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Whitstable Lifeboat assists two craft

Lifeboats News Release

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The Whitstable Atlantic 85 lifeboat Lewisco was launched at 07.58 on Sunday morning following a report from the UK Coastguard of a yacht aground in the entrance to Faversham Creek.



RNLI/Chris Davey

Lewisco, the Whitstable Atlantic 85 Lifeboat.

The lifeboat arrived at the scene but there was no sign of the craft. The lifeboat proceeded further up the creek and the crew spoke to the occupant of an angling boat who reported that he had earlier towed a yacht into deeper water.

At 08.25 the lifeboat located the yacht just south of the Sand End Buoy in the entrance to the Swale. Both the occupants of the craft reported that they were now not in need of assistance and were continuing on their passage to Ramsgate.

At 08.31 the lifeboat was requested to assist a catamaran with engine failure reported as being in the Swale between

Faversham and Conyer creek's.

The 20-foot vessel was located near to the Horse Sand and taken under tow to a mooring and the two occupants landed ashore at their request.

Notes to editors

Whitstable RNLI Lifeboat Station was established in 1963 by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and is one of 237 lifeboat stations around the shores of the UK and Ireland. The volunteer crews provide a maritime search and rescue service for the Kent coast. They cover the area between the Kingsferry Bridge on the Swale, in the west, around the south-eastern side of Sheppey and along the coast through Whitstable and Herne Bay to Reculver in the east and outwards into the Thames Estuary.

The station is equipped with an Atlantic 85 lifeboat named *Lewisco*, purchased through a bequest of a Mrs Lewis of London who passed away in 2006.

She is what is known as a rigid inflatable inshore lifeboat, the boat's rigid hull being topped by an inflatable sponson. She carries a crew of four people.

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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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