



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 9.41am on 9 May 2019

Swanage's Shannon class all-weather lifeboat was launched this morning to assist a 25' yacht with one person on board on passage from Swanage to Weymouth. The yacht's tiller had snapped and the skipper was struggling to make way in the blustery condition 3Nm south of Kimmeridge.

One of the safety boats from the Lulworth firing range was standing by the yacht, but a tow to a place of safety was needed. The lifeboat launched and was with alongside the casualty vessel a little over 20 minutes later. A crew member was put aboard to help get the sails down. Once this was done the towline was passed across. A steady tow back to Swanage was commenced at 10.20am and both boats were back in Swanage a little over an hour later. The yacht was then secured to the lifeboat mooring and the skipper bought ashore so that he could set about getting the broken tiller repaired



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 6 further incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 6 incidents.

This gives a total of 16 incidents, so far, this year

