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Three callouts in five days for Fowey Lifeboats

It has been a busy week for the volunteer crew of Fowey RNLI lifeboat station. Following two callouts on bank holiday weekend, the crew were again called upon this morning, Thursday 6th May. A fishing boat had hit a rock off Polperro, and was taking on water. She had made it into Polperro harbour and was being assisted by the local Coastguard team and Firebrigade. The volunteer crew launched the All-weather lifeboat '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*' and proceeded to Polperro as the fishing boat needed to be taken for immediate repair to the hull. Two crewmembers boarded the fishing boat with the submersible pump and began pumping out the hull. The lifeboat secured the fishing boat alongside and took her into Fowey to the repair yard.

Both of the Bank holiday weekend calls were on Sunday 2nd. The first call came at 9.45am following a request from Brixham Coastguard after they had received a Mayday call. The crew launched the all-weather lifeboat, '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*', to assist a dive support boat taking part in the Dive Festival at Pentewan. The boat was taking on water and needed urgent assistance. Upon reaching the scene it was found that the boat had made it to the shore and was now out of danger.

Later on the same day, the crew were called upon again as a group of teenagers were in trouble off Golant. The Inshore Lifeboat '*Olive Two*' was launched and proceeded up the river to find the girls in two dinghy's caught in the tide off Golant where they were trying to get ashore for a picnic. The volunteer crew helped them safely to the shore.

Fowey Lifeboat is once again hosting an Ex-Lifeboat Rally on the 19th June, look out for details of this and other events around the town or check our website 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*.
- For more information on the Fowey RNLI lifeboats, the Trent class *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* and the D class *Olive Two*, please visit the station website at www.foweylifeboat.co.uk

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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.

