

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Littlehampton RNLI called to assist stranded leisure craft

Lifeboats News Release

Monday 5 September 2016

Littlehampton RNLI's Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Renée Sherman, and her volunteer crew launched at 2.42pm on Thursday 1 September to a leisure craft that had broken down and was drifting one mile south west of the harbour entrance.

The lifeboat launch followed a call from the Coastguard, who had received a VHF radio call from a crew member of the leisure craft stating that his craft had broken down.

The lifeboat headed out in good weather conditions towards the reported location. During the journey the lifeboat crew were advised that the casualty's engine had been restarted.

The lifeboat located the leisure craft and escorted it back to the harbour where it was returned safely to its mooring.

The lifeboat returned to the station at 3.08pm and was refuelled and made ready for service.

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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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