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A word from our patron

Sumner Lifeboat volunteers are always ready, 24/7, to drop their everyday lives and rescue people in difficulty in the sea. To be prepared for a real emergency, they train and practise weekly.

There are now 35 volunteer crew – 25 of whom are fully trained and experienced and 10 who have put in many hours this past 18 months to achieve their theory qualifications.

Your support as a donor, sponsor, volunteer or friend of Sumner Lifeboat is vitally important and very much appreciated.

Thank you for helping our wonderful team to save lives.

I am honoured to be involved with the Sumner Lifeboat.

Warm wishes, Dame Adrienne Stewart

Patron – Sumner Lifeboat Institution

SUMNER LIFEBOAT MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve life at sea.

To operate a marine rescue service for the benefit of all in the inshore and offshore waters of Canterbury.

To offer in a co-operative manner a volunteer marine rescue service to the appropriate authorities and other rescue organisations.

To promote and help advance public awareness in all aspects of safety at sea.

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About Sumner Lifeboat



Sumner Lifeboat saves lives at sea

Sumner Lifeboat is a volunteer, not for profit, maritime search and rescue organisation.

On call 24/7, our 25 highly trained and qualified volunteer crew members and 10 trainee volunteer crew members are always ready to rescue people who are in difficulty on the water around Banks Peninsula and in Pegasus Bay.

Sumner Lifeboat Institution Inc is one of the longest-surviving lifeboat organisations in New Zealand. Our history goes back to the 1870s, when a small group of locals rowed their dinghies out to rescue passengers and crew on sailing ships in trouble crossing the treacherous Sumner Bar.

We operate within an exacting, rigorous health and safety regime.

We are a registered charity. We rely on donations, grants and bequests to fund our operation.

We provide rescue services in response to distress calls through the NZ Police or the Rescue Co-ordination Centre (RCCNZ) operated by Maritime New Zealand. Within 10 minutes of a distress call, Sumner Lifeboat can be on the water ready to save lives.

We provide Coastguard services to boaties and members of the community who are in difficulty in the waters around Banks Peninsula including Lyttelton Harbour and Pegasus Bay.

Our headquarters, operating base and vessel storage are located at the base of Whitewash Head, Scarborough, at the far eastern corner of Sumner Bay.

Our coverage area extends from Point Gibson (just north of the Hurunui River outlet) to south of Banks Peninsula. Whilst many of our call-outs have been relatively local to Sumner, in the last year we have attended incidents as far north as Motunau beach, assisted a trimaran about 6km offshore from Birdlings Flat and responded to a fishing boat incident offshore to the southeast of Akaroa.

Our geographical range





Our lifeboat and shore-based crew live locally and are on standby all year round, 24/7 by pager and siren alert. In an average year, approximately 130 hours are put into training by each crew member, demonstrating their strong commitment, and resulting in high levels of competence. Many of our crew are (or have been) employed in the maritime industry, and many have commercial skipper tickets.

Our vessels

Sumner Lifeboat operates three of the most advanced rescue vessels in the region. These are housed at the Lifeboat Station in Sumner.

Blue Arrow Rescue is a twin jet, 12.5m boat capable of going offshore and travelling a long distance. Blue Arrow Rescue has undertaken larger-scale search and rescue activities such as medivacs from fishing vessels and assisting disabled yachts. It has a cruising speed of 25 knots.

Hamilton Jet Rescue is a single engine jet boat, which primarily operates in the surf zone and up to five nautical miles from shore.

Southern Trust Rescue is a single engine jet ski, specially designed for operating near the shore, in the surf and over a small geographical range.

How we work with other lifesaving, search and rescue organisations

Within the area shown on the map on page 3, Sumner Lifeboat works closely with Coastguard New Zealand (CNZ), NZ Police Search and Rescue (SAR), Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ), St John Ambulance, Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) and Civil Defence.

Our organisation is a founding and active member of Coastguard New Zealand, and more recently helped to set up Coastguard Southern Region (one of four Regions within CNZ).

Our call-out alarm is initiated by the NZ Police Communications Centre, in response to a call from a member of the public, other Coastguard units and rescue services, or a Mayday call from a boat in difficulty. Our Lifeboat Station siren sounds for one minute in an undulating pattern, during daylight hours. At the same time, and at night, our crew receive a pager alert.

