



Both Lifeboats, on 24 July 2019

Two calls for the Swanage volunteers today, one for each lifeboat:

The inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested to launch at lunchtime when the crew of an upturned dinghy were struggling to right their craft. As the ILB was about to launch the crew on the dinghy managed to get it back upright. Solent Coastguard requested that the lifeboat carried on launching to confirm that everyone onboard was OK as they had been in the water for a while. The ILB escorted them towards the Sailing Club beach and rendered assistance when they capsized again just off the shore. Once everyone was back safely ashore the lifeboat was released to return to station.

Later in the evening when the boats were training, the all-weather lifeboat was at anchor when a situation developed off Bournemouth Pier, Poole lifeboat was tasked along with the volunteers from Poole Coastguard. Solent Coastguard asked the lifeboat to attend as at that stage it appeared that 2 people from a dinghy were unaccounted for. While on route Poole Coastguard had been able to confirm that all persons had been accounted for, so all units were stood down and the Swanage crew continued with their training before returning to station at 9pm.



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 16 further incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 9 incidents.

This gives a total of 34 incidents, so far, this year

