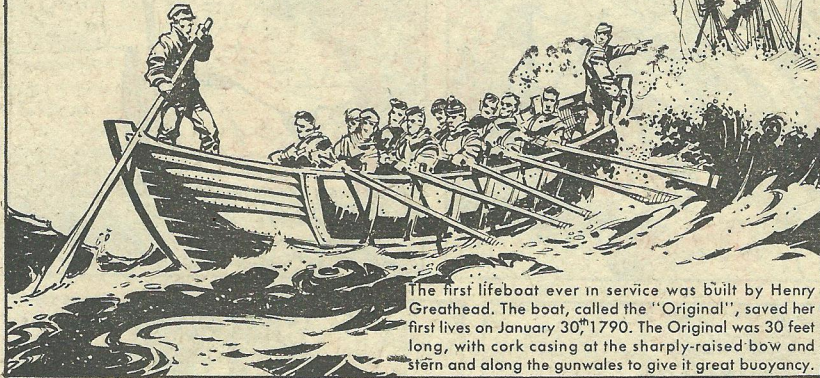
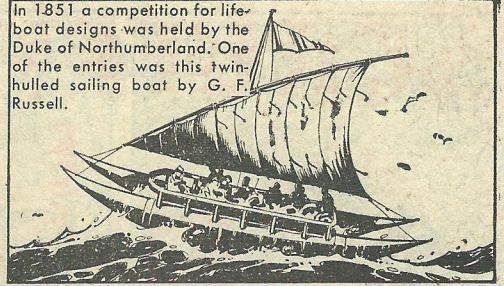


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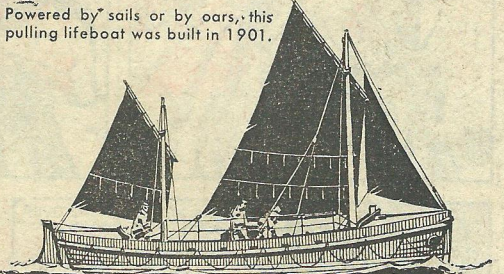


The first lifeboat ever in service was built by Henry Greathead. The boat, called the "Original", saved her first lives on January 30, 1790. The Original was 30 feet long, with cork casing at the sharply-raised bow and stern and along the gunwales to give it great buoyancy.

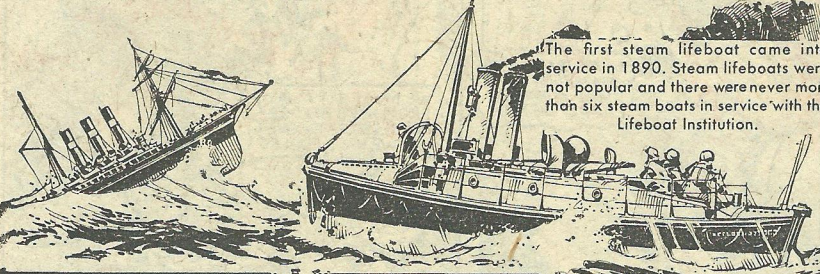


In 1851 a competition for lifeboat designs was held by the Duke of Northumberland. One of the entries was this twin-hulled sailing boat by G. F. Russell.

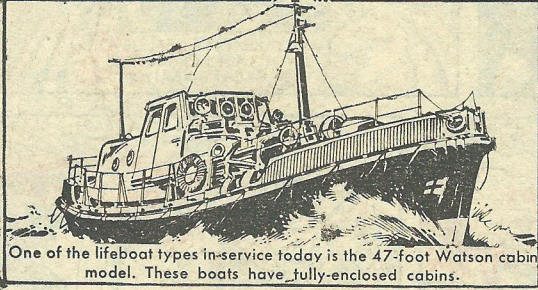
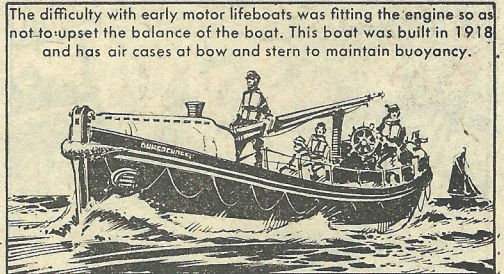
Powered by sails or by oars, this pulling lifeboat was built in 1901.