Sumner Lifeboat works closely with its neighbouring Sumner Surf Life Saving Club (a member of SLSNZ), which operates from its headquarters on Sumner Beach at specified periods, on marked areas of the beach. The Surf Club uses surf skis and inflatables to patrol and carry out search and rescue operations within the inshore beach areas.

Sumner Lifeboat also works closely with Coastguard Canterbury, based in the port of Lyttelton, and Coastguard North Canterbury (formerly Waimakariri-Ashley) based at Kaiapoi.

We also have strong links in the UK to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), which operates 349 lifeboats in 238 lifeboat stations around the coast, rivers and lakes of the entire United Kingdom.

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President's Report

Paul Lawson

Our crew are competent people who give and give again to save lives.

There have been organised lifeboat and life-saving teams based in Sumner, serving the Christchurch and Canterbury community, since the 1870s when Captain Day and his colleagues jumped in their rowing boats and battled high seas to save people shipwrecked on Sumner Bar. Back then, there were few rules other than the human duty to save lives. Today, our organisation is more structured and must be more compliant than ever before with national and international regulations. Yet the service is still provided by volunteers, who not only (strictly within Health and Safety constraints) put their own lives at risk in a crisis, but also give enormous amounts of their personal time to being trained or training others, and to practising their drill to perfection.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer as crew either at sea or onshore. You are the central core of Sumner Lifeboat. You face some very challenging situations. Every call-out heightens our awareness of the ocean's changing temperament. Pegasus Bay, Sumner and Scarborough Beaches and the Avon Heathcote Estuary have riptides and currents that take even the most experienced by surprise.

We are working with Sumner Surf Life Saving Club, the Christchurch City Council and Coastguard New Zealand to educate and warn swimmers and boaties of the need to be aware of these.

Thank you to Nick Carter, Heather McDonald and Matt Hannah who have served on the Management Committee for many years and have chosen to step away from the committee this year.

Thanks to Topsy Rule, who has been one of our Vice Presidents for many, many years and has recently resigned. Sadly, we acknowledge the passing of our other two Vice Presidents, Sandy Brunt and David Cox. These three people have given generously of their time and energy to Sumner Lifeboat, over many years. We recognise them in more detail on page 12 of this magazine. Our sincere condolences go to the Brunt and Cox families.

Thanks also to those who are contracted to contribute to our administration - Gareth Murfitt as Secretary, Marnie Kent as Unit Safety Officer and Christine Toner as Marketing and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Thanks also to our Trustees and the Management Committee listed inside the front cover of this magazine.

We are deeply indebted to and dependent upon our growing list of generous donors and sponsors. Donations enable us to maintain and repair our three vessels, provide our crew with warm clothing specifically designed to be worn by emergency crew at sea, fund our increasing Health and Safety requirements, keep our slipway clear of debris, and much, much more. We could not run our operation without the very generous help of the IJ Urquhart Family Trust and the Hans J Trommel Trust, which have given major donations to us over the past 18 months. We deeply appreciate the recent grants from Air Rescue and Community Services for clearing rocks from the slipway, and Southern Trust towards a new tractor for the jet ski. We are also indebted to HamiltonJet Global, Stark Bros Ltd, Lyttelton Port Company and our many other Corporate Life Members and Sponsors for their 'in kind' donations of time and equipment.

Paul Lawson
President



Sumner Lifeboat is very proud of our President Paul Lawson, who was given a Local Hero of the Year Award in December 2018

"Paul has made a huge contribution over 20 years both to Sumner Lifeboat and to Coastguard with his experience and knowledge leading the Southern Region of Coastguard as Chair for six years, as an assessor of crew for their vessel Master qualification, in the development of new fit-for-purpose rescue vessel designs, and latterly as project manager for new rescue vessel builds. I value and appreciate his advice and support."

