

## Devon and Severn IFCA News

### Increased patrol capabilities for D&S IFCA

**Launch of new patrol vessel, named David Rowe in memory of former Authority Member**



On 14<sup>th</sup> March, Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (D&S IFCA) launched and named their new 7.8 metre patrol boat, Fisheries Patrol Vessel (FPV) David Rowe, in memory of the former Authority member who sadly passed away last April. Members of David's family joined Authority members and D&S IFCA Officers at the naming ceremony in Brixham.

David was the Chairman of the [Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee](#) and oversaw D&S IFCA's pioneering use of activity based permitting Byelaws. D&S IFCA is the only IFCA to use these to deliver its management. David was a tremendous supporter and advocate for the D&S IFCA who are proud to name the boat in his memory.

The new Rigid Inflatable Boat (R.I.B), manufactured by Ribcraft in Yeovil, was part funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and will be used for enforcement patrols and research support. Its surveillance ability will be enhanced by the advanced technology on board, including the installation of a Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) camera which was fully funded by EMFF grant funding. The Authority's approach to enforcement is complemented by the addition of such a vessel and advanced technology. The vessel will provide much greater sea keeping qualities which will enable it to operate in much poorer weather conditions than the previous vessel. The provision of a three-sided wheelhouse offers added protection and safety to crew onboard.

This is a bespoke build to our specific requirements. The RIB provides some of the seakeeping benefits of a large vessel whilst still being below towing weight limits, allowing the vessel to be moved and launched from other ports.

D&S IFCA currently operates an intelligence led tasking and enforcement strategy which has improved the sharing of information and joint working opportunities between agencies.

- If you wish to report any suspicious fishing activity you can call our out of hours contact number 07740 175479.
- You can subscribe to our free E-newsletter by contacting D&S IFCA.