2012 Incidents

18.11.12
Motor cruiser Saint Jacques issued a PAN PAN call at 14:55. She had engine failure and requested a tow. Prawle Point NCI watchkeepers provided updates to Brixham Coastguard on her position and status. She eventually restarted her engine and was able to proceed at low speed into the harbour whilst being escorted by Salcombe Lifeboat.

03.11.12
At 1107hrs Yacht Ashiki sent a PanPan message on Ch16 reporting engine failure. She was in Salcombe Range and about to cross the Bar into Salcombe Harbour. Prawle Point watchkeepers immediately informed Brixham Coastguard that they had the yacht visual and gave details. The Coastguard requested the assistance of the Salcombe Harbour Launch to take the yacht in tow and subsequently contacted Prawle Point NCI for updates. The watchkeepers later advised the Coastguard when Ashiki was taken in tow.

17.08.12
At 4.35pm Salcombe Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) was called out to rescue a surfboarder in difficulties at Soar Mill Cove to the west of Bolt Head. Having affected a successful rescue, the ILB returned to Salcombe with the casualty. Prawle Point watchkeepers subsequently heard Salcombe ILB, calling up Brixham Coastguard on the radio requesting a helicopter and ambulance to be ready on their return. As no reply was heard the watchkeepers relayed the message to the Coastguard and reported that the ILB was rounding Bolt Head. An ambulance was waiting when the ILB reached Salcombe.

05.08.12
Brixham fishing trawler, BM487 Lone Wolf reported loss of power in a position just over one mile SSE of Prawle Point. Prawle Point watchkeepers advised Brixham Coastguard that they had the 'casualty visual', gave her current position and confirmed that no other vessels were in the vicinity. Salcombe Lifeboat was tasked and took Lone Wolf in tow into Salcombe Harbour.

05.08.12
A couple staying in a cottage at East Prawle came into the lookout and reported that two days previously they had waded out from Horseley Cove to an empty drifting inflatable tender which they then beached safely above the high water mark. It was identified as the tender to a craft called Inca. The watchkeepers accordingly advised both Brixham Coastguard and Salcombe Harbourmaster's Office. The duty officer at the latter (herself a volunteer watchkeeper at Prawle Point) confirmed that Inca was listed in their records and undertook to contact the owner.

26.06.12
Visibility at Prawle Point was down to less than 200 metres when Brixham Coastguard called the lookout asking whether a yacht, which had reported engine failure, was showing on our radar. The watchkeepers gave details of the 'echoes' on the screen. The Salcombe Lifeboat was launched and Robardrigail was towed into Salcombe.

10.06.12
The duty watchkeeper at Prawle Point contacted Brixham Coastguard to advise them that fishing vessel Martlet was trying to call them on Ch16. With the Coastguard unable to establish radio contact, Salcombe Inshore Lifeboat was launched and after freeing Martlet's prop from tangled fishing gear the ILB towed her back to Salcombe.

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11.05.12
At 1810 the merchant vessel Alpha Italia called Falmouth Coastguard on channel 16 reporting a serious situation on-board. No response was heard from Falmouth. The Prawle Point watchkeeper telephoned Brixham Coastguard to report the VHF transmission after which Brixham contacted Alpha Italia and arranged for an injured crew member to be airlifted to Derriford Hospital Plymouth by helicopter Rescue 193.