

LIFE BOAT RIG

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In Baltimore Harbor, the U.S. Coast Guard demonstrates the fastest life-boat launching in the long history of saving lives at sea. The boat is hustled from deck to water by the Pease Cradle, first new development in lowering a lifeboat for several hundred years. Putting a boat over the side quickly often means the difference between life and death - and this remarkable rig is almost as fast at retrieving as it is at launching.

Even with an experienced crew, the old method required up to two minutes. The Pease Cradle does it with greater safety in a matter of seconds. -- a mechanical marvel to make old seadogs gasp.