

2010 Incidents

02.10.10

When the NCI watchkeepers overheard Brixham Coastguard calling the Hope Cove Coastguard Rescue Team regarding a walker with an injured leg on the cliff path at Starehole Bay, they located the casualty by telescope. They then gave the grid reference and details of her position relative to local features, as well as details of what was happening on scene, to Brixham CG. After the Rescue Team arrived the casualty was taken to Derriford hospital by ambulance.

01.10.10

Brixham Coastguard requested Prawle Point watchkeepers to keep a close eye on two canoeists leaving Salcombe Harbour towards the Bar, after having received a call from a concerned member of the public. Over the next 40 minutes the watch-keepers monitored their progress and gave 4 position updates to Brixham. The canoeists later returned safely to Salcombe.

26.09.10

When Motor Launch Louise I sent a PanPan message saying she was taking in water at the stern, the NCI watchkeepers noted her position and reported to Brixham Coastguard that they had the casualty in sight. Salcombe Lifeboat was tasked and when the Coastguard lost radio comms. with the lifeboat they asked the watchkeepers to report her position. The casualty later beached at Hallsands.

24.09.10

A RIB on passage from Dartmouth to Salcombe was kept under close surveillance by Prawle Point watchkeepers at the request of Brixham Coastguard. Regular position updates were given.

28.8.10

After the RIB Whistler, with 8 people on board, reported engine failure to Brixham Coastguard, the Prawle Point watchkeeper advised the Coastguard that the RIB was in sight and gave details of craft in the vicinity able to assist. One of these, another RIB, took Whistler in tow and the watchkeeper provided the Coastguard with regular updates until the casualty was towed into Salcombe.

25.8.10

Prawle Point watchkeepers were asked by Brixham Coastguard to keep a look out for the motor cruiser Voodoo which had reported having one engine disabled. However, because of poor visibility Voodoo could not be seen and there was no radar trace. After reporting hearing Voodoo on VHF Channel 16 without reply from the Coastguard, the watchkeepers were asked to call her up on Channel 16. Three calls were made without a response but a nearby yacht was able to establish radio comms. with Voodoo and report that she was making for Torquay.

22 .8.10

After Brixham Coastguard received a VHF Channel 16 Yacht Dorwynd reporting partial engine failure, the Coastguard contacted the Prawle Point watchkeeper who was able to confirm Dorwynd's position and provide updates when the Salcombe Harbour Launch came out to take her in tow.

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08.08.10

Prawle Point watchkeepers relayed to Brixham Coastguard a VHF radio call from motor cruiser Challenger reporting a fire in the engine compartment and then provided regular position updates until Salcombe Inshore Lifeboat arrived on scene and towed the casualty to Salcombe for a damage assessment.

01.08.10

After yacht Hannah reported engine failure by VHF radio when off Bolt head, Brixham Coastguard requested the duty watchkeeper to monitor the casualty. Position updates were given until the casualty, which was under sail and bound for Plymouth, was out of view.

29.07.10

Duty watchkeepers witnessed the harassment of dolphins in Salcombe Range by 7 motor boats and 2 dinghies and reported their concerns to Salcombe Harbour Master and Brixham Coastguard after the dolphins showed signs of distress. The harassment of dolphins is illegal and the reports will be followed up by the authorities.

28.07.10

Soon after opening the watch at 9am on 28 July, the watchkeepers received a request from Brixham Coastguard to look out for a yacht, Appledore Belle, which was returning from the Channel Islands to Salcombe without power. At 9.30 the watchkeepers sighted Appledore Belle 7½miles off Salcombe and reported her visual. During the next 3 hours they provided the Coastguard with information including position updates. The yacht was then towed into Salcombe by the Harbourmaster's launch.

26.06.10

When the duty watchkeepers heard a yacht reporting seeing distressed dogs on Moor Sands they had 'a hunch' that the landlord at the Pig's Nose Inn in East Prawle might know something about them and so advised the Coastguard to phone him. Sure enough a customer in the bar stepped forward saying his dogs had been missing for 24 hours. They were soon recovered.

16.06.10

After yacht Mistral sent a PanPan urgency message reporting engine failure and jammed sails, the Prawle Point watchkeepers located her off Bolt Head and passed details to Brixham Coastguard. Later they advised the Coastguard that the Salcombe Harbour launch was alongside the casualty. Mistral was then towed into Salcombe.

01.06.10

Divers from a RIB dive boat were observed diving on the Salcombe Cannon site, a Protected Historic Wreck off Moor Sands one mile to the west of the Lookout. The wreck site licensees and the relevant authorities were informed by the duty watchkeepers in accordance with agreed procedures. It is understood that the divers were met on their return to Salcombe and could face action for carrying out unauthorised diving.

03.01.10

The duty watchkeepers overheard a yacht named Raven calling Brixham Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 to a report that its saildrive (similar to the bottom part of an outboard motor) had fouled a pot line in Elender Cove. No reply was heard from the Coastguard and so the watchkeepers relayed the message by phone. They also relayed further messages to the Coastguard from the casualty and from the Inshore Lifeboat which later towed Raven into Salcombe Harbour for repair.

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27.03.10

On the morning of 27th March Prawle Point watchkeepers heard Brixham Coastguard calling Hope Cove Coastguard Rescue Team about an overturned RIB on Salcombe Bar. The watchkeepers quickly located the RIB and were able to report to Brixham that three people were in the water nearby and a fourth person was swimming ashore towards South Sands. Salcombe ILB was soon on scene and recovered the three people in the water. All four were unharmed.