Cheryl Moffat
Southern Region Manager
Coastguard New Zealand



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Coxswain's report

Blair Quane



This year has been an interesting one for Sumner Lifeboat. During the summer 2017-18 we were involved in several higher-profile call-outs. This included co-ordinating a four-day search for Christchurch teenager Jack Sutton, who went missing while swimming at Scarborough Beach in February 2018. Our lifeboat team co-ordinated many private vessels to search the area from the New Brighton Pier to Lyttelton. We were proud to be involved in this positive community effort.



During a quiet winter we had the opportunity to focus on training and preparing for the summer. Our new trainees progressed through their theory and on to practical training and will soon become fully operational crew. A special thanks to John Thompson and Dave Passmore for their involvement in training the new crew.

During the 18 months (July 2017 to December 2018) since reporting in our last Rescue magazine, Sumner Lifeboat assisted 27 people in need of assistance or rescue. Thanks to all our active crew who helped achieve this result. Our volunteers gave a massive 6286 hours of their time over the 12 months July 2017 to June 2018.

In 2018 we purchased crew safety equipment, including enough Personal Locator Beacons for each person crewing on our lifeboats. This is a key piece of kit, which transmits a radio signal to help locate someone who falls overboard.

We are engaged in ongoing discussions with Christchurch City Council about transferring ownership of the lifeboat station buildings to Sumner Lifeboat Inc. Once this is settled we plan to paint the exterior of all buildings, and to upgrade the men's changing area and the generator storage area.

We have had a long struggle with rocks and rubble being washed on to our slipway (more on this story on page 14). This meant that Blue Arrow Rescue was unable to launch at low tide, so for several months she was moored at Lyttelton, as a guest of Lyttelton Port Company. And thanks to Protranz for being there to help by moving rocks and rubble, initially at no cost.

Thanks to the crew, management committee, paid staff and all our supporters, who all do their part in successfully running one of the largest Coastguard units in New Zealand. Special thanks to Marnie Kent, who works part-time in a much-valued Health and Safety and general admin role.

Blair Quane
Coxswain

Health and Safety

Running an organisation like ours requires someone to oversee all health and safety practices. A lot of my role requires making sure we operate safely. For example, keeping up to date with the Health & Safety regulations has meant that we need to incorporate extra safety aspects when handling fuel. I check weekly that crew keep the vessels and building in tip-top condition and that the appropriate forms have been completed.

Changes and new regulations cost time and money, stretching our finances, but our crew's safety is paramount, especially when their lives are put at risk when rescuing others. Every dollar we receive goes towards helping our organisation provide all the necessary things we need to operate in a safe manner.

Marnie Kent
Unit Safety Officer

Jono Welsh training crew on ropes



New recruits on board

When a new recruit joins the Lifeboat, we give them the training they need in order to attend to call-outs at sea. A new volunteer may have no maritime or boating experience and we will teach them all they need to know to crew/skipper a rescue vessel in often very difficult and challenging situations.

The Lifeboat also has a shore-based crew who are instrumental in assisting with the co-ordination of search and rescue operations.

Since September 2017 ten crew trainees have been studying and training to become qualified as operational and shore based crew.



Operational Crew Trainees

Camilla Gibbons



Howard Nicholls



Paul Mutton



Robert Potts



Patrice de Beer



Yvonne de Beer



Tony Graham



Paul Cowey



Shore Operations Trainees

Annabel Flavell and Lynette Low



Training and commitment are the keys to becoming lifeboat crew



Anyone considering becoming a crew member of Sumner Lifeboat will need to be committed, as it takes 12-24 months of training to become qualified as operational crew.

Back in September 2017, a cohort of 10 new volunteers joined Sumner Lifeboat. All are locals and represent a variety of ages, backgrounds and skills, all with the common goal to become operational crew and be able to take part in lifeboat call-outs and rescues in various roles.

Annabel and Lynette will become qualified shore operations crew, a vital role in any rescue operation.

The other eight volunteers are focused on developing the skills to become operational crew on board the Sumner Lifeboat rescue vessels in 2019.

Lifeboat training involves completing a set of theory and practical modules provided by Coastguard New Zealand, each of which must be assessed and signed off by an instructor. Training to get to operational crew status covers everything from personal safety and survival in the water, health and safety, team-working, radio communications, familiarisation with the local coastline, search and rescue techniques, victim recovery, to lifeboat handling and seamanship.

