



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 7.58pm on 28 July 2020

Swanage's (relief) Shannon class lifeboat was called into service again today when a 12m yacht lost all power around 1nm southwest of St Albans Head.

The lifeboat launched in favourable conditions and found the yacht around 20minutes later. A crewmember was placed on board to assist the casualty connect a tow and at the same time a crewmember from the casualty vessel was taken on board the lifeboat.

A tow was established, and the lifeboat plotted a course back towards Poole, steady progress was made back past St Albans Head and Anvil Point lighthouse. Unfortunately, the volunteer crewmember on board the casualty noticed that the yacht was now making water fast – so, in the shelter of Studland Bay, the yacht was secured alongside the lifeboat and the salvage pump passed across to pump the boat dry. Investigation showed the universal joint between the engine and prop had sustained damage, severing a water pipe in the process.

The ingress of water was controlled and the lifeboat and casualty arrived at Poole quay at around 1.00am, the yacht was secured and the lifeboat returned to Swanage to be thoroughly cleaned, re-fuelled and made ready for further service a little after 2 in the morning.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 6 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 13 incidents.

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

This gives a total of 29 incidents responded to, so far, this year

