



Both Lifeboats, at 4.11pm on 27 July 2020

Both Swanage lifeboats were tasked, initially, to assist a capsized catamaran sailing dinghy with 2 POB about 0.5Nm East of Old Harry Rocks. Just as the lifeboats were preparing to launch a report came in of a kayak in difficulties in Studland Bay. The inshore lifeboat (ILB) headed for Studland and the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) looked for the catamaran. The ALB meeting the catamaran first, which was now the right way up and although they had some damage to one of their sails they were making good progress towards Knoll Beach in Studland. The ALB escorted the dinghy until they were safely in Studland Bay. In the meantime the ILB had met up with the kayak, which had been brought ashore by a local boat. The ILB then came out and took over the escort duties of the catamaran until they were safely ashore with the volunteers from Swanage Coastguard.

With the ALB about to return to station a radio call from the RNLI Lifeguards on Swanage beach was overheard. They were reporting a paddleboarder that they were concerned about in Swanage Bay. The paddleboarder was making no progress against the brisk offshore wind and appeared to be struggling. The ALB was tasked to investigate on their way back to station. Eight minutes later the ALB was alongside the paddleboarder who was tired and emotional. She and her board were brought aboard the lifeboat and she was wrapped in a blanket to dry off as the lifeboat gently motored towards the shore. The ILB arrived alongside and took the casualty ashore to her waiting partner and Swanage Coastguard. With all the situations resolved the lifeboats were released to return to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 6 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 28 incidents responded to, so far, this year