All the new volunteers have now cleared several hurdles: passing the Inductee Stage theory and practical modules to become trainees, attaining Coastguard's Boatmaster qualification, and completing all the trainee theory modules. Now the focus is on developing practical skills to get to the required standard to become operational in 2019.

Training requires commitment not just from the trainees but also from the senior crew, who run the training sessions. All the trainees really appreciate the effort the senior crew spend in passing on their knowledge and skills. It's a very supportive environment. That reflects the whole team ethos at Sumner Lifeboat. All the trainees give a big thumbs up to John Thompson and Dave Passmore, who spent a lot of time delivering the theory module training. It's not as exciting as being on a jetboat in the surf, but it's a vital part of training.

Keep an eye on Sumner Lifeboat news during 2019 to hear how the trainees are progressing towards their goal of becoming certified operational crew.

Howard Nicholls
Trainee crew member

Sumner Lifeboat Crew Stats over 18 months July 2017 to December 2018

	Total Hours	Radio Watch	Training	Maintenance	Public Education	Fundraising	Administration
12 months Jul 17 to Jun 18	6286	309	3037	240	60	240	2400
18 months Jul 17 to Dec 18	9200	478	4312	360	90	360	3600
6 months Jul 18 to Dec 18	2914						
Previous year							
12 months Jul 16 to Jun 17	6169	286	3003	220	55	205	2400

Operational hours	2017								
	Totals	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	
12 months Jul 17 to Jun 18	6168	397	494	497	659	714	517	532	
6 months Jul 18 to Dec 18	3072								
18 months Jul 17 to Dec 18	9240	397	494	497	659	714	517	532	
Previous year	2016								
12 months Jul 16 to Jun 17	6373.25	200	638	661	523.5	629	553	516.5	
6 months Jul 17 to Dec 17	3278								
SAR operations Activity Jul 17 to Dec 18	2017								
	10	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Our Crew



Sumner Lifeboat Service Awards

Sumner Lifeboat Service Awards

Certificate (3 Years): Finley Passmore
 Service Medal (5 Years): Cameron Lacey
 Silver Blue Arrow Rescue (10 Years):
 Sam Bradley, Peter Marshall
 Silver Blue Arrow Rescue (15 Years):
 Shelley Ross
 Silver Blue Arrow Rescue (20 Years):
 Paul Lawson
 Gold Medal (25 Years): Sue Bell

Coastguard Service Awards

Red Bar (3 Years): Finley Passmore
 Red Bar (5 Years): Cameron Lacey
 Blue Bar (10 Years): Sam Bradley
 Gold Bar (15 Years): Shelley Ross
 Silver Bar (20 Years): Paul Lawson

Extraordinary Certificates

Senior: John Thompson
 Trainee: Paul Mutton



Many Sumner Lifeboat volunteer crew members assembled at the Village Inn to celebrate the annual Service Awards presentation.

From left to right: Peter McDonald, Brett Naylor, Peter Marshall, Paul Lawson, David Passmore, Anthony Honeybone, Paul Mutton, Marnie Kent, Mike Barber, Ashley Rule, Cameron Lacey, John Atkins (obscured), John Thompson, Rob Glassford (obscured), Shelley Ross, Baptiste Marconnet, Sue Bell, Blair Quane, Finley Passmore, Howard Nicholls, Patrick FitzGerald, Björn Stankowitz, Yvonne de Beer, Patrice de Beer, Annabel Flavell, Jono Welsh, Lynette Low, Rob Potts, Bob C'Ailloeta

2018										
FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
408	477	550	549	374	547	576	492	448	589	420
408	477	550	549	374	547	576	492	448	589	420
2017										
551.25	639	575	522	365						
					397	494	497	659	714	517
2018										
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

What we have been doing



We attended 13 call-outs from July 2017 to December 2018

All year round, 24/7 the Sumner Lifeboat crew are on stand-by to assist those who might find themselves in trouble in the sea around Christchurch. We receive calls from the public, the police, other Coastguard units and rescue services to attend to those in need.



17 July 2017

1750 - A 10m sailing boat 'Janna' with two passengers and two dogs on board was reported broken down 10nm south of Motunau Island. Blue Arrow Rescue, crewed by two Senior Master and two Master crew members towed the stricken vessel to Lyttelton.

