

2014 Incidents

20.09.14

At 11:05 Dive Boat Falcon 2 called Brixham Coastguard advising them of a possible engine fire. They had nine divers in the water. At 11:10 we advised the Coastguard that we had the vessel in our sights at a bearing of 270 degrees true 0.75 nautical miles from Prawle Point. Salcombe AWLB was launched and there were still seven divers in the water. At 11:20 the ILB was also on the scene. By 11:45 all divers were safely on board the AWLB and the casualty was taken under tow by the ILB.

14.09.14

At 11:36 we heard a PanPan requesting a tow to Salcombe regarding YBS Virage II with Genoa furling gear blocked and three people on board. The yacht had given incorrect position as off Start Point. We telephoned Brixham Coastguard giving correct position off Bolt Head. The Lifeboat was launched and by 12:39 she had the casualty in tow and at 13:00 the PanPan was cancelled.

02.09.14

At 13:50 Rum Truffle relayed a MayDay to Brixham Coastguard concerning MCAT Lady Anne who had engine failure 3.5 miles south south-west of Bolt Head. The coastguard called for assistance and had a response from Pan Artic. We called Brixham Coastguard at 14:27 advising them that the casualty was visible. Salcombe LB was on the scene by 14:40 providing a tow.

31.08.14

At 15:28 Brixham Coastguard called to ask if we could see a blue and yellow inflatable west of Start Point. At 15:35 FV Fishtek identified the craft and reported all was OK. At 15:45 Salcombe ILB passed to east, identified boat on Great Mattiscombe beach, checked east of Start Point, then back to Great Mattiscombe. Nothing further to report.

30.08.14

At 12:29 FV Moonfleet radioed the Coastguard to say they had engine trouble off Langerstone Point. We telephoned Brixham Coastguard giving the casualty's position and local conditions, and they issued a PanPan at 12:38 requesting any vessel in the vicinity to assist. At 12:50 the Salcombe ILB was tasked. We confirmed position to the Coastguard and they asked if we were ready to con the ILB. At 13:02 Salcombe ILB was on the scene and took Moonfleet in tow. At 13:09 Brixham Coastguard cancelled the PanPan.

25.08.14

At 13:12 we heard a MayDay from yacht Gueis Fantasy who was two miles off Bolt Head in heavy seas, with a ripped jib and four adults and a child on board. Salcombe ALB was tasked. By 13:23 the Lifeboat was on the scene and the MayDay was cancelled at 13:34. Both Salcombe Lifeboat and casualty were safely over the bar at 13:47.

19.08.14

At 14:25 FV Moonfleet called Brixham Coastguard reporting engine failure. At 14:27 we called Brixham to advise we had casualty in sight. By 14:40 FV Tenacious had Moonfleet in tow going towards Salcombe. At 14:51 casualty's engine restarted and she was able to continue under own power. Brixham Coastguard were advised of the situation.

2014 Incidents

13.08.14

At 18:38 yacht Muscadet reported engine problems to Brixham Coastguard via VHF Ch16. She was sailing OK but may need assistance to get into Salcombe harbour. At 18:40 we advised Brixham Coastguard we had the vessel in sight and would keep watch. At 18:51 Brixham Coastguard told the casualty that the Salcombe Harbour launch would meet her at the Bar. At 19:30 Muscadet asked Brixham Coastguard if the launch would be coming to her aid, and Brixham advised that the Lifeboat would be coming to give her a tow back into Salcombe. We telephoned Brixham Coastguard at 19:34 to advise of casualty's slow progress, the wind was falling and the tide turning against him. At 19:40 Brixham advised Muscadet that the Salcombe launch would be assisting her. At 20:21 we notified Brixham Coastguard that the Harbour launch had the stricken vessel in tow.

