



Both Lifeboats, on 25 August 2019

A hot sunny day in Swanage with lots of people on the water has resulted in a busy day for the Swanage lifeboats.

The all-weather lifeboat launched this morning to assist a 31' angling boat stuck on a marker buoy near to St Albans head. The lifeboat encountered thick fog at Durlston Head with visibility down to 100m but the casualty boat, 'the Lady Jean', was found quickly using direction finding equipment and cut loose from the marker. The lifeboat took the boat, with a volunteer crew aboard, in tow back towards Swanage.

On the way back the vessel's steering and prop shaft were checked to see if there was any damage, but none was detected.

Back at the lifeboat mooring in Swanage Bay the casualty's engine was checked, propulsion ahead and astern were both OK. The skipper was happy to continue her passage back to Poole so the lifeboat was re-housed at 12.48pm.

Later in the day the inshore lifeboat was launched to an incident close to the Swanage Pier. On arrival at the scene the incident had been resolved so the lifeboat was able to return directly to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 9 incidents together. The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 21 further incidents. The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 13 incidents. This gives a total of 43 incidents, so far, this year

