



### About the Trust:

The 50001 Youth Training Trust a Lowestoft based charity, was created in 2014 as the *Thames Class Lifeboat Trust*, built upon a core group of dedicated volunteers of all ages and from varying different backgrounds. Each volunteer has a passion for education and preservation of maritime heritage.

The trust owns and aims to preserve and operate the historic Lowestoft built ex RNLI lifeboat "**Rotary Service**" as a training vessel.

Working alongside other voluntary organisations or directly with the end user offering the chance for young & disadvantaged individuals to come on board as a volunteer, or just to take short training courses with qualified instructors, empowering them with the qualifications and experience to follow a career in the maritime sector.

If you'd like to learn more about us please get in touch or view our website/social media pages...

### Objectives:

- **Training** young & underprivileged individuals in maritime skills.
- **Providing** leisure activities for disadvantaged youths. (e.g young carers)
- **Creating** a bridge with Maritime Employers.
- **Preserving** historic Lowestoft built lifeboat "Rotary Service".
- **Operating** the vessel as a floating museum.
- **Promoting** Lowestoft maritime heritage.

### Getting involved:

**To donate:** Please visit our crowd funding campaign on <http://fund.50001.org.uk> or get in touch about different methods, Thank you! Every penny helps...

**Volunteer:** If you wish to help crew "**Rotary Service**", Either afloat or during her refurbishment please get in touch, all assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Supported by:

Broom Boats  
KPM-Marine  
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Rotary Club of Westminster West  
Seafarers UK  
R&P Metalwork  
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Many more...

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*Preserving Lowestoft heritage  
Inspiring & Mentoring youth  
Creating positive futures*



### The Vessel:

"**Rotary Service**" was the first Thames Class Lifeboat, built in 1973 by Brooke Marine, Lowestoft. Based upon the successful Waveney Class Lifeboat, of which 6 were built in Lowestoft.

The money for the initial purchase of the vessel was raised by the Rotary International of Great Britain & Ireland, and in 1974 she was delivered to the RNLI lifeboat station at Falmouth for testing, where she was called out on service 45 times and saved 17 lives. The most meritorious of these in November 1977 when Coxswain Arthur West was awarded an RNLI Bronze Medal for outstanding bravery and seamanship, saving six men from a 110ft storm-lashed barge.

She was then redeployed to the Dover lifeboat station and was officially named by Her Majesty the Queen Mother in 1978. She was involved in two further medal services, including in 1987 acting coxswain Roy Couzens was awarded the RNLI Silver medal and six of the lifeboat crew received RNLI Bronze medals. By the end of her service life the vessel was attributed with launching 411 times, and saving 177 lives, before being sold out of service for use as a pilot boat in Cornwall and latterly Ireland...



### Specifications:

**Built:** 1973 by Brooke Marine, Lowestoft.  
**Length:** 50ft **Beam:** 17ft **Draft:** 4ft  
**Engines:** 2 GM V8 Diesels **Speed:** 17 Knots  
**Construction:** Steel Hull & Alloy cabins  
**Fuel Capacity:** 2100 Litres  
**Cost (new):** £200,000

### Refurbishment plans:

After a long campaign "**Rotary Service**" is now in Lowestoft being refurbished by volunteers to provide a safe, reliable working environment. The refurbishment including re-powering with more modern and economical engines and redesigning the vessels interior for her new role, will take several years and will be funded by charitable donations, sponsorship or Grants.

The Trust are working alongside industry partners to utilise the advances in technology the past 43 years of engineering development have brought. The vessel is to have a full refurbishment throughout to make her capable of operating with up to 12 persons on board, or 8 on longer voyages.

