



## Inshore Lifeboat, at 12.48pm on 17 May 2020

The Swanage Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) launched this afternoon to locate and assist a personal watercraft (PWC or 'Jetski') believed to be somewhere in the vicinity of St Albans Head. The ILB launched into a fresh south-westerly breeze and made good speed to the headland, arriving around 20 minutes later.

The PWC was found quickly, drifting with no engine. The casualty had fallen from the 'ski breaking his killcord in the process – rendering the engine useless.

The volunteer ILB crew quickly set up a tow and brought the vessel back to Swanage Bay where they were met by his daughter who had a spare killcord with her, allowing the casualty to continue his passage

The ILB and equipment were washed down thoroughly ready for any further incidents and the crew made their way home at around 2.30pm

To help protect the public and our volunteers, we urge people to:

- Take care near cliffs - know your route and your limitations
- Have a plan - check the weather forecast and tide times
- If you fall into the water unexpectedly, **FLOAT TO LIVE**. Fight your instinct to thrash around, lean back, extend your arms and legs, and Float
- If boating, ensure your equipment is functioning and maintained
- In any coastal emergency dial 999 or 112 and ask for the

Coastguard



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 4 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has launched to 4 other services as well.

This gives a total of 11 incidents responded to, so far, this year

