



John Allen

JOHN ALLEN COMMEMORATED IN THE NAMING OF NEW FISHERIES PROTECTION VESSEL IN CENTENARY OF DEATH

On 29 December 1913, Head Water Bailiff - Sebastian Terelinck (75) of Kings Lynn - and his assistant - John Allen (28) of West Lynn - tragically lost their lives in the Lynn Channel whilst working for the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee - now Eastern IFCA.

To honour the memory of the water bailiffs, Eastern IFCA will name their two new enforcement vessels after the men. The first of these vessels – FPV John Allen – was blessed and named at a ceremony which took place 100 years after their deaths. The ceremony took place on 19 September 2013 at Suffolk Yacht Harbour in Levington Suffolk.



The ceremony was opened by the current CEO of Eastern IFCA, Phil Haslam. Phil welcomed guests before handing over to Reverend John Waller of Waldringfield and Father Samuel Leeder of Ipswich St Pancras (left) who blessed the boat and led a prayer to mariners. The hymn 'Eternal Father Strong to Save' was then sung by all with fantastic accompaniment by local nautical singers – The Quay Street Whalers.

Reverends Waller and Leeder bless the boat and lead prayers to mariners

Cllr Hilary Cox who is chair of the Eastern IFCA Authority named the vessel along with John Allen's nephew – Ray Allen (93) – who pulled the curtain to unveil the name. Cllr George Nobbs - Head of Norfolk County Council – then gave the closing address.



From left to right: Cllr Nobbs, Cllr Cox, Ray Allen & Phil Haslam

Guest, including 8 members of the Allen family and Sebastian Terelinck's great granddaughter, were invited to join Eastern IFCA staff at the Boat House at Suffolk Yacht Harbour where The Main Ingredient served canapés showcasing local seafood including potted brown Wash shrimps, mini Suffolk sole and chips, smoked herring croquettes and Cromer crab rice paper rolls. The Quay Street Whalers entertained the crowd with some rousing seafaring songs.



Canapés by The Main Ingredient



John Allen's nephew – Ray Allen (93)

FPV John Allen - is an 11 metre Redbay cabin rib which will be used to patrol the coastline of the Eastern IFCA district of Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk out to 6 nautical miles. A second vessel – FPV Sebastian Terelinck – will be purchased and blessed at a later date. The vessels herald a new era of agile and responsive advice and enforcement which will enable the Authority to fulfil its remit of fisheries and conservation management and regulation throughout the district.



Fisheries Protection Vessel John Allen

Eastern IFCA was created in 2011 by ministerial order following the passage of the Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009). It builds on the work of the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee (1894) with an expanded vision to *'lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry'*.