



2026 King Edward VII Cup

Clive Holland

Clive Holland has been involved with the work of The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) since the 1980s, becoming a UK Pool Lifeguard Trainer Assessor in 1989. From 1991 to 2004, he was a UK Tutor and National Trainer Assessor in Lifesaving.

Clive has been a dedicated supporter of RLSS UK, where he served with distinction on the management team for 15 years, and was RLSS UK President from 2004 to 2010. While serving in that role, Clive was a Trustee on the RLSS Board and a member of the Commonwealth Council.

Alongside his work for RLSS, between 2008 and 2016 Clive was an elected member of the Board of Directors of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS) and International Life Saving Federation Europe Region (ILSE). He served on the ILS Governance Committee and Business Commission and was Chair of the ILS Gender Balance Working Group. He was the Juridical Advisor to ILSE from 2016 to 2024, and the RLSS Observer to the ILS Board for 14 years.

With Clive's extensive lifesaving experience, he was well placed to become RLSS Deputy Commonwealth President, serving from 2013 to 2025. In this office, Clive championed growth in RLSS member organisations, including countries such as Botswana, Brunei and Malawi.

The Society celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2016 and throughout the year, RLSS ran various events and projects - including the 'Our Shared Legacy' tribute publication, to which Clive was a major contributor.

Clive was instrumental in leading the revision of the RLSS Supplemental Charter and Bye Laws, which was granted in 2018. Following approval of the Supplemental Charter, he championed improvement in the Society's governance processes.

Clive had regular connections with the RLSS Patron (HM Queen Elizabeth II) and RLSS President, HRH Prince Michael of Kent.

Having dedicated more than forty years to contributing significantly to the saving of life through his leadership and innovation in various capacities in the UK and internationally, it is with great pleasure that Clive Holland is awarded the King Edward VII Cup for 2026.