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Burnham-on-Crouch

## Cadet rescue!

Burnham-on-Crouch RNLI Floating Boathouse Appeal has a new venture for the New Year. Following on from the success of the 'Barangoola: MTA Boating on a Budget' project of 2009/10, the team is now in the process of beginning 'Boating on a Budget III'!

The plan is to find two International Cadet dinghies currently in a sorry state and rebuild one of them to raffle at the RYA Volvo Dinghy show supported by Yachts and Yachting Magazine, on March 6<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Burnham-on-Crouch RNLI Floating Boathouse Appeal.

Two Cadet dinghies in a suitable state of disrepair have been found and there will be two boats on display at the show to demonstrate how the project started and what can be achieved.

Burnham RNLI Crew is making up the volunteer force, the overall build will be overseen by Norman Gullen and Dick Rycroft, ably assisted by all manner of talents provided by the Crew. However none of these people are professional boat builders and any of the skills used should be able to be performed by a competent DIY enthusiast. The project is further being supported by the Marine Trades Association and its members as well as the International Cadet Association.

Having ascertained the ownership, provenance and title of the two boats, we have now finally been able to move the dinghies inside the build shed to dry out and work will start early in the New Year. Tickets are in the process of being printed and are due to be on sale during January.

Burnham-on-Crouch RNLI Floating Boathouse Appeal recently announced that the total amount donated to the Appeal has just passed £100,000. It is hoped that this initiative will bring the Appeal closer to the target of £130,000.

If you would like to donate to the Floating Boathouse Appeal, you can do so by visiting [www.justgiving.com/burnhamboathouseappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/burnhamboathouseappeal)

If you would like to know more about Burnham on Crouch Lifeboat Station please visit [www.burnham-rnli.org.uk](http://www.burnham-rnli.org.uk)

### Notes to editors

- Burnham-on-Crouch lifeboat station has been operating since 1966. To find out more about the lifeboat station go to [www.burnham-rnli.org.uk](http://www.burnham-rnli.org.uk)

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**Key facts about the RNLI**

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