



All Weather Lifeboat, at 5.13pm on 189 July 2020

The busy weekend continued today when a 31' yacht on passage to the Solent suffered a suspected electrical fire forcing them to shutdown their electrics. In the dying wind Solent Coastguard requested the assistance of Swanage lifeboat to keep the yacht from becoming a hazard to other vessels.

The lifeboat launched and plotted a route to the last reported position of the yacht but found the yacht quite close to Anvil point as it sailed on a favourable tide eastward.

After a discussion with the Skipper it was agreed that the easiest course of action was to take the yacht in tow to Swanage where engineering help could be contacted to diagnose the problem. The crew of the yacht took the tow and less than 30 minutes later they were secured to the lifeboat mooring and preparing to contact SeaStart.

The lifeboat was ready for the next service at 6.07pm



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 12 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 10 other services.

This gives a total of 27 incidents responded to, so far, this year

