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Falmouth RNLI Sea Safety Team hold a safety event in Penryn.

On Saturday the 12th of March a sea safety event was held in Macsalvors yacht chandlers in Commercial Road, Penryn. The event was a great success due mainly to the enthusiasm of the teams from the RNLI, Coastguard and Fire and rescue Services.

It was a busy day, well attended by members of the public posing all manner of enquiries from VHF and EPIRB use, flares and electronic flares and the use of CG66 (registration of a yacht with the Coastguard). A large group of Sea Cadets and members of the Kayaking fraternity also attended the event.

Throughout the day 94 lifejackets were checked of which 32 were failures. Most were able to be re-armed with new inflation cylinders and inflation capsules, but several were scrapped on the day with the agreement of the owners. Now, all who attended know how to check their own lifejackets.

Thanks to the hard work of the attending teams and the Macsalvors staff themselves, the event was a great success. Chris Ruberry, Falmouth's Community Sea Safety Officer said; "Our team are delighted with the public's response to this important event. Their awareness of sea safety is increasing year on year and they seek guidance on a wide range of issues which I am sure contributes to saving lives at sea."

The first visitor arrived at 2 minutes after 9am and the last came in at 5 minutes to 4 in the afternoon. The Macsalvors team ran the distress flare demonstration including the Odeo (electronic laser flare) and RescueME (electronic LED flares) in which there was great interest.

Also included in the event was a clinic held by West Systems on "Working with Epoxy", explaining some of the mysteries of epoxy. This was well attended throughout.

Feed back about the event has been very positive and everyone is looking forward to next year.

Notes to editors

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