



All-weather Lifeboat, at 8.29pm on 2 January 2018

The first Wednesday evening training session of 2019 began normally when both lifeboats launched at around 7.15pm, but an hour later the inshore lifeboat (ILB) reported sighting a white flare east of the slipway.

The ILB contacted the all-weather lifeboat (ALB), which was roughly in the area of the sighting, but nothing had been seen from the Shannon class lifeboat.

The UK Coastguard were contacted, and they requested that the ALB position itself at the location of the estimated sighting and carry out a visual and electronic search.

Shortly afterwards the ALB fired its own white parachute flare (used for illumination, not a distress signal) and the ILB crew were able to report that it was higher, brighter and northwards from the original sighting. The ALB re-positioned and fired a further flare while carrying out a RADAR search and visual search using night-sights.

Nothing was found during this search and the UK Coastguard were happy to conclude the search at that point. The lifeboat and volunteer crew were back on the slipway at 9.30pm



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have not yet responded to any incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 1 incident.

The D class inshore lifeboat has not yet launched on service.

This gives a total of 1 incident responded to, so far, this year

