



Inshore Lifeboat, at 2.22pm on 1 June 2019

Swanage's inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested to launch this afternoon. A casualty aboard a speed boat in Swanage bay had suffered a badly broken ankle and the ILB was requested to transfer 'Entonox' (a pain-relieving gas) to reduce the casualty's pain levels. The volunteers from Swanage Coastguard and an RNLI lifeguard were already on scene with the boat, now beached at Ocean Bay, but with no eta for an ambulance the pain relief was requested.

The ILB was quickly on scene and the entonox transferred across. Not long after a 'Pan Pan' radio call from a jetski in difficulties was overheard.

The jetski was sinking off Old Harry and requesting assistance. Leaving the casualty in the care of the RNLI lifeguard and Swanage Coastguard the ILB headed to Old Harry at best speed. Poole lifeboat had also been tasked to the scene. Swanage ILB was first on scene and located the jetski. A passing speedboat had recovered two people from the water and started to take the sunken ski in tow. A crewmember was put aboard the speedboat to check that the two casualties were OK. They were OK but getting cold. Poole lifeboat was now approaching the scene so the casualties were transferred across and the lifeboat's tow line connected. Poole lifeboat then started to slowly make their way back towards Poole with the ski in tow.

Swanage ILB was then released to return back to their initial casualty. Around 40 minutes later an ambulance arrived on scene so the ILB was released to return to station.

We wish the casualty a speedy recovery.



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 8 incidents.

This gives a total of 23 incidents, so far, this year