22 July 2017

1500 - Civil Defence tasked us with driving up the Heathcote River during very heavy rain and flooding to see if anyone needed help. Southern Trust Rescue launched with three crew. No help was needed.

8 December 2017

1. 1340 - Three swimmers were caught in a rip in Sumner Bay. The Police called us out and Southern Trust Rescue launched with two crew. A helicopter also attended. The swimmers made it to shore without our assistance. One swimmer was taken to hospital.
2. 1425 - Six swimmers were caught in a rip off Cave Rock. NZ Police called us out but the swimmers made it to shore without our assistance.

11 January 2018

1230 - A dog owner thought his dog was in trouble in the water so he went in to assist. A member of the public called NZ Police who called us out. By the time we had launched Hamilton Jet Rescue and Southern Trust Rescue the dog owner no longer required assistance.

20 January 2018

NZ Police issued a standby page at 0845 as a diver was missing 8nm north of Motunau Island. At 0900 a '111 immediate response required' was issued. Kaiapoi 1 had launched and set off for Motunau Island. Blue Arrow Rescue was launched at 0930 with four crew. At 0950 the diver had been found and a '999 stand down' was issued – Blue Arrow Rescue turned around and headed back to Sumner.

1 February 2018

1. 1635 - A catamaran overturned in the estuary with two people aboard.
2. Four swimmers in the estuary needed help.
3. A boogie boarder needed help.
4. A kite surfer was in trouble off Scarborough Head – he abandoned the kite and was picked up by Hamilton Jet Rescue, which later retrieved the kite.

5 February 2018

1520 – Two boys, aged 14, got into trouble swimming in Sumner Bay. One boy got out safely – the other was swept out to sea and presumed drowned. Hamilton Jet Rescue with two crew and Southern Trust Rescue with one crew was launched. A helicopter was also in attendance. Sumner Lifeboat co-ordinated a five-day search of the area around Sumner Bay with the help of local surf clubs and private boaties. The area was divided up into 15 sub-areas and maps printed out for the searchers. Family members camped alongside the Lifeboat Station and local businesses supported the search with food etc. The search was stood down on 10 Feb. Sadly, Jack Sutton's body was found ashore one day later.

21 February 2018

1030 - Police called us out – three surfboarders were in difficulties. One surfboard broke in half and the boarder was picked up by Hamilton Jet Rescue. The other boarders refused Hamilton Jet Rescue help.

11 March 2018

1415 – NZ Police called us out as a 7m yacht was taking on water 1km off Motunau Island. Blue Arrow Rescue launched with five crew. When halfway there it was stood down as the yacht crew had made it safely to shore.

People who keep Sumner Lifeboat afloat



Acknowledging two very significant people

We are sad to have recently farewelled two of our Vice Presidents, Sandy Brunt and David Cox

David Cox gave a lifetime of service to the community, with involvement in a great many activities and organisations. He first became involved with Sumner Lifeboat when we were fundraising in the 1990s. He was a very active Community Board member and Councillor, and Christchurch City Council was a significant contributor (both materially and financially) to the Lifeboat. Therefore it was an honour for us that David agreed to become Chairman of the League Committee. He carried out that role with pleasure and commitment. His knowledge of and connections with the Christchurch community were invaluable to our cause. After the League was disestablished, he continued as a Trustee of the Lifeboat Institution's Trust

Funds and was a Vice President until he passed away in February 2019. He was a proud and honourable man, very easy to deal with, and his approach will be missed.

Sandy Brunt was an active crew member in the days of the lifeboat 'Rescue', was a founding member of the League Committee and a Trustee for the Trust Funds. Sandy organised a major fundraising event focused on engaging local identities and businesses to contribute financially to Sumner Lifeboat in exchange for individual or commercial or Life League Membership, creating an important and stable funding base for Sumner Lifeboat Institution today. Sandy's 'heart of gold' and sharp mind have been much appreciated by Sumner Lifeboat for many, many years.

