



## FELIXSTOWE COAST PATROL AND RESCUE

### ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

The 2023 season has been relatively quiet, with not as many craft on the water as expected, and the Deben entrance not causing as many problems as expected. There also was not as many PWC's causing problems on the sea front.

Our stats for this year are: -

55 days on patrol (average of 8 hours a day)

1882 miles covered.

6 lives saved (3 off a sinking yacht, 2 swimming ashore after falling of a PWC half a mile of the Deben and a windsurfer with a broken mast being blown offshore from Manor end)

1320 volunteer crew hours on patrol (and about the same again on training and events)

6 May day or Pan pan calls responded too

And 12 craft towed in, and 42 persons assisted.

We have had a big push on water safety events this year and did about 2 school assemblies a month, including one at the Felixstowe academy to over a thousand pupils.

Crew wise we welcomed 6 new volunteers into the group, and our still looking for more volunteers both into roles on the water or shore support.

The council grant in the last year has been used towards new crew equipment including Drysuits (£400 each) Helmets (£200), lifejackets (£400 each) and crew footwear.

We are very proud to have been one of the mayors charities in the last year, and I has helped to increase the publics awareness of us.

We are now looking forward to our 28<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Johno Brett

Chairman and senior Coxswain