



James Bubb won an Ocean Signal rescueME MOB1 in the RNLI's Crack the Code Safe giveaway at Southampton Boat Show

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## Ocean Signal: Ocean Signal Supports the RNLI in Southampton Boat Show Giveaway

Two lucky winners left Southampton Boat Show better equipped to stay safe at sea with new Ocean Signal devices after success in the RNLI's 'Crack the Code Safe' giveaway.

Communication and safety at sea specialist Ocean Signal supported the RNLI at this year's show with the donation of two of its life-saving products – the rescueME MOB1 man overboard device and the rescueME EPIRB1 Emergency

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As the Official Charity Partner for the 50<sup>th</sup> Southampton Boat Show, the RNLI ran a range of events this year to highlight the work of its crew and raise awareness about how to stay safe at sea. A popular attraction on the large interactive stand was the Crack the Code safe feature, which gave visitors the chance to win top-tier lifesaving products every day.

James Bubb from Thatcham won the award-winning MOB1, a personal AIS device that is easily integrated into lifejackets for automatic activation when the lifejacket is inflated, while another lucky stand visitor and his young granddaughter walked away with the Ocean Signal EPIRB1, a compact 406 MHz beacon designed to provide the boat's essential link to the emergency services.

James Hewitt, Sales and Marketing Director, Ocean Signal, said: "As safety at sea product manufacturers, we are hugely appreciative of all the work carried out by the brave men and women of the RNLI. Our main aim in developing our products is to ensure these devices can facilitate as many rescues as possible and help the crews to reach and find casualties quickly and safely. We are always very proud to support the RNLI and hope the Southampton Boat Show winners are reassured when carrying our devices."

The Ocean Signal rescueME EPIRB1 features a huge 10-year battery life and is the most compact device on the market at just 7in x 3.5in. The Class 2 GPS EPIRB automatically activates once the unit has been immersed in water, communicating the location via the 406MHz Cospas-Sarsat satellite system with position provided by an integrated 66-channel GPS receiver and 121.5MHz homing beacon. Two high brightness strobes maximize visibility. A retractable antenna provides maximum protection and reduced outline for easy stowage within a grab bag, or the EPIRB can be mounted within its manual release bracket. The antenna is deployed with a gentle pull, using just one hand. A simple protective tab over the operating keys prevents inadvertent activation.

Selected for use by all the crews taking part in the Volvo Ocean Race 2017-18 edition and Clipper 2017-18 Round the World Yacht Race, the award-winning Ocean Signal rescueME MOB1 is the smallest AIS man overboard device with integrated DSC. The device easily integrates into lifejackets and is automatically triggered the moment the lifejacket is inflated, sending the

first alert within 15 seconds. Once activated, the MOB1 transmits an alert to all AIS receivers and AIS-enabled plotters in the vicinity up to about five miles' range, plus it will also activate the DSC alarm on the vessel's VHF radio to alert crew. Its integrated 66-channel GPS provides accurate position data of a person in the water for at least 24 hours.

The RNLI has attended the Southampton Boat Show since it started in 1968, with events this year enabling visitors to meet the crew, discover various types of water safety products, try on lifejackets, sign up for free advice or sign up as an RNLI member.

For further information about Ocean Signal's products, visit [www.oceansignal.com](http://www.oceansignal.com).

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## About Ocean Signal

Communication and safety at sea specialist Ocean Signal™ is dedicated to providing the technology and quality of product that will set industry standards.

Ocean Signal's product portfolio consists of the rescueME range of products, including the rescueME PLB1, the rescueME MOB1, the rescueME EPIRB1 and the rescueME EDF1 electronic distress flare, plus the AIS Alarm Box, and the SafeSea range of GMDSS products, including the E100 and E100G EPIRB, S100 SART and V100 handheld VHF radio, as well as the M100 and M100X professional MSLD and E101V float-free EPIRB with integrated voyage data record memory capsule. They provide both recreational and commercial mariners with simple to use, compact and affordable life-saving solutions. All products are engineered by a highly experienced team of marine electronics professionals.

Ocean Signal products are trusted by high-profile sailors, rowers, surfers and powerboat racing teams. Providing some of the world's best competitors and adventurers with vital safety and communication devices, the rescueME MOB1 and rescuePLB1 were integrated with the Spinlock lifejacket and personal equipment packs for the crews in the Volvo Ocean Race 2017-18 and the rescueME MOB1 was also selected to enhance safety standards for crew taking part in the Clipper 2017-18 Round the World Yacht Race. Ocean Signal has also sponsored the crew of Simply Fun with rescueME MOB1s, rescueME PLBs and a rescueME EPIRB1 in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the 16-man crew of Triton with rescueME MOB1s in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, record-breaking sailor Andrea Mura in the single-handed OSTAR race, Mini Transat 2015 solo sailor Lizzy Foreman, ocean rowing teams including Ocean Valour, Ocean Brothers and Carbon Zerow and solo rower Lia Ditton, Venture Cup offshore powerboat race team Cinzano, kite racer Gina Hewson and canoeist Adam Weymouth.

Safety and communication products from Ocean Signal offer exceptional value, meeting or exceeding international technical and safety standards. Careful design and innovation provides commercial shipping, fishing and recreational users the confidence that their Ocean Signal equipment will

work to, and beyond, their expectations when it is needed most.

## **About the RNLI**

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,200 lives. Find out more at [rnli.org](https://www.rnli.org)