



All Weather Lifeboat, at 4.51pm on 3 March 2019

A '999' call from a member of the public in Studland initiated the rescue of 3 people today.

Swanage's all weather lifeboat along with the volunteers from Swanage Coastguard were tasked to go to Studland Bay following the report of a small dinghy capsizing with 3 people in the water. The lifeboat launched and was in Studland Bay 8 minutes later. The upturned hull of the dinghy was spotted shortly after arrival closed to a yacht at anchor a little distance away. The lifeboat went alongside to see if the occupants had further information and it quickly transpired that the 3 people on board were the casualties, who had been in the water for around 45 mins. The casualties were all very cold and required immediate evacuation, so they were taken aboard the lifeboat and best speed was made to the ferry landing stage at the entrance to Poole Harbour, where they were transferred to ambulances for further treatment.

The lifeboat then returned to station via Studland to see if the dinghy could be located, sadly it couldn't. At the same time the owner of the yacht had got in touch with the Coastguard to say that he was heading back out to sea to his yacht. The lifeboat escorted him out as conditions were still very windy before returning to Swanage

It's a timely reminder that if you see someone in difficulties at sea dial '999' and ask for the Coastguard. You could save someone's life.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 1 incident together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 2 further incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 5 incidents.

This gives a total of 8 incidents, so far, this year

