

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

RNLI Fowey – exercise turns into rescue.

On Sunday 26 August the Fowey RNLI all-weather lifeboat with 7 strong volunteer crew members were on a navigational training exercise.

While off Dodman the lifeboat crew picked up a Pan Pan message broadcast by Brixham Coastguard. Pan Pan is a step down from a Mayday call, meaning someone is in difficulty but not immediate danger.

A fishing vessel with 5 persons on board had broken down 4 miles off Polperro. The lifeboat responded and the fishing boat was towed back to its home port of Fowey. – the lifeboat was then refuelled and ready for service by 2.50pm.

RNLI media contacts

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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 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 160 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. 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 139,000 lives.

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