



Both Lifeboats, at 1.25pm on 22 March 2020

Both Swanage lifeboats were asked to assist with the evacuation of an injured person in Chapmans Pool this afternoon. The volunteer crew launched the boats into challenging conditions and were on-scene about 20 minutes later.

Coastguard rescue helicopter 'Rescue-175' was also tasked, so the inshore lifeboat (ILB) landed one crewperson to assess access and help with winching operations. The casualty was winched and then landed at Renscombe car park and transferred to an ambulance.

On the way back to Swanage both boats were asked to check reports of a windsurfer possibly in trouble in Swanage Bay. With some guidance from the boathouse the ILB found the windsurfer, who was almost ashore. Volunteers from both Kimmeridge and Swanage Coastguards were waiting on the beach and the lifeboats were able to return to station.

Conditions on the slipway were too rough to re-house the Shannon class all weather lifeboat (ALB) so it was secured to the lifeboat mooring and the crew recovered using the ILB.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 3 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to two incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has launched to two other services as well.

This gives a total of 7 incidents responded to, so far, this year

