



## All-Weather Lifeboat, at 3.01pm on 27 May 2019

Swanage's all-weather lifeboat was requested to launch this afternoon when a 35' yacht radioed the UK Coastguard for assistance. The yacht's genoa (a sail at the bow of the boat) had jammed and the couple on board were unable to control their boat well enough to recover it safely.

They reported their position as 2Nm East of Old Harry Rocks and heading down wind at around 070degs. The lifeboat launched and met up with the yacht. Two crew members were put aboard to assess the situation. The yacht was brought round in to the wind which took the pressure off the sail allowing the crew members to cut the jammed rope and stow the sail.

With the situation now resolved the skipper was happy to continue on his passage to Poole so the lifeboat crew members were taken back aboard the lifeboat and returned to station.



**This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 6 incidents together.**

**The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 8 further incidents.**

**The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 7 incidents.**

**This gives a total of 21 incidents, so far, this year**

