

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Fowey RNLI volunteer crewmembers called out at 12.45 am to missing yacht with reported injured person on board.

Brixham Coastguard launched both the Fowey RNLI lifeboats to search for PoGo from the Cornish Cruising School en route from Torquay to Falmouth.

The yacht was on the last leg of a milebuilder trip returning from a visit to the London Boatshow last week. Having left Torquay at 8am on Friday 25th January in a force 7 southerly the skipper realised the engine was not working and consequently, when the wind turned north-westerly, the crew were unable to continue to Falmouth and decided to put in to Fowey.

As the yacht could not be raised on the radio, the in-shore lifeboat with 3 volunteer crewmembers on board were tasked to search inside the harbour and the seven all-weather lifeboat crewmembers were tasked to search outside. The masthead light of the yacht was spotted almost 2 miles south of the harbour. With much reduced sail due to the wind and sea state the yacht was turning in circles. and not able to be under control. One person had hurt their back earlier in the day but did not need medical assistance.

The *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* took the yacht in tow and brought her back to the Berrill's Yard pontoon close to the lifeboat station. The crew of the yacht were brought into the station for hot drinks and were very pleased to have been brought ashore.

The Fowey lifeboats were back on station and ready for service at 3am.

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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 160 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 139,000 lives.

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