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## Early morning search by Fowey Lifeboats.

**At 07.18 this morning, the volunteer crew at Fowey RNLI Lifeboat station were called out to search for two missing persons.**

Both the All-weather lifeboat '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*' and the inshore lifeboat '*Olive Two*' were launched following the discovery of an apparently abandoned boat outside of Fowey Harbour. The volunteer crew were joined in the search by Fowey Harbour Commission Patrol boats, HM Coastguard, the Police and the Culdrose Search and Rescue helicopter. The Trent Class all-weather lifeboat was joined by the Search and Rescue Helicopter in searching the area immediately outside of the harbour, whilst the Inshore Lifeboat joined the Harbour Patrol Boats in searching inside of the harbour.

Shortly before 9.00am the two fishermen were found safe and well ashore, unaware that their boat had broken from its mooring.

This mornings' shout was the second callout in four days as the all weather lifeboat, '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*' was launched at 3.00pm on Saturday following a report that an empty speedboat was floating near Polkerris. On reaching the scene it was found to have broken its moorings and was being recovered by persons ashore.

Although these have been the first callouts of the year for the volunteer crew at Fowey RNLI Lifeboat station, they have been training and on standby throughout the winter, with their last callout being 27<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

Will Mitchell, Operations Manager for Fowey Lifeboat, said "multi-agency searches such as the one this morning are part of the regular training carried out by our volunteer crew, and I would like to thank them for their prompt response and efficiency this morning".

Keep a look out around town for posters about the many events planned for this year, including Lifeboat Day and the Ex-Lifeboat Rally.  
For further details of Fowey RNLI Lifeboat station visit:

[www.foweylifeboat.co.uk](http://www.foweylifeboat.co.uk)

### Notes to Editors

- On average it costs £5,800 to launch an all weather lifeboat, such as the *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* and £2,200 to launch an inshore lifeboat like the *Olive Two*.

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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 100 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 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.