

Barra Lifeboat Visitors



On March, 11 2009, 2 people called Donald MacLeod and Laura Jane Johnston from Barra lifeboats came in to talk about what they did when they where on a callout to sea in an incident.

First we watched a DVD of the Barra lifeboat saving a yacht and how much the people on the yacht thanked the RNLi, Then Donald MacLeod the coxswain of the lifeboat showed how well he controlled the lifeboat on the rough sea when he had to go out and save the yacht. The weather was so rough that day that the lifeboat had capsized but Donald MacLeod managed to steer the life boat and got everything back to normal.

Donald MacLeod in his spare time was a fisherman and if he was out at sea on his boat he told Barra lifeboat to take his stuff on the lifeboat and then the lifeboat would come along side his boat and he would jump onto the lifeboat and then would then go to the incident. The way he would know was because Barra

Lifeboat crew have a pager that would go off. That's how he would know there was a problem.

Then they showed us the gear they used so Donald MacLeod and Laura Jane Johnston chose some volunteers myself who wore the bib and brace , Catrin Evans who wore the helmet , Calum MacRitchie who wore the lifejacket , Laurence Donkers and Iain MacBain also wore a lifejacket.

Later Mrs MacDonald I.T took a picture of the people who were wearing the gear. Then Donald and Laura explained to the class how a lifejacket worked. We decided to inflate a lifejacket, so I volunteered and put the lifejacket on and there was a cord to pull it.



It was an amazing experience to do that and feel what it felt like to do what they done.

At the end we went through to room 4 and we showed all the gear to Primary 4, 5, 6 and Mrs Dick.

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