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Fowey Lifeboat called to help a broken down speedboat.

At 3.22pm on a sunny Saturday afternoon, the volunteer crew at Fowey's RNLI Lifeboat Station launched the Inshore lifeboat 'Olive Two' and proceeded around to St Austell Bay.

The speedboat with mechanical failure was found near Little Gribben alongside the rocks. There were three people on board. A tow line was passed to the boat and secured. The speedboat was then towed back into Fowey and landed into the care of the local Coastguard at Caffa Mill.

Ex-lifeboat rally in Fowey.

On Saturday 19th June Fowey will become home to several ex-lifeboats, all of which have seen active service for the RNLI at various stations around the country.

The boats will be moored at Berrils yard near Fowey's present RNLI lifeboat the 'Maurice and Joyce Hardy', and will be open to the public between 11.00am and 4.00pm. At the top of the pontoon there will be a barbeque and refreshments, a National Coastwatch Institution display and RNLI crewmembers.

We are hoping to have as many as ten ex-lifeboats for the rally however this will be weather dependant for their journeys to Fowey. Last year saw nine restored lifeboats make the journey, including the 'Michael Stevens', which was involved in the Dunkirk evacuations. Weather permitting a trip on one of the ex-lifeboats in the harbour will be available.

At 4.30pm there will be a procession of all of the Ex-Lifeboats through Fowey Harbour which can be seen from Town Quay.

Fowey RNLI would like to thank Fowey Harbour Commissioners for facilitating the day.

For more information on Fowey RNLI lifeboats and details of any recent shouts log on to: www.foweylifeboat.co.uk

Notes to Editors

- In 2009 the RNLI launched 9,223 times and rescued 8,223 people, an average of 22 per day.
- The RNLI is an independent charity funded entirely by voluntary donations, not HM Government.

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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.