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## Two call outs in quick succession.

**After a lengthy period of inactivity Falmouth RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews were called into action on two occasions in two days. The first was to a broken down fishing boat and the second to a person in the water in the harbour.**

The all-weather lifeboat was tasked to the aid of a fishing boat that had lost its engine: she was approximately 2 miles to the south of Black Rock. Called at 1.37 pm the Richard Cox Scott was on her way to the casualty at 1.50, arriving on scene at 2 pm. However, as the lifeboat approached the fishing vessel, *FV Sterennyk*, she was able to restart her engine and start making her way into harbour. The lifeboat coxswain, fearing she might lose her engine again, as she had been experiencing fuel problems, decided he should stay with her and escort her into harbour.

The lifeboat was released at 2.23 pm by the coastguard and returned to her pontoon where she immediately prepared for action again by 2.35

For this occasion the weather was reasonable considering the time of year, wind force 6/7 with squally showers and moderate seas.

The second episode, early on Wednesday morning, was a call for the inshore lifeboat to search for a person reported to be in the water near Prince of Wales Pier. The lifeboat arrived on scene 1.26 am and quickly located the 21 year old student swimming in the harbour. The lifeboat crew handed the casualty over to the waiting police on Prince of Wales Pier and were released from the scene at 1.35 am. The weather on this mission was clear, with calm seas and good visibility.

Arriving back at her slipway she was made ready for service again by 1.45 am

### Notes to editors

- The crew of the all-weather lifeboat which went to the aid of the fishing boat comprised: Carl Beardmore (Coxswain); Darren Plaister; Adam West; Andy Jenkin; Neil Capper; Josh Beardmore and Jack Chuter.
- The inshore lifeboat which went to the aid of the swimmer was: Clare Angove (Helmsman); Elliot Holman and Jake Ingleby.

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