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Falmouth RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews' shortest rescue mission.

At 4:05 Friday morning the lifeboat crews' pagers were activated. On arrival at the lifeboat station they were amazed to find that a 40 foot steel hulled yacht, *Alderman*, had found her way to a position just yards from the pontoon where the all-weather lifeboat is moored.

She was in fact grounded on the slipway that the inshore lifeboat is launched from, having dragged her anchor in the inner harbour. The all-weather lifeboat started up and manoeuvred to put a line aboard the *Alderman* and gently pull her off the slipway thus allowing the inshore lifeboat to launch.

After the engine had been started and the single handed yachtsman had confirmed there was no water ingress, the inshore lifeboat escorted *Alderman* to a visitor mooring where she was securely tied up. Once complete the lifeboat was released back to its slipway and the all-weather returned to her pontoon.

The all-weather lifeboat was secured to her pontoon by 4:30 am and the inshore some 20 minutes later. Having completed their shortest rescue mission ever and both boats had been reported as ready for service again, the crew members were free to go back to their beds.

Notes to editors

- The crew of the all-weather lifeboat on this very short mission were:- Jonathan Blakeston (Coxswain); Luke wills; Alistair Heane; Carl Beardmore; Dave Nicoll and Sandy Proctor.
- Manning the inshore was:- Clare Angove (Helmsman); Jonathan Hackwell and Adam West.

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