Acknowledging our donors and sponsors

Without the help of donations, grants and sponsors, Sumner Lifeboat would never have been able to save the lives it has over more than 100 years. We are deeply indebted to our supporters and this magazine is just one vehicle in which we can record our thanks.

We are fortunate to have had for several years the support from the estate of Ian Urquhart, a Sumner resident in his later years, and Hans Trommel, a Redcliffs resident, and other local residents who have chosen to include our organisation as a beneficiary of their estate.

Leaving a bequest of even a small amount is a powerful way to help ensure the future stability of your local lifeboat organisation. There are details about how to do this on page 17. We would truly appreciate you thinking about sharing some part of your estate with Sumner Lifeboat.

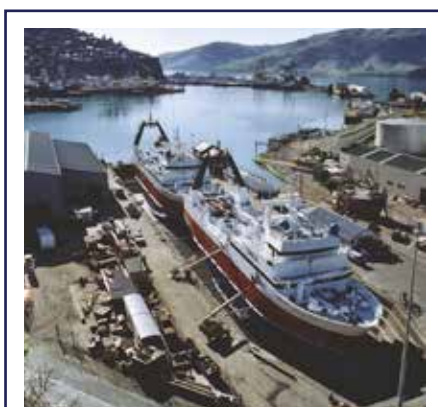
We have help from grants and trusts as well and in 2019 we will depend on donations and grants to replace our jet ski, with its sled, and acquiring a new tractor and trailer. We will also be seeking funds to paint the exterior of our Lifeboat Station and to upgrade part of the interior to give our men a private area to change into their seagoing clothing, rather than doing this in a draughty and damp boatshed right beside the jet ski.

We are very grateful for an increasing number of donations from individuals, organisations and businesses.

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Thanks to the Southern Trust we will replace the jet ski towing vehicle with a small tractor in 2019



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Our thanks



J Ian Urquhart

Most of the Sumner Lifeboat team never met Ian Urquhart, but they all know that he made very significant contributions to the organisation.



*Ian
Urquhart
Sumner*

Born in Kaitangata, Ian worked at the National Bank in Dunedin, Balclutha and Alexandra, and came to Christchurch in 1962. In his later years, he lived in Sumner. When Sumner Lifeboat was struggling to find funds to build the lifeboat shed at Scarborough, Ian invited Murray Johnson, the Secretary, to visit him. He quietly handed Murray a very large cheque.

When he passed away in 2010, Ian nominated Sumner Lifeboat to be included in distributions from his estate. His gift helps maintain lifeboat vessels and equipment, provides up-to-date wet suits, helmets and other personalised gear, and helps us to ensure an excellent level of training and experience.

Throughout his 25-year National Bank career, Ian developed his interest in share market investment. He established a share club with a small group of friends and is said to have spent many of his workday lunch hours visiting his share broker to check the latest trades on the Stock Exchange. Over the years he amassed a considerable portfolio, but few people would have known this. In fact, he was a humble man, who lived a very private and also frugal life, but friends say that he would not hesitate to help a friend or family member in need. Underneath his quiet and reserved appearance there was a quick dry wit and a very generous nature.

Still in early middle age, Ian resigned from his job rather than accept a transfer to a location that was not acceptable to him. The National Bank lost a loyal, very able, well respected and valuable employee. For the next 13 years Ian had a temporary job assisting Dennis Kalin at his newsagent bookshop in Armagh Street near New Regent Street. He enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the shop and the contact with people. Many older Christchurch folk that worked in the area will remember Ian and Dennis.

Ian finally retired in 1990 to concentrate on his by now principal activities – the share market, cultivating his garden and later looking after his parents, who lived next door. After their deaths in 1996 and 1997 he moved to a unit in Sumner where he enjoyed walks on the beach and a bigger garden. He loved to share the bounty of his efforts with neighbours and friends.

Ian's estate helps Sumner Lifeboat to save lives and to bring people home safely to their families. Our community and the Lifeboat organisation will always be very grateful for Ian Urquhart's foresight and generosity. Thank you, Ian.



*Hans
Trommel
Redcliffs*



Hans Trommel

Hans Trommel passed away 12 years ago, and bequeathed his estate three ways – to Sumner Lifeboat Institution, Ferrymead Heritage Park and The Salvation Army. Sumner Lifeboat carried his ashes to be scattered in Lyttelton Harbour.

