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Prompt action by Falmouth RNLI volunteers saves life.

At 8:38 pm on Saturday 25th June the lifeboat volunteers were alerted to the fact that a person had been reported in the water near Falmouth Docks. They launched at 8:42 and were on the scene at 8:44pm.

What they found when they arrived was a man in the water close to drowning. The crew managed to haul him out of the water and start casualty care immediately whilst the helmsman headed back to the lifeboat station as fast as they were able, sending a radio message to the coastguard and the lifeboat station with their intended course of action. There they got him onto the all weather lifeboat to continue with the casualty care whilst they awaited the arrival of an ambulance. The lifeboat crew transferred him into the ambulance and just fifteen minutes after the call had been made for the inshore lifeboat to launch he was on his way to hospital.

The helmsman of the lifeboat, Elliot Holman said, 'It was due to the speed and professionalism of the lifeboat volunteers, together with the excellent training they receive that they were able to get to the drowning man and start casualty care immediately, that saved the person's life'.

- The volunteers on this life saving mission were; Elliot Holman (helmsman: Tom bird and Adam West

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Key facts about the RNLI

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.