

Coastguard Shanty

**Hoist her up now, haul her in,
The Coastguard Team will pull as one.
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The Coastguard Team is second to none!**

Dark nights, stormy seas
Coastguard Rescue Teams are out there
For Two Hundred years
Rescuing those who need our care

Keep Watch! Smugglers about
Contraband is on the move so
Look sharp! Watch your back
Danger lurks both high & low

Ship wreck, a stranded crew,
The alarm is raised and help is near,
Out through the stormy seas,
Rescuing those in peril and fear.

Lost, sick, far from home,
Injured or ill & lying in pain,
Coast guards will search for you,
Bringing you safely back again.

Cliffs, seas, rivers & floods,
Coastguards work throughout the years,
Lives saved, the lost to be found,
Coastguards will reach you, have no fears!

Words - Steve Earwicker – “Wareham Whalers Shanty Crew” – January 2022

Tune – Sussex traditional – Capt Lanoe’s Quick March

The Coastguard was formed 200 years ago on 15th January 1822

Initially set up to guard the coastline against smuggling and later also as a reserve for the Royal Navy, it gradually changed over the 19th century to become primarily a Coastal Communications & Rescue Service. Today its primary functions are coordinating maritime rescue and providing a coastal search and rescue service across the British Isles.