



Both Lifeboats, on 3 August 2020

Both Swanage lifeboats were in action again, continuing the busy spell for the volunteers. Both lifeboats were initially tasked to assist a 28' yacht that had run aground just South of Old Harry Rocks. However as the crew were arriving at the lifeboat station the UK Coastguard were receiving a 'Mayday' call from a yacht in Studland Bay. The skipper of the yacht had caught and severed one of his fingers in one of the yacht's winches.

The lifeboats launched and the Inshore lifeboat (ILB) was first on scene at Old Harry, they quickly checked on the crew of the grounded yacht and then continued on to the yacht with the injured skipper. Cas care trained crew members were put aboard and started to assess and treat the skipper.

The all weather lifeboat (ALB) had now arrived on scene with the grounded yacht. The yacht's crew rowed across to the lifeboat and the 2 adults and 2 children were taken aboard. The crew on the ILB had requested the entonox pain relieving gas from the ALB so the ALB left the grounded yacht and headed to the Studland. The skipper's injury was bandaged and immobilised and with some pain relief he, his wife and 4 children were transferred to the ALB to be taken ashore at the entrance to Poole harbour. The skipper of the grounded yacht was left with the ILB crew to return back to his yacht and wait for the tide to start to rise so the boat could be carefully pulled into deeper water. The short journey was then made at speed to land the injured skipper at the landing stage at the entrance to Poole Harbour, where the casualty was kept comfortable until he was handed in to the care of an ambulance paramedic.

During this time the ILB had been able to free the grounded yacht and came to collect its crew and return them to their boat. With the casualties all now safe all that remained was to tow the yacht that had the injured skipper back to the safety of the RNLI mooring in Swanage Bay. Both lifeboats were then finally able to be rehoused, washed down, sanitised, restocked, refueled and made ready for the next call.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 8 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 34 incidents responded to, so far, this year

