



All-weather Lifeboat, at 2.08pm on 20 July 2019

The Swanage lifeboat joined Coastguard Rescue Helicopter 'R-175' this afternoon when local dive boat 'Spike' declared a Mayday distress call after picking up a diver in serious difficulties 5Nm east of Swanage.

The lifeboat launched and made best speed directly to the incident, arriving a few minutes after the helicopter.

The Coastguard paramedic winchman was lowered to the dive boat. First aid had been administered to the casualty, who was showing signs of improvement, and the decision was made to airlift the casualty directly to hospital.

The lifeboat stood by as the casualty was winched, then escorted 'Spike' back to Swanage where she was met by Swanage Coastguard volunteers.

The lifeboat was then able to re-house, get washed down and prepare for further service.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 9 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 15 further incidents.

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

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