Hans left the Netherlands in 1951, choosing New Zealand as his destination. To pay off his passage Hans worked on the West Coast and other places in the South Island but eventually settled in Redcliffs in the early 1960s. He worked at Skellerup in Woolston, mostly on the night shift. He usually cycled to work, and he never owned a car.

He built a second storey on his waterfront cottage himself, in a style reminiscent of a Dutch barn. He loved his unusual sunken garden where he grew a famous collection of succulents, and displayed a distinctive collection of floats, which he found on his daily beach walks. He was also very musical, often playing his piano accordion at parties.

He loved to travel, and after a six-month 'working holiday' in Australia in 1954 he travelled frequently, recording his experiences on video and in a series of fascinating 'log books'. He found a 'Philosophy of Travel' in a backpacker hostel somewhere, articulating his own views that 'Travel is a way of experiencing life, of finding new perspectives, of understanding one's own self better and becoming a more positive person by relating to others'.

Hans' generous donations to Sumner Lifeboat are deeply appreciated. Thanks to The Public Trust and Tim Hayward (Trustees of the Hans Trommel Trust) for this story.

Scarborough Dippers swam daily throughout July 2018 for Sumner Lifeboat



Blue Arrow to the Rescue

The 'blue ARROW' MouseBoat manoeuvring controller shown here to the left of the helm provides another option for governing the engine and steering controls

Each of Sumner Lifeboat's crafts are named after an organisation that has contributed to the purchase of the craft.

The 12.5m lifeboat Blue Arrow Rescue is named for its jet engine control system, 'blue ARROW'. This was supplied by HamiltonJet, Christchurch's own specialists in jetboat engine propulsion and control equipment, who also supplied the waterjet units. 'blue ARROW' is an electronic system that uses a hand-sized 'MouseBoat' manoeuvring controller that governs the engine throttle, gearbox and waterjet reverse and steering deflectors.

"It works just like the mouse we all use with our computer," explains Lifeboat Coxswain Blair Quane. "The skipper can steer, speed up and slow down the boat with one hand."

HamiltonJet recently fitted Blue Arrow Rescue with another amazing piece of technology – the JETAnchor system.

This system has a 'Station Keeping' or 'Virtual Anchor' mode that automatically holds vessel position more accurately than is possible using manual control. The station-keeping mode sets a single GPS point mooring and governs the jet units, which keep automatically adjusting for the wind, tide, swell and other influences, to make the boat stay in one spot. HamiltonJet has used Blue Arrow Rescue to demonstrate their technology, which has many applications especially with autonomic transport and self-drive boats becoming a reality.

Many thanks to HamiltonJet, who are generous with maintenance and are always there to help Sumner Lifeboat.



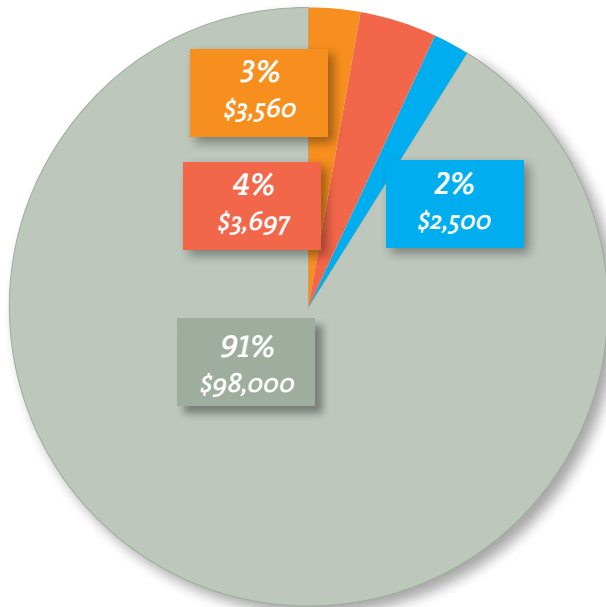
Rocks and gravel moved off slipway

The rails on the lower part of the slipway have frequently been covered by gravel and small rocks washed from nearby cliffs that collapsed in the earthquakes eight years ago. When the debris covers the rails, Blue Arrow Rescue cannot be launched at lower than half tide, so has had to be moored at Lyttelton on many occasions. Thanks to Lyttelton Port Company for providing a berth free of charge.

