

2016 Incidents

30.12.16

Large pod of about 12 dolphins seen about 1 mile from Prawle Point feeding.

28.12.16

Two walkers reported sheep stuck near the shore at Landing Cove. We telephoned the farmer and the sheep were rescued.

27.12.16

Dolphins seen 1.5 miles from Prawle Point breaking the surface below diving gannets. Watched for over an hour.

18.12.16

Two dolphins seen just south of the Lookout today feeding. With us for over an hour.

08.12.16

Two walkers reported to us that there was a life ring connected to a buoy off Elender Cove. We reported this to [Solent Coastguard](#) and [Prawle Point Coastguard Rescue Team](#) were tasked to investigate.

26.11.16

We advised [HM coastguard](#) that we had spotted a 30 foot rope between 2 water carriers ashore on the tide line at Langerstone Point. This would cause a hazard when it floats and foul props. CG tasked Prawle Cliff Rescue who asked us to keep an eye on them. They removed the rope and floats.

17.11,16

Coxwain of Salcombe Lifeboat rang to ask us if we could see a yacht leaving Salcombe. We confirmed that we could and were asked if we could monitor it past Bolt Head as it was heading to Plymouth before dark and possibly single handed. We had a position on radar but then it disappeared. Salcombe Lifeboat launched, found "Voyager", talked to the man and escorted him across Bigbury Bay, then returned to Salcombe. All ended well.

02.11.16

The Tug Vigilant passed the lookout towing an exceptionally long platform, very low in the water. The tug was exhibiting Ball, Diamond, Ball which is correct, but the platform was not displaying the correct signs. As the vessel was on its way to Tunis we informed the Coastguard and they thanked us for the information.

01.11,16

Mayday from Ma Petite Folie, taking on water and intending to beach on Slapton Sands. We report to [Solent Coastguard](#) that we do not have the casualty visible, but HMS Ranger and Fishing Vessel Excel are in the area. HMS Ranger then proceeds to the casualty and [Salcombe RNLI](#) Lifeboat is also launched. Later Ma Petite Folie reports water ingress is under control with baling and they are proceeding to Dartmouth.

31.10.16

We observed a sports boat on the rocks in Starehole Bay with no persons visible. We informed [Solent Coastguard](#) who advised that [Salcombe Harbour](#) were aware. We were later advised that [Salcombe RNLI](#) will recover the boat later this morning.

22.10.16

Mayday from sports boat Top Cat who had engine failure. We had the casualty visual. Salcombe RNLI launched the Lifeboat and the casualty was towed into Salcombe.

10.10.16

Yacht G-V12 attempted to call Falmouth Coastguard on channel 67 to file passage information but was not heard. We relayed the information to the Coastguard.

05.10.16

At 14:00 Lady Lou reported a broken gearbox to Falmouth Coastguard. We reported to the CG that we had Lady Lou visual 4 miles off Prawle Point and that there were other vessels nearby. Salcombe RNLI were tasked and took Lady Lou under tow to Brixham.

19.09.16

Mayday Relay from [Solent Coastguard](#) Vessel Juniper with damaged rudder taking on water. Coastguard telephones to ask if we have the vessel visual. We confirm that we do and that the Yacht Marena was close to Juniper and turning towards her. [Salcombe RNLI](#) Lifeboat tasked to assist Juniper. They put a pump on board and tow her into [Salcombe Harbour](#).

15.09.16

[Solent Coastguard](#) telephoned us re "Maggie" We had logged her first going East and then later going West. The owner was concerned that his son and another person did not have enough fuel to return to the Yealm. We kept an eye on them for some time and mentioned our concerns that they had told Seahorse of their intention to go into Bigbury and were very low on fuel. Coastguard thanked us for our input.

09.09.16

Solent Coastguard telephoned us enquiring about 2 Ribs spotted off Bantham Beach travelling very fast. We informed them we had logged 2 Ribs at Prawle Point with blue lights, so very probably Border Force. They thanked us for our input.

02.09.16

We heard a call from [Falmouth Coastguard](#) asking for any vessel in the Salcombe area who could tow the yacht Bubbly who had lost power off Mothecombe. We telephoned the Coastguard asking for the position, but they did not have it. Bubbly then reported that the wind had got up and she was making 4 knots and would go into Salcombe.

27.08.16

Pan Pan from motor cruiser Boys Toys. Total power loss. Two ex lifeboats who were passing stood by to help. [Solent Coastguard](#) were informed that we had the vessel visual. The vessel managed to restart their engine and proceeded into Salcombe.

26.8.16

Two members of the public report to us that a sheep was unable to get up, possible broken leg on Moors Sands, Salcombe end of isolated beach. Message left for the farmer.

25.08.16

Member of the public advised us that a sheep in Maceley Cove was showing signs of distress owing to its backside being severely fly-blown. We reported this to the farmer whose land it was.