13.08.14

At 11:15 we heard a VHF call on C16 from CAC Atlantis to Brixham Coastguard re engine failure. At 11:20 we telephoned Brixham Coastguard to confirm we had vessel in sight and gave position. Vessel was 38 feet long and had 13 PV. A small RIB with 2PV was in vicinity keeping watch but too small to tow. At 11:22 we heard a PanPan issued by Brixham Coastguard for any vessel in the vicinity who could offer a tow. No response to PanPan so Brixham Coastguard tasked Salcombe Lifeboat and they were observed at 11:49 coming over the Bar. At 11:55 passengers were transferred to AWLB leaving crew on board casualty. By 12:07 all safely over the Bar and PanPan was cancelled at 12:34.

10.08.14

The RSPCA called in for more information re the sheep over the cliff from 09/08/14. We repeated information from previous day. No more information available and the RSPCA inspector was satisfied that the sheep was no longer at reported search

09.08.14

At 17:05 FV Moonfleet requested assistance from Brixham Coastguard on Ch16 due to engine failure. We called Brixham Coastguard to confirm we had casualty in sight and gave position off Langerstone Point. At 17:10 the ILB was launched and was on the scene by 17:23. By 18:02 they were safely over the Bar.

09.08.14

A member of the public entered the Lookout having reported seeing a sheep fall down cliffs to west of Elender Cove. We telephoned Brixham Coastguard and they requested we contact RSPCA. We gave details and Map Reference (SX768357) to RSPCA and they asked us to report back to them with any further information

02.08.14

At 17:55 we received a telephone call from Brixham Coastguard requesting sighting of small unmanned orange dinghy approximately 500 metres from Starehole Bay, reported to BRIXHAM COASTGUARD by member of the public. At 18:00 we confirmed to Brixham Coastguard that a powerboat had recovered unmanned dinghy and was heading towards Starehole with dinghy in tow. We maintained visual watch on vessels. At 18:20 we received call from Brixham Coastguard asking if vessel still in Starehole Bay – we confirmed vessels spotted still in Starehole but unable to ID RIB due to distance and glare.

02.08.14

At 13:58 we logged FV Moonfleet off Langerstone Point, she called Brixham Coastguard to say her engine had failed. Brixham issued a PanPan but no vessel responded. We informed the Coastguard we had the casualty in sight and confirmed her position. Salcombe ILB was tasked and took the vessel under tow into Salcombe. They crossed the Bar at 15:06.

2014 Incidents

24.07.14

At 18:15 a VHF call on Channel 67 was heard from RIB Excalibur who was losing drive off Start Point. We telephoned the coastguard advising visual position as 0.5 miles from Prawle Point and at 18:33 they issued a PanPan requesting a tow. At 18:50 the Salcombe Lifeboat was launched to take the casualty in tow. At 19:26 Brixham cancelled the PanPan and by 19:35 the Lifeboat and casualty were safely over the bar.

19.07.14

At 09:18 we heard a VHF call from Brixham Coastguard trying to raise yacht Klahani with no response. AT 09:23 Brixham telephoned us requesting if we had a visual. The casualty then gave her position on Channel 67 and we were able to confirm she had been taken in tow by yacht Katrina and confirmed her position. Brixham Coastguard called the Harbour Office and the launch was observed crossing the Bar at 09:30. At 09:33 the launch was alongside and shortly afterwards yacht Katrina left the scene going east. At 09:38 Klahani was under tow and safely over the Bar at 09:47. We notified the Coastguard.

15.07.14

At 13:40 Brixham Coastguard put out a call for all stations in the Start Bay area to report sightings of two kayaks reported heading south or southeast. We scanned the area off Start Point and observed one red and one yellow kayak heading towards Start Point past Blackstone Rock. We telephoned the Coastguard at 13:45 to report sighting and they requested we keep the kayaks under observation. At 13:50 we contacted Brixham to report we no longer had the kayaks in view as they were behind Great Sleadon Rocks.

13.07.14

At 09:16 Brixham Coastguard requested we maintain a visual watch for a tender lost in Salcombe harbour overnight. The description was given as a white RIB with 6HP Yamaha outboard and she was drifting with the tide and wind. We scanned the entire visible area but after an hour we reported that we could not identify the missing craft.

