



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 3.56pm on 27 August 2020

The thirteenth incident of August saw the Swanage all-weather lifeboat (ALB), operational number '13-13', launch once again and head towards St Albans Head. A small yacht had been caught in a nasty squall that had ripped her foresail and the single-handed occupant was struggling in the conditions.

At St Albans Head the ALBs direction-finding (DF) VHF equipment was used to locate the yacht, although communications were patchy and difficult to understand. Just before 4.30pm the ALB was alongside the yacht.

A volunteer crewmember was placed aboard to establish a tow and the two boats headed back towards Swanage against a building ebb tide.

A little after 6.30pm the yacht was secured against the pontoon adjacent to the pier and the lifeboat was rehoused, washed down and re-fuelled.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 11 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 20 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 14 other services.

This gives a total of 45 incidents responded to, so far, this year

