

# Maritime Search and Rescue



**Date:** Thursday 16th May 2024

**Venue:** Fleetwood Nautical Campus,  
Broadwater, Fleetwood, Lancashire FY7 8JZ

**Urgent Comms on the day:** Contact the Branch Hon. Sec. on 07976 875 586

Time	Activity
1500	Arrival/check in. Meet the Cadets and Apprentices for light refreshments in the Refectory.
1530	Formal Welcome, introductions, and plan for the day.
1545	Briefing
1600	<b>Plan A*:</b> Helo and HMCG display <b>OR</b> <b>Plan B:</b> S&R SimEx.
1700	Debrief
1730	Transfer to Fleetwood seafront. (Car-sharing)
1745	Tour of RNLI Lifeboat Station
1830	End of formal proceedings
1915	Meet in the North Euston Hotel for pre-dinner drinks
2000	Informal dinner (Prior booking essential). Trafalgar Restaurant, Fleetwood. Menu options will be circulated separately.

*\* Plan A is the preferred option. The availability of a helicopter and HMCG assets are dependent on circumstances beyond our control and can change at a moment's notice.*

For details please visit: <https://www.nautinst.org/branch/uk-north-west-england-north-wales.html>



# Lifeboats

## Join us in recognising the RNLI's 200th Anniversary

Our Branch is delighted to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the RNLI this year – a remarkable milestone for one of our most important and treasured national maritime institutions! As part of the day, we have kindly been offered a tour of RNLI Fleetwood to learn more about the heroic work its volunteer lifeboat crews perform on a daily basis.

Established by Sir William Hillary in 1824 as the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck (under the patronage of George IV), its main aim was to improve the survival rates for ships wrecked off British coasts – a shockingly frequent occurrence at that time – by standardising and making available fast response lifeboat services.

Today, it continues to support HM Coastguard in the rescue and retrieval of wrecked or stranded individuals, those in danger from shifting sands, and those falling foul of tides and currents while swimming, boarding, paddling or mudlarking. Indeed, much of its work now takes place closer to the shore than ever before...

Relying largely on charitable donations, it is, however, currently facing a slowdown in the recruitment and training of new volunteers – so if you or someone you know would like to become involved, please get in touch with your local station.