be invited to start on their journey to becoming a Lifeboat member as outlined in the training pathway below.

## Training Pathway

Introduction period (4-6 Weeks)

- Several evenings of basic training to help you find your feet.
- Introduction and requirements of our Health & Safety Policy and operating procedures.
- After several weeks of basic training, you will be reviewed for suitability within the crew. Candidates who are successful with the review will be awarded a probationary position on the crew and begin their full training.

Probationer (6-12 Months)

- Begin your training towards being a support crew member.
- This period will involve at least one training exercise on each piece of kit you are eligible to use.
- Once you have passed the probationary period (usually about 6-12 months), and you decide to proceed with training and join the crew (subject to approval of the Coxswains) you will be awarded Support crew status.

Support crew – *The Support crew help launch and recover the lifeboat, operate the quad bikes and help maintain all the equipment.*

- Support crew duties during callouts, local knowledge, pyrotechnics, VHF radio, chart-work, first aid, land-based searching, launch and recovery of lifeboat, refuelling and returning lifeboat to ready state.
- There will be training in Tractor driving and Quad bike riding as well as working towards becoming boat crew (if eligible).

Boat crew – *The Boat crew go out on the boat, and help to maintain all the equipment.*

- Once you become a wet crew member, as well as regular training at sea, there will also be the possibility of training with the Coastguard, other RNLI Lifeboats and a weeklong residential course.
- Crew who impress the Coxswains can progress further and become Senior Crew or even a Coxswain themselves.

## Health & Fitness

Boat crew must show evidence of fitness, when aged 45 annual medicals are required. Boat crew retire when 55 due to insurance reasons. If you are already 50 you **may not** be able to train for boat crew, however this will be assessed on a case by case basis.

## Appraisal

Each member is appraised regularly by the Coxswains, training requirements identified and role within the organisation discussed.

## Fundraising

All crew members are expected to take part in fundraising and PR events to help raise funds and the profile of the charity.



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Area of interest (Circle)	Boat Crew / Support Crew
Name	
Age	
Address	
Contact number	
Email address	
Occupation and location of work	
Hours of Availability	
Driving Licence	
Skills, interests and a little about your family	
What do you think you can contribute to the organisation?	
Are you happy for your details to be kept for future consideration should your application not be successful at this time? (Circle) Yes / No	
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