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Fowey RNLI Lifeboat rescues motor cruiser.

The Fowey RNLI all weather lifeboat, *Maurice and Joyce Hardy*, was launched on Sunday evening, 14th June, to rescue a motor cruiser which was experiencing engine problems off Gorran Haven.

Fowey's RNLI Trent class all-weather lifeboat was launched at 9.05pm on Sunday following a request from the coastguard. The Lifeboat with RNLI coxswain and volunteer crew onboard proceeded at full speed towards Gorran Haven. On arrival at the incident, the RNLI lifeboat met with the stricken vessel, the *Southern Comfort*, which had anchored to prevent drifting onto the shore.

It was found that the engine had overheated on board *Southern Comfort*, and the Fowey RNLI lifeboat then towed the motor cruiser safely into Gorran Haven.

Will Mitchell, RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager for Fowey, says: 'The RNLI offers a free Sea Safety advice service, which can help people to be prepared for situations like this. For more information, contact any RNLI lifeboat station or call 0800 328 0600 to arrange a visit from one of the local RNLI Sea Safety advisors'

For more information on Fowey RNLI lifeboats and details of any recent shouts log on to: 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*.
- On Saturday 20th June, there is an ex-lifeboat rally in Fowey. The boats will be moored on Berrils yard pontoon, adjacent to Fowey's Trent Class Lifeboat, and will be open to the public between 11am and 4pm.

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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.