



inshore Lifeboat, at 12.47pm on 22 May 2020

Swanage's D Class Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) was launched just after noon today to investigate reports of two paddle boards appearing to be in difficulties in Swanage Bay. While the weather was fine there was a strong south-westerly wind blowing, and the boards were having difficulty paddling up-wind to return to shore.

The ILB quickly found the two boards and two occupants, all were taken on board and returned to the main beach where volunteers from Swanage Coastguard were waiting to offer friendly words of advice.

Now that the situation was resolved the ILB and crew returned to the boathouse for a washdown and re-fuel, and was ready for further service at 1.20pm.

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 5 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also launched to 5 other services as well.

This gives a total of 13 incidents responded to, so far, this year

