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## Kinsale RNLI called out twice in one day

Lifeboats News Release

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**Volunteer crew from Kinsale RNLI took part in two separate rescue operations on Friday (15 July).**



During the first call-out, RNLI lifeboats from Kinsale and Crosshaven joined the Coast Guard and Rescue 117 helicopter in the search for a lone yachtsman. The second launch was to aid a Drascombe Lugger that became lost in fog near Kinsale.

During the first incident, the Kinsale RNLI lifeboat launched in response to a Mayday call from a yachtsman who believed he was on the rocks at the Sovereign Islands. A search of the area, in poor visibility, failed to locate the vessel. The Crosshaven RNLI lifeboat continued the search from Roberts Head west and eventually located the missing yacht aground in Rocky Bay. A volunteer crew member from Crosshaven RNLI swam to the yacht with a towline and the lifeboat managed to refloat and tow it to deeper water. Kinsale lifeboat took over and towed the vessel to safety in Oysterhaven.

At 7.06pm on Friday evening, the emergency pagers activated for a second time. The RNLI lifeboat launched again, this time to aid a

Drascombe Lugger that lost its bearings in heavy fog. The small boat sought safety alongside the Irish Lights vessel, Grainne Ní Mháille, that was anchored near Sandycove Island. The RNLI lifeboat was able to locate the Lugger and escort her back to her moorings.

'It was a busy day for Kinsale RNLI but our volunteer crew are on standby 24/7 and ready to respond when the pagers go off,' said Kinsale RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager, John O'Gorman.

'There are more boats on the water at this time of year and we would urge everyone to respect the water and ensure they have adequate safety measures on board including lifejackets, a means of communication, and ideally a GPS. Always call the Coast Guard on 112 or 999 if you are in trouble, or if you see anyone else in trouble.'

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#### **Key facts about the RNLI**

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824, its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,700 lives.

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