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Capsized kayaker in difficulty rescued by Falmouth's RNLI lifeboats.

The pagers alerted the volunteer crew to this action at 20 minutes to four yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. Ten minutes later both boats were on their way to the incident, which involved a kayaker who had capsized and was in difficulty.

By 4pm the inshore lifeboat was on scene and ten minutes later the all-weather lifeboat arrived. The dive boat *Celtic Kitten*, which had been operating in the area, had recovered the casualty from the water. He was then transferred to the inshore lifeboat and taken in to the beach where they were met and assisted by the Coastguard team from Porthoustock.

Whilst lifeboat crewmen Tom Telford, Jake Ingleby and Adrian Hingston were administering casualty care they realised that his hypothermia was such that it warranted getting him to hospital as soon as possible.

He was transferred to the all-weather lifeboat and quickly brought back to the lifeboat station where the waiting ambulance team of paramedics took over and he was taken off to Treliske hospital as quickly as they could.

The weather for this operation was good, with a slight sea, good visibility and light winds from the North West of force 2/3.

Notes to editors

- Manning the all-weather lifeboat on this occasion were; Carl Beardmore (Coxswain); Andy Jenkin; Dave Nicoll; Adrian Hingston; Tom Telford; Di Bush; Jake Ingleby and Nick Head.
- In the inshore lifeboat were: Neil Capper (Helmsman); Tom Bird and Jamie Connoly.

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