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NEW LIFEBOAT SPEEDS SEA-RESCUE

A new-style lifeboat goes on show at Rochester, Kent. Given the once-over by Admiralty experts, it now goes into mass production. Built of rustless alloys, it is much lighter and far more durable than the ordinary lifeboat. Its designer, Scotsman Derek Procter was formerly an aircraft engineer and has incorporated into the new seacraft techniques perfected in aircraft construction. Boys from the "Arethusa" give the "Procter" lifeboat its first try-out. Foreign naval attaches and shipping experts are there, as the 28 foot prototype is launched. First reports say that the lifeboat's performance is first class.

Meanwhile, at Baltimore, Coast Guards demonstrate the fastest lifeboat launching in the long history of rescues at sea. The boat is hustled from deck to water by the Pease Cradle, first new development in lowering a lifeboat since the days of the "Armada." A remarkable rig, almost as fast at retrieving as at launching.

Even with an experienced crew, the old method often took minutes. This one does it in seconds.