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## **Welcome to the Maggie Law Maritime Museum**

**The Museum was first opened in 1997 and provides an insight into the rich maritime heritage of Gourdon and the Kincardineshire coastline.**

**The central exhibit is the surf boat the Maggie Law, built in 1890 by James (Jeems) Mowatt, a local boat builder, and named after the daughter of local fish merchant, Tom Law.**

**The boat was commissioned by the fishermen of Gourdon who each paid a penny in the pound from their catch for the building and maintenance of the boat.**

**Thirty feet in length, with a beam of six feet and rowed by six men, this is the first example of an inshore rescue lifeboat.**

**The Maggie Law was in service from 1890 – 1930 and in a proud record of forty years of service, saved thirty six lives.**

**Gourdon today still has a working harbour, with crab, lobster, prawns and scallops being landed at the quayside.**

**Visit the upper deck of the Museum to browse the archives, and read remarkable tales of the international maritime connections with the fishermen of Gourdon.**

**Enjoy your visit to our Museum and at the end of your visit please sign the visitor's book and consider making a donation towards the upkeep of the Museum.**

**The Maggie Law Maritime Museum is a voluntary charitable organisation and your donations go towards improving the Museum to meet the standards of a Scottish Tourist Board visitor attraction.**