



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 7.33pm on 2 May 2019

Swanage's all-weather lifeboat was requested to launch this evening to assist a 10m yacht in difficulties 5Nm SW of St Albans Head. The yacht with 3 people and a dog on board was drifting after both its engine and main sail rigging failed. The yacht had been drifting for most of the afternoon and with the light about to fade and no other vessels able to offer assistance the lifeboat was requested to help.

The lifeboat launched and was alongside the yacht 25 minutes later. Two crew members were put on board and a towline passed across. The yacht was then taken in tow back to Swanage and secured to the lifeboat mooring so they could try and make some repairs in the morning.

The lifeboat was then rehoused, washed down, refuelled and made ready for service.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 4 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 5 further incidents.

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

This gives a total of 14 incidents, so far, this year