19.08.16

At 10:00 we were asked by [Solent Coastguard](#) to watch for Neptune II reported heading west towards [Plymouth](#) with no comms. but low on fuel. Neptune II was subsequently reported safe in [Torbay](#).

18.08.16

[Salcombe Harbour](#) Office called to ask if we could contact Thermopylae Clipper which had left Salcombe without one crew member. We tried to raise the vessel on channel 65 but failed. Solent Coastguard subsequently contacted Thermopylae Clipper on channel 16.

16.08.16

Yacht Maggie reported to [Solent Coastguard](#) a sighting of a double kayak a mile off Start Point. We

reported to the Coastguard that after scanning the area we could not see the kayak. We kept a watch over the area for the rest of the afternoon.

15.08.16

Yacht Viola reports she is stuck on a lobster pot line due south of Salcombe. We let [Solent Coastguard](#) know we have the casualty visible and will maintain a watch on her. [Salcombe RNLI Lifeboat Station](#) send the Inshore boat to assist. Viola frees herself and makes her way into [Salcombe Harbour](#).

10.08.16

Motor launch Motley Crew informed [Solent Coastguard](#) their engine was failing and only making 2 knots just off Langerstone Point. We informed the Coastguard we had them visual. Yacht Quickthorn offered to turn back and give them a tow. We monitored both vessels as far as Salcombe Bar when [Salcombe Harbour](#) Moorings Officer took over the tow.

07.08.16

Pan Pan raised for Opus. Communications failed with [Solent Coastguard](#). Eventually Pan Pan raised with Prawle on Channel 65. We contact Coastguard to say we have vessel visual and asked if we could contact the boat on Channel 16. This was refused. [Salcombe RNLI](#) launched the Inshore Lifeboat to Opus and she was towed into Salcombe.

07.08.16

Mayday from Rib Voyager. Engine failed and drifting towards rocks near [NCI Prawle Point](#). [Solent Coastguard](#) telephoned us to see if we had the vessel visual, but we had no visibility in fog. 3 other vessels radioed saying they were searching for the casualty. Voyager then restarted engine and proceeded to Shaldon Beach. Mayday cancelled.

02.08.16

[Salcombe RNLI](#) Lifeboat was tasked to the Yacht Raven off Bolt Tail with her autopilot stuck. We had logged the vessel as she passed Prawle Point and had her visual. The Lifeboat was stood down when Raven managed to disengage the autopilot and continued her journey.

01.08.16

Fishing vessel Noah Gil reports to [HM Coastguard](#) that she is taking on water. We telephone CG to let them know we have her visual. Communication between the vessel and CG were problematic, so we relayed between the two. Noah Gil fixed the problem and returned to Salcombe.

31.07.16

Gara Rock Hotel reports that a guest has found what looks like unexploded ordinance - torpedo shaped - on Rickham Sands. Advised that the guest should not leave the hotel and they should call the police.

31.07.16

Salcombe ILB calls Solent Coastguard repeatedly on Channel 16 and Channel 0, but no response. We telephoned the Coastguard and they eventually made contact with Salcombe ILB who were en route to a casualty at Slapton Sands.

24.07.16

Vessel calling for a tow after engine failure. [HM Coastguard](#) called us to ask if we had the vessel visual. We did not as there was coastal fog in the Range. Heard vessel calling [Salcombe Harbour](#) on Channel 16. Another vessel told them it was Channel 14. We then heard that the vessel was across the Bar and we informed Coastguard of this.

19.07.16

Mayday from Motor Boat Zuti. Engine failure and towing a dinghy. Last Bug took Zuti in tow, but the tow was lost. Zuti then taken in tow by Motor Boat Tonic. [Salcombe Harbour](#) moorings officer took over the tow at The Bar.

17.07.16

Yacht Liberte reports no power. We advised [HM Coastguard](#) that the casualty was visible. Two vessels in the vicinity. Liberte taken in tow by Supra into Salcombe.

16.07.16

Pan Pan from yacht Moksha with engine failure. We advised [HM Coastguard](#) that we had the casualty visual. The vessel was assisted by the fishing vessel Noah Gil and then Bintumani, Moksha is taken in tow by the [Salcombe RNLi](#) All Weather Lifeboat and towed into [Salcombe Harbour](#)

03.07.16

Spotted outboard launch with two people waving oars half a mile from lookout off Maceley Cove. Telephoned [HM Coastguard](#) and reported position. Later reported that launch was now tied to a buoy. [Salcombe RNLi](#) Inshore Lifeboat arrived and towed them into Salcombe.

02.07.16

We were contacted by the [HM Coastguard](#) regarding an elderly person injured at Langerstone Point. We had the casualty visual and gave a Lat and Long. The casualty was picked up by [Prawle Point Coastguard Rescue Team](#) and transferred to an ambulance.

