



Both Lifeboats, on September 19 2020

Despite the lifeboat returning in the early hour of Saturday morning, both lifeboats were again in service, twice, through the day.

Just after 1.00pm both Swanage's lifeboats were tasked for an immediate launch this afternoon following reports of a capsized dinghy with 3 people in the water South of Kimmeridge. The lifeboats launched and made their way at full speed towards Kimmeridge. En route further information came in that the Lulworth range safety boats had recovered the 3 people from the water, cold, but otherwise OK.

The all-weather lifeboat met up with the range safety boat and took the casualties aboard so that they could be warmed up and checked over. The inshore lifeboat met up with the other range safety boat who was alongside the capsized dinghy. The dinghy was righted and slowly towed to the slipway at Kimmeridge. the ILB then went back out to the ALB, took the 3 casualties aboard and took them ashore to their families. With the situation resolved both lifeboats were released to return to station.

A few hours later, just before 5.00pm, the all-weather lifeboat was again called out, this time the volunteer crew were asked to assist a yacht with a failed engine drifting rapidly west on a strong ebb tide. The yacht was located south of St Albans Head and the four persons on board were happy to handle rigging a tow. A slow tow to Poole Harbour followed, where the tow has handed over to Poole lifeboat, releasing the Swanage lifeboat to return to station.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 14 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 25 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 16 other services.

This gives a total of 54 incidents responded to, so far, this year

