



# Watson 41 EX RNLI Lifeboat - 1952

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## General

Year : 1952

Beam : 11.00 Ft

Area : Milford Haven, United Kingdom

Builder : William Osbourne

Length : 41.00 Ft

Life Raft : No

Leasing in progress : No

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## Engines

Fuel : Diesel

Power Unit. (HP) : 47

Engine Brand : Ford

Engine(s) : 2

## Facilities

Flybridge : No

Helm : No

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## Electronics

Autopilot : No

GPS : No

VHF : No

Watermaker : No

Radar : No

Sounder : No

Chartplotter : No

Converter 12/220 : No

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## Bridge equipment

Hydraulic Gangway : No

Bath platform : No

Winter cover : No

Sprayhood : No

Teak cockpit : No

Furling mainsail : No

Gangway : No

Davits : No

Electric windlass : No

Cockpit awning : No

Teak deck : No

Furling genoa : No

Spinnaker : No

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## Main equipment

Stern thruster : No

AC : No

Black Water : No

Tender : No

Bow Thruster : No

Marine Generator : No

Hot water : No

Flaps : No

Tender Engine : No

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# Household appliances

Freezer : No

Microwaves : No

Electric stove : No

Washing machine : No

TV antenna : No

SAT-TV : No

IceMaker : No

Oven : No

Gas stove : No

Heater : No

Dishwasher : No

TV : No

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**Remarks :**

St Andrew - Non self-righting Watson 41 Ex RNLI Lifeboat, presented in extremely original condition. Privately owned since 1982, and appearing on TV for ITV's "The Royal".

Believed to be the only one of her type in largely original condition, with the exception to her changes in the forward cabin. Sweet to the eye, low profile and rare funnel housing the engine exhausts.&nbsp;

Built in 1952 by William Osborne. She was stationed at Whitehills, Girvan & Arklow during her time in service. Launched 81 times, saving 21 lives.&nbsp;

Re-engined in 1963 by the RNLI to 2 x 47hp Ford-based Parsons 4 Cylinder diesel engines. A welcome upgrade from her original 6 cylinder petrol engines.

**Accommodation :**

Huge, wide side decks

Funnel for exhausts

Hatches

Ventilation

Open rear cockpit, standing helm with 360 vision

Access to seating area, with benches

Access to engine bay

Large engine bay accessed via ladder from seating area

Forward saloon & cabin:

Ex-RNLI crew / casualty quarters

Light fit out

Access via ladder from forward deck

Blue seating / converting into 2 berths

Storage

Forward cabin V berths, sleeping 2

Storage

Possible area for 2 further berths above seating area in main saloon

**St Andrew, ex RNLI Watson 41Lifeboat (ON 897)**  
Built by William Osbourne in 1952.  
The 41&nbsp;ft Watson non self-righting lifeboat was designed for service at stations which required a larger and more powerful boat than the standard carriage launched types, but which could not

accommodate the larger Watson types through boathouse or slipway constraints.

With production starting in 1933, this type of lifeboat was put back into production in 1948, nine years after the previous one had been built. The new revised version had an enlarged cabin which replaced the forward shelter. From 1963 eight of the boats, including St Andrew, were re-engined with 47&nbsp;bhp Ford-based Parsons Porbeagle 4-cylinder diesel engines. The last four 41s to be built, however, were built with one cockpit aft containing the wheel, engine controls, shelter for eight crew and access to the engine room. She served at Whitehills, Girvan and Arklow but, as a new generation of lifeboats were being introduced, St Andrew had 3 spells in the relief fleet lasting in total about 11 years. As the normal life of a lifeboat is 25 years, St Andrew has not had a hard life, the engines being 19 years old when sold out of service, 8 years of that time having been spent in the relief fleet.

St Andrew was the last Watson 41 to be built. It is believed she is the only one of her type largely as original, except for changes to her forward cabin and fore peak. She is much admired partly because she is sweet to the eye, having a low profile and very rare funnel that houses the engine exhausts.

**Inventory :**

Garmin 500 GPS

Simrad CE33 Plotter / Fishfinder

NASA VHF Radio

Main RNLI Anchor

35lb CQR Anchor

Kelvin Hughes main compass, in binnacle

Lifebuoy & two lights

Marinepool rescue harness

Coastal flare pack

Boathook x 2

Fenders and Warps

No toilet or gas appliances

**Mechanical :**

2 x 1963 47hp Ford-based Parsons 4 Cylinder diesel engines (RNLI Fitted) Serviced 5 hours ago.&nbsp;

1 x Hand bilge pump

5 x Electric bilge pumps

Seago 6-man liferaft

2 x 2kg CO2 Fire extinguishers

2 x Varta 1000AH Batteries (2024)

**Hull & Topsides:**

Aluminium superstructure

Double Diagonal Mahogany on Oak Planking

Canadian Elm Ribs

Teak Keel

English Oak Stem & Stern Posts

Painted in near original RNLI colours (June 2025)

Antifouled June 2025

Anodes Replaced June 2025























































