

2017 Incidents

20.12.2017

Pod of several dolphins spotted off Prawle Point. This has been a great year for seeing dolphins. Maybe we have a resident pod?

18.12.2017

A pod of 4 dolphins spotted about 1 mile off Prawle Point.

16.12.2017

A solitary dolphin seen today for over half an hour feeding amongst diving gannets. Seen again at Watch handover.

12.12.2017

Another pod of dolphins seen off Prawle Point today.

09.12.2017

Pod of 15+ dolphins sighted off Prawle Point

23.11.2017

Fishing vessel "Resolute" reports engine overheating. We inform [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#) that we have the vessel visual. The Coastguard tasked [Salcombe RNLi](#) who took the vessel in tow into Salcombe.

02.11.2017

A pod of 6 dolphins to the west of Prawle Point heading seawards.

31.10.2017

Yacht Lineout calls "Prawle Point Coastguard" and is answered by [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#). They have engine failure. We telephone the Coastguard to report that we have the yacht visual and also the vessels going to her assistance.

We later report that Yacht Unicorn has Lineout under tow into Salcombe.

21.10.17

Call from member of the public reporting a large yacht on its side in South Pool Creek, still attached to its mooring, but with its keel visible. Reported to [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#) who contact the out of hours number [Salcombe Harbour](#)

20.10.2017

A member of the public fishing at Gorah Rocks noticed a blue kayak washed up just below Gorah Rock. It looked too good to have been abandoned. We reported it to [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#) who put it on the Lost/Found list.

04.10.2017

Watchkeeper coming on watch found three ladies on coast path, one on mobility scooter stuck on steep slippery path. We informed [HM Coastguard Falmouth](#) who called out the [Prawle Point Coastguard Rescue Team](#). With assistance from our watchkeepers the lady and her scooter were safely recovered to her vehicle.

31.08.2017

Motor launch Rebecca asked Salcombe Harbour for assistance as they had a rope round their prop. Salcombe's boats cannot go beyond the Harbour limits, so Rebecca called [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#) and the fishing vessel Tenacious offered assistance to tow them in. We informed Falmouth we had the vessels visual and we were asked to report once all was well which we did.

25.08.2017

Member of the public reports 2 males in a small wooden launch taking fish from pots. Reported to IFCA

24.08.2017

Family reports they have seen a cow with its leg entangled in wire. We left a message for the relevant farmer.

21.08.17

Member of public arrives to report boy in Elender Cove with fish hook in his foot. We reported to [Hm Coastguard Falmouth](#) and [Prawle Point Coastguard Rescue Team](#) was tasked to the cove with our grid reference. [Salcombe RNLI](#) sent the Inshore Lifeboat and the boy was transferred to Salcombe Medical Centre.

16.08.017

Yacht Island Spirit radioed on Channel 67 to say her anchor had deployed accidentally and she had a rope round her keel. She was drifting. We informed the Coastguard that we had her visual. She later reported that she was free and continuing to Plymouth.

27.07.2017

We heard sailing vessel Catat II (later found to be Casarca II) calling Pan Pan. They were dismasted, all crew were OK and they were heading for Salcombe.. We heard no response so we rang [UK Coastguard](#) to ask if they had heard it. They had not and they then asked the vessel for its position. Coastguard launched the Salcombe Lifeboat and they found her off Starehole Bay and escorted her into Salcombe.

12.07.2017

Pan Pan Yacht Adelaide with engine failure due to flat battery. We had the yacht visual at 3.5 miles. Salcombe AWLB launched to her and towed her into Salcombe.

08.07.2017

approximately 10 Bottlenosed Dolphins near to Prawle Point for 15 minutes. Brixham Seawatch informed.

30.06.17

South Hams District Council telephoned to say a member of the public had reported a patch of oil on beach at Horsley Cove. He asked if we had seen anything. This cove is out of our line of sight, but we agreed to monitor the sea and report if anything seen. Prawle Mobile tasked to scene. Sample taken, possibly rotten seaweed, sample to be taken to Pollutions Officer.

11.06.17

A member of a group of walkers fell close to the cliff edge. Wife managed to grab him and stop him falling over. They came to the Lookout and we talked about whether an ambulance was needed. Decided a taxi would be sufficient. We managed to find one to pick the up from the Coastguard Cottages.

04.06.17

2 persons seen in a white rib diving off Langerstone Point possibly on fisherman's pots. [South Devon and Channel Shellfishermen](#) informed, also owner of pots.

20.05.17

Potential hazards observed on beach East of Prawle. Length of rope attached to fishing box. Reported to Coastguard who tasked [Prawle Point Coastguard Rescue Team](#). they agreed it was a hazard and also a large piece of driftwood. Items dragged to above the waterline and we were thanked for our assistance with relaying instructions between the Rescue Team and the Coastguard.

