



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 4.12am on September 10 2020

The Swanage RNLI volunteers were woken by their pagers at 4am this morning. The UK Coastguard had requested the launch of the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) to go to the assistance of a 12m yacht in difficulties 16Nm SSE of Swanage. The yacht had picked up a buoy and line around it's prop and rudder and were no longer able to steer and make way.

The lifeboat launched and made its way to the yacht at best speed. Once on scene the buoy line was clearly visible trailing behind the yacht. After a chat with the 2 sailors a lifeboat crew member was transferred across to the yacht and the yacht taken in tow back to Swanage.

Once safely back in Swanage Bay the yacht was secured to the RNLI mooring and the 2 crew taken ashore so they could find some breakfast. The lifeboat was then rehoused, washed down and made ready for further service.



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 22 incidents.

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

This gives a total of 49 incidents responded to, so far, this year

