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A busy two days for Falmouth RNLI volunteer all weather lifeboat crew.

At 5:48 pm on Monday 24th August, the crew were tasked to attend a 20 metre French fishing vessel with an injured crewman off the coast of Cornwall, and on the 25th, in response to a “Mayday”, to go to the aid of *Grace of Falmouth*, who had lost her engine and was dragging her anchor off Trefusis Head, in the confines of Falmouth Harbour.

In the first emergency the all weather lifeboat reached the French fishing boat at 5:59 pm where they found a crewman with a crush injury to his hand. Approximately ten minutes later he was aboard the lifeboat and heading into harbour at high speed. On arrival at a few minutes before 6:30 he was handed into the care of the waiting paramedics and taken off to hospital for treatment. The lifeboat was made ready for service again by 6:50 pm.

In the second incident, the lifeboat was called to the assistance of the *Grace of Falmouth* having reported a defective engine and dragging her anchor. They were paged at 10: 34 and arrived on scene at 10:51 am. They immediately passed a line across so that weight could be taken off the anchor and the crew of seven could recover it. Once the casualty had been towed into calmer waters in the lee of the dockyard the lifeboat coxswain manoeuvred his vessel alongside the *Grace* and took her to a mooring in the harbour where they made her safe.

Upon release the lifeboat returned to her pontoon where she was made ready for service again by 12:40 pm.

Notes to editors

- The volunteer RNLI crew for yesterday’s incident were: Luke Wills (coxswain); Dave Nicoll; Tom Bird; Carl Beardmore; Claire Angove; Simon Proctor and Di Bush.
- In today’s rescue of the *Grace of Falmouth* the volunteers were: John Blakeston (coxswain); Luke Wills; Andy Jenkin; Tom Bird; Jack Chuter and Neil Capper.

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