

Basic Detail Report



Queenscliffe

Vessel number

HV000029

Date

1926

Primary Maker

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Description

QUEENSCLIFFE was built in 1926 to a Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) design called the Watson Class. The double-diagonal planked vessel was built by A McFarlane and Sons in Port Adelaide SA, commissioned on the 6th of March 1926, and then officially named and launched on the 9th of April 1926. QUEENSCLIFFE was originally built with two masts, but the mizzen was removed in the 1960s. It had a retractable centreplate fitted and used when under sail. The original Wayburn petrol engine was replaced with a Gardner diesel. This gave QUEENSCLIFFE a top speed of 7.5 knots with a range of 350 miles. The equipment carried aboard included a VHF Radio Telephone, HF radio transceiver, visual signals, life rafts, hand rocket gun, flare gun, generator, search light and first aid supplies. In the tradition of many shore based lifeboats, QUEENSCLIFFE had its own shed and slipway and was always ready for launching when required to go to sea in response to an emergency call. Its area of operation included 'the Rip' at Port Phillip Heads and the Bass Strait seas immediately offshore.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 13.72 m x 3.65 m x 1.1 m, 26.57 tonnes (45 ft x 12 ft x 3.6 ft, 27 tons)