



All-weather Lifeboat, at 2.32pm on 27 June 2019

Swanage's Shannon class all weather lifeboat was requested to launch this afternoon to assist a 49' yacht with 10 POB 5Nm East of Old Harry Rocks. The yacht had requested assistance when they found that their propeller shaft had come away from the gearbox. This in turn had caused a water leak from the seal where the shaft goes out through the hull of the boat.

The lifeboat launched and was alongside the casualty vessel 15 minutes later. The yacht's crew had managed to secure the prop shaft in such a way that it wouldn't turn and the hope was that it would remain in place and watertight. Unfortunately after a few minutes the water leak started again so 2 lifeboat crew members were put aboard with the lifeboat's portable water pump. Two of the yacht's crew who were suffering with seasickness were taken aboard the lifeboat as a precaution. The yacht was then escorted to Poole with the water leak being monitored. Thankfully some adjustments to fixings meant that the water leak had now stopped. Just outside the start of the main channel in to Poole harbour the yacht was taken in tow and taken to a berth at Poole Quay Boat Haven. The crew members and equipment were transferred across and the lifeboat was released to return to Swanage.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 8 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 11 further incidents.

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

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

