



Both Lifeboats, on 31 July 2020

A complex afternoon with multiple incidents involving both Swanage lifeboats, Swanage volunteer coastguards, rescue helicopter R175 and an air ambulance kept the Swanage volunteer crews busy.

The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) was first called to a yacht with engine failure in Durlston Bay, drifting towards Durlston Head. A tow was quickly established and the boat initially taken towards Swanage before deciding to take it into the shelter of Poole Town Quay Marina. The boat was secured and the ALB released to return to station.

As the ALB was approaching the station a call re-tasked it to an incident at Old Harry rocks, so the lifeboat retraced its steps. The inshore lifeboat also launched and made best speed to the north. The ALB placed two crew ashore to assist a casualty who appeared to have fallen from the cliffs. ILB crew arrived and also assisted while helicopter R175 prepared to winch the casualty to the air ambulance which was waiting at the top of the cliffs.

When the airlift had been completed and the casualty was in the hands of paramedics both boats returned to station, the ALB having been at sea for more than 5 hours



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 7 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 14 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 11 other services.

This gives a total of 32 incidents responded to, so far, this year

