



Inshore Lifeboat, at 2.45pmm on 30 August 2020

Swanage's D-class inshore lifeboat (ILB) was able to help a yacht with 2 persons on board this afternoon. The yacht had reported having dragged its anchor into a position where it was both caught on a buoy and was very close to a large unmanned powerboat in Studland Bay. The crew of the yacht were concerned that if they managed to free themselves, they would then collide with the powerboat.

The ILB made contact with the casualty yacht and positioned themselves to be able to tow it quickly if necessary. Various attempts were made to free the yacht, helped by a passing member of the public, which were eventually successful. The lifeboat held the yacht in position while its anchor was recovered.

The tow was dropped, as the yacht appeared to have power and steerage, and the ILB began escorting it towards Poole Harbour. Unfortunately, as the vessels approached the harbour entrance, the yacht began to lose power and the tow was re-established.

Slow progress was made towards Poole Quay in the busy main channel, but at around 5.00pm the ILB was met by Poole's D-class ILB to hand over the casualty and complete the tow.

Now free, the ILB and its volunteer crew made good speed back to Swanage where they re-housed at 5.25pm



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 12 incidents together.

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

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 15 other services.

This gives a total of 47 incidents responded to, so far, this year

