



Inshore Lifeboat, at 2.46pm, on 27 August 2019

A small boat, floating un-manned off St Albans Head, was reported to the UK Coastguard this afternoon. The Swanage D-Class Inshore Lifeboat was launched to investigate, in case someone was in distress.

The lifeboat launched just less than ten minutes after the volunteer crew were alerted and the boat made good speed to the incident in the benign conditions.

On arrival it was discovered that the occupant of the boat, which was anchored, was a free-diver spear hunting for fish and not in distress. This was reported back to the UK Coastguard and the lifeboat returned to station, arriving some 45 minutes after launching.



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 14 incidents. This gives a total of 44 incidents, so far, this year