17.05.17

Approximately 4 dolphins not far from the Lookout heading East. Always a pleasure to see them.

13.05.17

Yacht Suinabhel seen passing Prawle Point - no persons visible. We telephoned the Coastguard and they put out a call to the yacht. Eventually it was answered. They were using inside cockpit.

08.05.17

We saw yacht Jonas heading west from Prawle hitting a pot-buoy and fouling her rudder. Reported to [UK Coastguard](#) who asked us to keep Jonas under observation. Jonas eventually freed herself and continued her way.

08.05.17

Today a pod of bottle-nose dolphins swimming eastwards past Prawle. Reported to Brixham Seawatch.

07.05.17

Three porpoises seen about a mile offshore, feeding with a flock of gannets.

29.04.17

Yacht Shibumi heard reporting to the Coastguard that due to problems, they were abandoning their passage to Guernsey and would head for Salcombe. We had the yacht visual and monitored her slow progress as far as Salcombe. Both the vessel and Coastguard thanked us for our watch.

29.04.17

We overheard Harvest Reaper requesting a radio check with the Coastguard unsuccessfully. They then contact us on Channel 65 and we contacted the CG. Successful radio contact with the Coastguard was established and we were thanked for our assistance.

23.04.17

We heard Sea Ray calling the Coastguard on Channel 16. this was repeated again, but no response. We telephoned the Coastguard to see if they had heard, but they hadn't. Sea Ray called again and stated that she was adrift with engine failure and requested a tow into Salcombe. We telephoned CG again and this time when CG tried calling again, they established contact, perhaps with a more powerful transmission. Another vessel, Mollymawk contacted the CG and said they would tow Sea Ray into Salcombe. Later we heard that the tow had been handed over to [Salcombe Harbour](#) authority. Coastguard thanked us for picking up the transmission as they would not have known the vessel was in trouble.

22.04.17

Lone porpoise sighted 1m off Prawle Point moving East and West.

20.04.17

Local police telephoned to report a blue container washed ashore at Hallsands. We advised them to call the Coastguard. We were then contacted by the Hazardous Waste unit. We also advised them to contact the Coastguard.

We then heard on Channel 0 that Prawle Rescue team had been tasked as the container might contain hazardous material and the writing was in German.

07.04.17

Small whale about 500 yards from Prawle spotted today.

05.04.17

We logged a jet skier out of Salcombe and past Prawle Point. Some time later we saw it had stopped just past Langerstone Point and the person on board was waving their arms at a couple of yachts. We plotted his position and called [UK Coastguard](#) who launched [Salcombe RNLi](#) Inshore Lifeboat. The jetski was now very near the rocks. The Lifeboat took him in tow away from the rocks and then proceeded to tow him back to Salcombe.

Later we were contacted by [The National Maritime Operations Centre](#). The team at NMOC were very impressed with the professionalism of NCI and the quality of the information we passed to them. They gave us a big well done and their thanks.

21.03.17

We were informed of a dead dolphin on the beach in Maceley Cove. We informed Brixham Seawatch.

13.03.2017

Pod of 6-8 dolphins seen about half a mile from Prawle Point with gannets in attendance. Really good year for seeing them. The following day Brixham Sea Watch thanked us for the information.

11.03.17

Lone Porpoise seen today feeding and breaking the surface.

09.03.2017

Member of the public telephoned to report disoriented sheep in Elender Cove. We informed the farmer.

08.03.2017

Yachts Martlet and Pegasus were both calling the Coastguard on Channel 16. Coastguard

could hear them, but neither boat could hear the Coastguard. We telephoned Coastguard and received permission to call on Channel 16. Both ways were loud and clear and eventually both boats were able to speak to the Coastguard.

07.03.2017

Motor Cruiser "Stress Free" calls the Coastguard as she has engine failure off Start Point. She is managing to run on one engine and is heading for Salcombe. We monitor her until we lose her in low visibility. She eventually successfully entered Salcombe.

24.02.17

A pod of 6-8 dolphins spotted off Prawle Point.

17.01.17

More dolphins. This time 5 riding the bow wave of a yacht heading east.

16.01.17

Spotted a pod of 6-8 dolphins off Prawle Point heading west with gannet escort.

12.01.17

Septic tank truck stuck in mud at the end of the lane nearest to our lookout. Called local farmer who came with a tractor and towed the truck out of trouble.

08.01.17

Two common dolphins spotted running before the bow of passing yacht.

04.01.17

Pod of approximately 4 dolphins seen heading east and then circling.

03.01.17

At 10.45 a large pod of dolphins about 16 in total were seen about three-quarters of a mile from Prawle Point, feeding and generally heading east. At 11.15 another pod of about 8 also heading east.