



All-weather Lifeboat, at 1.40pm on 3 June 2019

Swanage's all-weather lifeboat was tasked for an immediate launch on Monday afternoon. A 10m yacht with 3 POB 6Nm East of Durlston Head had broadcast a 'Mayday'. The yacht was making water and assistance was required.

A brand-new Shannon class lifeboat (Lifeboat 13-33) from RNLI HQ in Poole was in the area and had responded to the 'Mayday' call. They put a crew member aboard to investigate the water ingress and make sure that everyone was OK. It wasn't immediately obvious what the problem was, but water was coming in somewhere towards the bow of the yacht.

Swanage lifeboat was now on scene so two Swanage crew members were put aboard, allowing lifeboat 13-33 to continue her trials. The yacht was then escorted back to Poole and the source of the leak investigated. With the yacht now upright and motoring rather than heeled over and sailing the water ingress seemed to have reduced. The remaining water was bailed out and slow progress was made towards Poole. Once inside Poole Harbour the yacht's crew were happy to finish their trip unaided as no more water was coming in so the lifeboat crew were recovered from the yacht and the lifeboat returned to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 7 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 9 further incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 8 incidents.

This gives a total of 24 incidents, so far, this year

