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## Medical evacuation of live-aboard sailor carried out by Falmouth RNLI volunteers.

**Early on Tuesday morning the inshore lifeboat crew were paged to attend to a sailor, living aboard a yacht in the Truro River, who had woken that morning feeling unwell and vomiting.**

Following a call from his wife to the coastguard the lifeboat was alerted.

They launched from the slipway at 8:12am and arrived at the pontoon where the yacht was moored at 8:25. Crew members trained in casualty care went aboard the yacht to assess the casualty's condition, before they transferred him to the lifeboat for a short trip up the river to a waiting ambulance at Malpas. He was handed over to the paramedics and the lifeboat was released to return to station where she arrived at 9:30am.

After washing down and refuelling the lifeboat was ready for service again at 9:45am.

### Notes to editors

- The volunteer crew for this mission were: Jonathan Hackwell (helmsman); Josh Beardmore and Jamie Wakefield.

### RNLI media contacts

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The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 100 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, Irish Charity number 2678.