

FINDON .

On the 19th of August 1710 seven boys about 15 years of age , sailed out of the harbour of St Andrews in a little boat , and losing one of their Oars , were driven out into the Ocean . After six days and nights of continued fasting and labour they got to shore alive at Findon . A humane country man John Shepherd kindly received them into his house , and sent information of so moving an accident to the Magistrates at Aberdeen , who dispatched their Dean of Guild , aphysian , and a surgeon to attend them . All the boys were preserved in life , “ except for the two youngest who died soon after they came ashore.

John Shepherd was presented with a Silver Cup in the form of BOAT , by Robert Bruce a goldsmith in Edinburgh , father of one of the boys in testimony of his gratitude for the active part he took in recovering his son.