Lifeboat crew initially laboured to clear the rubble with shovels and brooms, only to see the problem recur with the next tide. Then Protranz Earthmoving Ltd donated their costs to bring an 8-tonne excavator to clear away truckloads of gravel and rocks, and to use large boulders to form a barrier to prevent further gravel being deposited onto the slipway. This work had to be done at low tide.

Thanks to contributions from Christchurch City Council and neighbouring users of the slipway, in January 2019 we embarked on a co-operative and more comprehensive dredging project with Protranz, who have removed 550m² of rocks to provide, we trust, much longer-term results.

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Since the 1870's the members of the Sumner Lifeboat Institution have been saving lives on the waters of the Peninsula. We are immensely grateful for their heroic efforts in keeping our communities safe on the water, and proud to be a longstanding supporter of the Institution.



Securing our financial future



Heather McDonald Chair of Fundraising

We are now looking to secure our financial, long-term future. While no one can see the future with accuracy, we know that Blue Arrow Rescue, our 12.5 metre jet-powered lifeboat, will need new engines by 2025 (estimated cost \$250,000) and complete replacement (an estimated \$1.25m) by 2035. In addition, we will replace our jet ski in 2019 and again every three to four years (estimate \$25,000), and our inshore jet boat (estimate \$250,000) at least by 2030.

In addition to the major vessel replacement are repairs and maintenance of our vessels, buildings and the slipway, and operational costs, which are currently around \$120,000 each year.

Currently we depend heavily on a handful of significant donors and 'in kind' assistance. Soon we will embark on a fundraising programme to build up our 'savings' funds to a significant figure over the next 10 years.

Our aim is to cover annual costs and to accumulate \$3.5 to \$4m by 2035 for replacement of Blue Arrow Rescue and an investment income.

Our strategy includes developing an active Bequest and Legacy programme, increasing the amount we are awarded from grants and other charitable funds, building our major donor and sponsor base and developing several smaller ongoing income streams from fundraising activities.

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Please consider giving to help us bring people home to their families

No one would dispute the value of our service, but it may come as a surprise that we need to fundraise to cover the cost of maintaining our boats and other plant and equipment, training, equipping and looking after our crew, complying with Health and Safety requirements, and many other items.

Some of the things we need to buy and replace are wetsuits, helmets, and other items to a total of around \$2500 per crew member. In total, volunteer crew expenses were over \$12,000 last year. Fuel, insurances, health and safety requirements, ropes, First Aid kits and

defibrillators in the station, and a supply of food on Blue Arrow Rescue and Hamilton Jet Rescue, are all typical of administrative and operational costs that we need to fund.

Sumner Lifeboat is truly grateful to our valued donors and sponsors, who give regular and significant donations. We also appreciate those that give a little, and those that help us with gifts 'in kind'.



How to make a bequest

You can make a lasting difference

One way to help Sumner Lifeboat financially is to leave instructions in your Will about giving a gift from your estate. Of course your family and friends come first, but even a gift of a small percentage can help our volunteers to save lives.

An up-to-date Will is the best way to be sure your loved ones know which causes you care about, and how you would like to help them. Over time it is easy to change your Will to reflect your changing circumstances, so even if you already have a Will you can add a bequest now.

Ask us for more information, look on our website www.sumnerlifeboat.org.nz or ask your lawyer about giving a specific amount, a share of your estate or a residual amount after your loved ones have been looked after.

A heartfelt thank you

If you choose to include Sumner Lifeboat in your Will it will help us greatly to know about your intentions, so we can thank you for your generosity in your lifetime. This is not a binding commitment, and anything you share with Sumner Lifeboat is private and confidential.

Thank you for helping us



How to make a donation

Have a chat

If you would like to give, but want to talk first, please ring **Christine Toner** on 027 433 958.

Thanking our supporters adequately and giving appropriate recognition for significant donations and bequests is of very high importance to us. We are happy to talk to you about how best to show our appreciation in a way that works well for you.

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