18.06.16

Fishing boat Noah Gil reports engine failure to Coastguard. We alerted Coastguard that Nemo was in the area. Noah Gil tries to anchor but is drifting towards rocks. Another vessel repositions her and finally FV Hustler tows her into Salcombe.

05.06.16

Telephone call from Solent CG asking us to look out for kayakers reported to be in trouble off Start Point as reported by the Lighthouse. We could not see them with visibility of only 3 miles. Salcombe ILB passed us, but were later told by Solent that the kayakers had been taken to Beesands.

03.06.16

Single-handed motor boat Megan called us twice on Channel 16, but then on Channel 65. She was between Bolt Head and Prawle Point with engine failure and drifting. We telephoned Solent CG and then relayed for details on Channel 65. MFV Tenacious took Megan in tow into Salcombe Harbour.

31.05.16

Dutch Yacht Evenaar issues a Securite saying she has a fouled propellor in the entrance to Salcombe Harbour. We inform Solent Coastguard that we have the yacht visual off Maceley Cove. Solent advises that the Salcombe ALB has launched to her aid. The yacht subsequently frees herself, but the Lifeboat escorts her into Salcombe.

26.05.16

We were telephoned by Solent Coastguard asking us to watch out for a 60 foot Barge reported to be dropping items into the sea, a toilet, bedding etc. at 15.50. At 1702, we spotted the vessel rounding Start Point and at 1755, we reported her 2 miles west of Prawle point heading for Plymouth.

22.05.16

We sighted a pod of 12+ dolphins about a quarter of a mile due south of the Lookout.

22.05.16

Mayday from Yacht Tomia. Fire in engine room on leaving Salcombe. We informed the Coastguard that we had her visual. [Salcombe RNLi](#) Lifeboat launched to her assistance and she was towed back into Salcombe. The fire was out when they arrived.

11.05.16

Spotted a pod of around 12 common dolphins. Reported to [Brixham Seawatch](#).

08.05.16

Just after mid-day we saw yacht *Jessica Anne* making difficult progress against force 6 easterly winds and a spring tide. In conjunction with our colleagues at [NCI Froward Point](#) we kept her under observation while she struggled in the tide race at Start Point before turning and heading safely back into Salcombe at 17:00.

04-05.05.16

We were asked by the Coastguard to monitor and report on a possibly vulnerable yacht due to leave Salcombe on passage to Norway. The craft was eventually reported as under way by Salcombe Harbour Master. We saw a yacht heading due south but were unable to confirm her identity.

24.04.16

Member of the public reported a distressed seal possibly with a net round its neck just off Peartree Point. We called Brixham Seawatch and reported this to them. The Seal Sanctuary were also informed, but can do nothing until the animal comes ashore.

16.04.16

Fishing vessel Lloyd Tyler called Falmouth Coastguard twice with no response. We telephoned Falmouth to see if they had heard it. They said it was not their sector, Solent Coastguard later spoke to the Lloyd Tyler. She had engine failure due to a raw water leak and was stopped in the water. Eventually she managed to pump out the water, close the seacock and restart her engine. She then motored to Brixham for repair. Two other vessels stood by in case they were required.

12.04.2016

Angling vessel Illusion calls the Coastguard with engine failure. We report to the Coastguard that we have Illusion visual. Yacht Freia stands by Illusion and she is eventually towed to Salcombe by the Inshore Lifeboat.

07.04.16

Casualty in capsized rib called the Coastguard on Channel 16. One person in water and the other on upturned hull, just south of Salcombe Bar. We reported that we had the casualty visual and a passing dory stopped to help. The All Weather Lifeboat was tasked and took the casualties into Salcombe.

25.02.16

Fishing boat Me-Jelie reported fuel problems on Channel 67. We reported to the Coastguard that we had the vessel visual and gave position. Salcombe Lifeboat was tasked to her and after attaching the tow, she was taken into Salcombe Harbour.

11.02.16

Yacht Sea Shanty called solent Coastguard twice and Falmouth CG once with no response. Sea Shanty then called Prawle NCI on Channel 65 for a radio check which we gave. We telephoned Solent Coastguard to appraise them of the situation and they then contacted Sea Shanty.

02.02.16

Grenville House Coaster attempting to call Falmouth Coastguard with no response. After the second attempt we rang Falmouth CG who had not heard the call. They will contact Solent CG to see if they had heard it.

06.01.16

We rang Solent coastguard in response to a radio call to the Tug Hanfast. There had been a 999 call regarding a white flare seen in the vicinity of Hanfast. Hanfast reported that a fishing boat close by was showing white deck lights. We confirmed to the Coastguard that we also had the bright lights visual. Solent Coastguard thanked us for the information.