



Inshore Lifeboat, at 6.49am on 8 May 2019

An early start for the Swanage volunteers this morning when the inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested to launch.

The skipper of a 25' yacht at anchor in Swanage Bay had called for assistance when his anchor started dragging and he was unable to re-secure his vessel. Blustery south easterly winds overnight had caused quite a swell in the bay and with the yacht fairly close inshore it had been rolling well all night.

The inshore lifeboat launched and was soon alongside. A crew member was put aboard and after a quick chat with the skipper to make sure that everything was OK the yacht was motored out to sea and secured to the lifeboat mooring. The skipper elected to remain on board to get some rest before continuing his voyage and the ILB was released to return to station.



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 6 incidents.

This gives a total of 15 incidents, so far, this year

