



Both Lifeboats, at 1.36pm on 8 June 2019

A strong south-westerly wind blowing offshore from Studland caused two paddleboarders to get into difficulties when they realised they couldn't return to shore against the wind.

One of the boarders raised the alarm by calling their family and Swanage's inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested. It was decided to launch both boats, due to the sea conditions, and a few minutes later the volunteer crews took the boats to sea.

Ten minutes after launch the two paddleboards were located a mile offshore. They were recovered to the all-weather lifeboat for the trip back into Studland Bay where the ILB took them and their equipment to shore where they were met by Swanage coastguard volunteers and family members.

Both lifeboats were then able to return to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 8 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 25 incidents, so far, this year