06.07.14

At 14:47 we heard a VHF call from Brixham coastguard was heard asking for any vessels near Soar Mill Cove to respond as red flares had been seen. Vessel Acquiesce replied saying she had seen flares and was going to help. We telephoned Brixham to say we had possible casualty visible. At 14:50 the coastguard tasked Salcombe ILB and at 14:53 a MayDay was heard from a grey RIB, Willie B saying she was out of fuel off Bolt Tail with 4 persons on board, and gave her position. The ILB was in contact with casualty and all persons were safe. At 15:13 the Salcombe AWLB also responded as did passing Navy Patrol Vessel Mersey . Hope Cove rescue was also on the scene. By 15:20 the AWLB reported she had all 4 persons from Willie B on board, Salcombe ILB was taking stricken vessel in tow.

06.07.14

At 12:50 we heard a PanPan from Little Blue, a single handed sports boat with engine failure, 0.5 nautical miles off Gara Rock. The Coastguard phoned us asking if we had casualty visual. We subsequently identified the vessel. FV Nethergill had already called Brixham saying they would go and help. A grey/cream RIB with 2 persons on board reached the casualty first and took her in tow to Salcombe.

2014 Incidents

28.06.14

VHF call from Brixham Coastguard to any vessel in the Prawle Point vicinity requesting sighting of a single manned ocean going kayak was heard as they had received a 999 call. The Coastguard telephoned us requesting sighting. We obtained details of kayak and then had call from Lannacombe Farm informing us that they had the kayak in their sights 200 metres off shore in Lannacombe Bay and occupant did not appear to be in distress. We passed the updated information to Brixham and they tasked Salcombe Lifeboat and Prawle Point Mobile who subsequently confirmed they had spoken to the kayaker. Prawle Point Mobile was stood down and at 2013 both AWLB and ILB were both back on station.

27.06.14

Yacht D'Lerius called Brixham Coastguard reporting her genoa was stuck while fully deployed. She was close to Bolt Head and decided to turn back to Salcombe. The Coastguard alerted Salcombe Harbour Office and asked us to track the yacht visually until she was safely across the bar and met by the harbour launch. We notified Brixham confirming D'Lerius out of danger.

26.06.14

We heard a Mayday on VHF Channel 16 from yacht Breaking Wind with engine failure. Brixham Coastguard answered saying they would call out Salcombe lifeboat. We telephoned the Coastguard to inform them FV Excel was close to casualty. At 15:05 we observed the lifeboat passing the Lookout eastwards and at 15:30 she had the casualty under tow.

21.06.14

We observed divers on the protected historic wreck site. We checked with Brixham Coastguard and the licensees and discovered that they had no knowledge of this action. The licensee telephoned back having consulted English Heritage and requested that we make a formal report to the Police.

12.06.14

We noticed that a yacht passing the Lookout going eastbound had started to circle another inbound yacht. A VHF call from the first yacht to the Coastguard explained that the other vessel had no radio and had run out of fuel. It was flat calm and they were requesting a tow to Plymouth. It was eventually agreed that the first yacht would tow the one in trouble to Dartmouth. We advised the Coastguard that we had both vessels in sight and that the tow had commenced. Not long after this we noticed a small yacht was passing the Lookout heading east with a large tear in her mainsail. We reported this to the Coastguard as it is unusual and gave her sail number. We monitored all vessels concerned until they had passed Start Point and were out of sight.

05.06.14

We logged yacht Gone Away passing the Lookout with two persons visible fishing from her stern. We observed the craft as she sailed very close to rocks in Elender Cove. At 17:20 we took a call from Brixham Coastguard requesting a sighting of a dinghy the nearside of Gara Rock, as a member of the public had reported a light glinting on a dinghy. We advised Brixham that it was likely to be yacht Gone Away and the coastguard tasked Prawle Point Mobile to investigate further. At 17:30 we were called by Prawle Point Mobile on Channel M1 to confirm name and sail number of the dinghy. We maintained a visual watch as requested until 17:50 and were thanked for our assistance.

