



During the recruitment process, Shackleton quizzed candidates on their practical skills, but also about more unusual things, like if they could sing well. Second-in-command Frank Wild helped Shackleton to choose 26 men from the 5,000 that applied.



Shackleton's first challenge was to raise enough money to support the expedition, and this proved very difficult. However, after much effort he was able to secure the thousands of pounds he needed. Life boats were named after the sponsors – the James Caird, the Dudley Docker and the Stancomb Wills.

