



All Weather Lifeboat, at 4.59pm on 6 July 2020

Swanage's all-weather lifeboat was tasked this afternoon to locate and assist an 18' speedboat with engine failure that was drifting with the tide. The 3 crew on board had called '999' and asked for the Coastguard but their call kept dropping out. Unsure of the boat's exact position the lifeboat launched and was asked to proceed to a position 1Nm East of Old Harry Rocks. Once on scene a quick scan of the area was carried out but no vessel matching the description could be seen.

A short burst of radio traffic from the casualty vessel was detected by the Coastguard's aerial at St Albans Head, this along with a better fix on their mobile phone put their position much further west down towards St Albans Head. The lifeboat proceeded at best speed and soon found the stricken boat. After checking that everyone was OK the boat was taken in tow back to Swanage, secured to the jetty at the boatpark and the 3 crew were met by the volunteers from Swanage Coastguard.

With the situation resolved the lifeboat was recovered up its slipway and made ready for service.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 5 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 10 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 9 other services.

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