The difficulty with early motor lifeboats was fitting the engine so as not to upset the balance of the boat. This boat was built in 1918 and has air cases at bow and stern to maintain buoyancy.

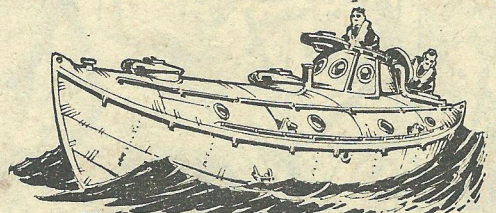


The first steam lifeboat came into service in 1890. Steam lifeboats were not popular and there were never more than six steam boats in service with the Lifeboat Institution.

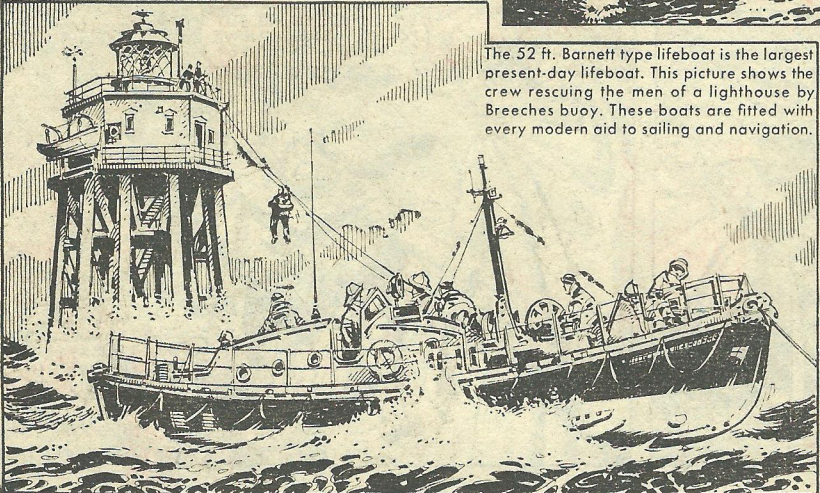
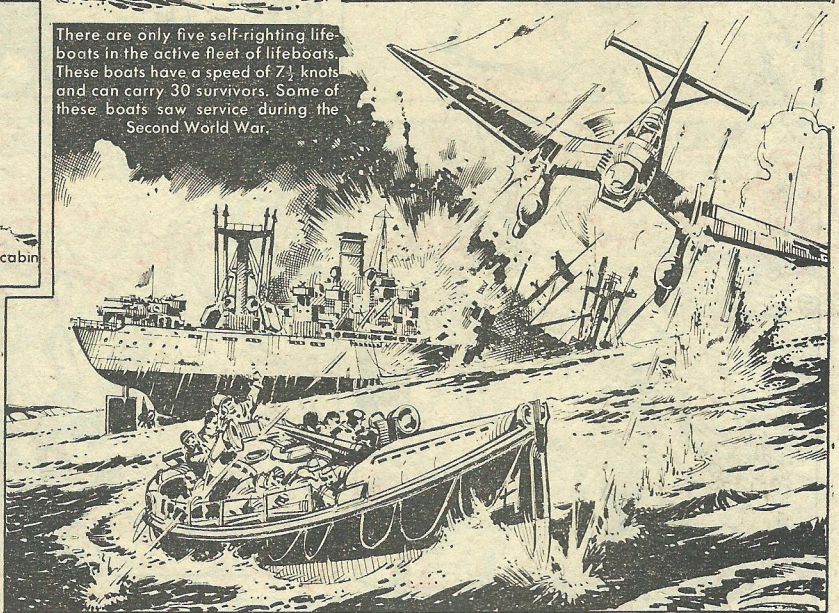


One of the lifeboat types in-service today is the 47-foot Watson cabin model. These boats have fully-enclosed cabins.

There are only five self-righting lifeboats in the active fleet of lifeboats. These boats have a speed of 7½ knots and can carry 30 survivors. Some of these boats saw service during the Second World War.



This experimental Dutch lifeboat is completely watertight when the hatches are closed. The boat is launched from a parent ship on a sliding trolley.



The 52 ft. Barnett type lifeboat is the largest present-day lifeboat. This picture shows the crew rescuing the men of a lighthouse by Breeches buoy. These boats are fitted with every modern aid to sailing and navigation.

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