



Inshore Lifeboat, at 4.34pm on 1 August 2020

The volunteers from Swanage coastguard were located at Old Harry, the location of yesterday's incident, when they saw 3 kayaks to the north of Old Harry seemingly struggling to make headway against the fresh breeze. The coastguard monitored the kayaks for a while and it became clear that they were drifting with the wind and not making any progress towards Studland, so the assistance of Swanage inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested.

The D class lifeboat launched and headed towards Old Harry. Communications were established with the Swanage Coastguard, who directed the ILB to the kayakers who were now nearly 2nm north of Old Harry.

When the ILB made contact with the kayakers they were taken on board. A passing motorboat offered to take the kayaks back to Studland and the two boats then headed for Knoll Beach to be met by the Swanage Coastguards

Now that the situation was resolved the lifeboat was able to return to Swanage, arriving a little after 6.00 pm to again be washed, re-fuelled and made ready for further service



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 12 other services.

This gives a total of 33 incidents responded to, so far, this year

