



Both Lifeboats, at 2.47am on 30 May 2019

In the early hours of the morning, shortly after 2.30am, Swanage all-weather lifeboat was tasked to reports of a yacht aground near St Alban's Head.

The all-weather lifeboat arrived on scene to assess access to the stricken vessel. It soon became apparent that the yacht was stuck hard on the rocks but was too shallow for the all-weather lifeboat to gain access. The Swanage inshore lifeboat Phyl & Jack was launched to join the Swanage all-weather lifeboat to put a volunteer crew member aboard to check for any casualties onboard.

Inshore lifeboat helmsman Gavin Steeden said 'the conditions were challenging with a rolling swell creating breaking waves around the stranded yacht. By veering to the casualty vessel we were able to check for submerged rocks and position the inshore lifeboat alongside to safely put a crew member onboard'. No one was found onboard. With no risk to life and as the hull of the yacht was significantly damaged the yacht was left in position. A shoreline search of the surrounding area was commenced by both lifeboats and the local Coastguard teams from St Alban's and Swanage.

With nothing found the lifeboats were released to return to the station, returning shortly after 6.30am.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 7 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 22 incidents, so far, this year

