



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 10.20am on 06 September 2019

A 'Mayday' distress call from a 44' yacht in the middle of the channel saw responses from several vessels, amongst them the Swanage lifeboat,

The yacht was making water at an alarming rate and the 2 persons on board were considering the possibility of having to abandon ship.



As well as the lifeboat, Coastguard rescue helicopter 'Rescue 175', the Barfleur and RFA Argus were all racing to the scene, nearly 30nm SSE from Anvil Point. Rescue 175 arrived first, shortly followed by the lifeboat and Argus' fast rescue craft. The yacht's crew had, however, managed to diagnose and fix the issue causing the water ingress and they were coping with clearing the

boat. The lifeboat stood by the vessel until the casualties were certain they could continue their passage alone, then returned to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 10 incidents together. The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 22 further incidents. The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 15 incidents. This gives a total of 46 incidents, so far, this year