2014 Incidents

26.05.14

Dive boat Falcon 11 had divers down 0.5 miles west of Prawle Point. A sport boat drove straight through the divers at speed despite warnings from Falcon 11 on Channel 16 and using a foghorn. Falcon 11 reported the incident to Brixham Coastguard on Channel 67 but did not identify the craft. We were able to call Brixham and give them the name Bella. The harbour office subsequently called the Lookout to report that their staff had spoken to the skipper of Bella and had told them to contact Brixham Coastguard.

22.05.14

We were alerted by telephone from the Salcombe Boat Store and Brixham Coastguard about concerns for a 23 foot motor cruiser Anna with a single, inexperienced crew on board. We kept the vessel in our sights. Anna then changed course and headed back to Salcombe, crossing the bar at 13:55. All parties were notified.

03.05.14

At 10:05 yacht Leader called Brixham Coastguard to report a large 'floating object'. At 10:25 the Coastguard called the Lookout and we gave them the bearing and distance of the 'object' and advised FV Hustler was close. We continued to keep the 'object' visual and updated the Coastguard by telephone. RIB Sea 'n Shore diverted to 'object' and reported to Brixham who advised not to tow into Salcombe. At 10:57 a Maritime Patrol Aircraft diverted to acquire 'object' and reported to Coastguard. We advised Brixham of proximity of SD Navigator for possible recovery. At 11:59 the 'object' was 0.2 miles off Prawle Point heading west, we reported position and were advised no further action required

24.04.14

We reported a RIB to the Salcombe Harbourmaster. She had caught her anchor on a crab pot.

15.04.14

We heard a Mayday from yacht Tannee reporting flooding of one pontoon (catamaran) and she was unable to pump. She gave her position. Brixham coastguard responded and launched the Salcombe lifeboats. We identified the yacht visually and acquired her on radar. At 09:31 we contacted Brixham coastguard confirming her position and offered assistance, we also identified a nearby yacht as possible rescue vessel. At 09:59 both lifeboats were on the scene, one person was transferred to the ILB and the waterlogged yacht was taken in tow. The Mayday was cancelled at 10:01.

05.04.14

At 11:50 we were monitoring radio traffic in very poor visibility when we heard yacht Ragamuffin calling Brixham Coastguard that she was unsure of her position. The Coastguard telephoned us and we informed them that we had a possible radar contact and suggested they they ask Ragamuffin for a bearing of the 'observatory'. This meant we were able to confirm to the Coastguard that we had Ragamuffin in sight and we gave her bearing and distance from the Lookout. Salcombe lifeboat was launched and the casualty was escorted into harbour.

15.03.14

The Coastguard contacted us regarding persons reported in the water at Starehole Bay. They were advised that nine kayaks could be seen but no persons actually in the water.

2014 Incidents

04-08.03.14

We were notified by Brixham Coastguard of a solo rower in a white boat on passage west. During the period numerous sightings were made and reports given to the Coastguard when appropriate. He was finally reported as heading west and out of sight from the Lookout. It is believed that he was en-route to Portscatho.

21.02.14

At 09:05 Brixham Coastguard telephoned us to report ten forty foot containers had been washed overboard from a ship on 20.02.14 south of Eddystone lighthouse. At 09:40 Brixham advised a grey container had been spotted. We were able to report merchant vessel Elbe Feeder was in the vicinity. At 10:19 we advised Brixham the grey container was in sight 1.4 miles off the Lookout and travelling at approximately four nautical miles an hour in an easterly direction. We monitored the container all morning and finally telephoned the coastguard to advise it was out of our sight at 12:25.

18.02.14

At 11:05 Brixham Coastguard telephoned the Lookout to ask us if we could identify Anglo Dawn towing day fisher, Atlantis, reported to be in difficulty in Starehole Bay. We advised that we had both vessels in sight and had been monitoring their progress. Salcombe Lifeboat self launched and we observed her crossing the bar at 11:15. At 11:25 Salcombe Lifeboat had the casualty in tow and Anglo Dawn left the scene. At 11:44 we telephoned the Coastguard to report the Lifeboat and casualty were safely over the bar.