

Charles Henry Ashley Lifeboat - 1972
'Happy Memories'



The photo above shows the starboard stern section of the Charles Henry Ashley Lifeboat in the summer of 1972. She was in storage at the Ty'n Rhos campsite in Lligwy at that time. One of her grab line attachment rings can be made out by its circular shadow on the lower left-hand side above the cork band. The top section of the former engine compartment is visible on the middle right-hand side. As can be seen from her paint work, she was in good condition at that time.

I'm sitting on the coach-roof behind the grabrail, holding my little brother towards the camera. In later years, he became the Chief Engineer on the Cunard Queen Mary II. In the background is a boy wearing a V-neck cardigan of that era. He was also wearing a sailor's hat, and much to my concern, he had decided that 'he' was the coxswain of this fine boat !

Happy memories of playing on the Charles Henry Ashley, with just our imaginations, and the blue Anglesey sky....

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