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Mothers Day rescue for Fowey RNLI Lifeboats.

At 2.45pm on a sunny Mothers Day afternoon, the Inshore Lifeboat from Fowey RNLI Lifeboat Station was launched to rescue a Mother and young daughter in distress at Charlestown.

The inshore lifeboat '*Olive Two*' was launched following a report to the Coastguard at Brixham that two people were cut off by the tide near Charlestown. Upon arrival at Charlestown the volunteer crew found that it was a mother and child stuck on the rocks to the west of Charlestown near to Polmear Island. The crew manoevered the inshore lifeboat close to the rocks and helped the two people aboard. They were taken into Charlestown harbour and landed safely ashore.

Marcus Lewis, Helmsman on the Inshore Lifeboat, said "Although this was a common rescue for us, it is very distressing for the people involved. Most harbours and beaches have the tide times posted up on notice-boards and this incident highlights the need for people to check these and be vigilant of what the tide is doing around them, before climbing around the rocks".

Fowey RNLI in conjunction with POFROC, Ocean Safety, Upper Deck and Fowey Harbour Commissioners is holding another Lifejacket clinic on Saturday 27th March at Gallants Sailing Club, Fowey. This is an opportunity to bring along your lifejacket between 10.00am and 2.00pm and get it checked over before the season starts.

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

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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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 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.