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## **Falmouth RNLI volunteer lifeboat called to assist injured fisherman.**

**The all weather lifeboat crew were paged this morning at 8:14 am to go to the aid of a fisherman who had sustained an open fracture to his right lower forearm. It was 8:24 as they left the pontoon and 8:57 when they arrived alongside the French fishing vessel *Yannick*, some 6.5 miles to the east of Anthony Head lighthouse (Zone Point).**

Two Casualty Care crewmembers were put aboard to administer care to the casualty, dressing the wound and applying Frac Straps. After being given Entenox to ease the pain they put him in a Basket Stretcher and, with the help of the remaining crew transferred him onto the all weather lifeboat. Whilst on the trip back to Falmouth Harbour the crew of the lifeboat called for an ambulance with paramedics to meet them on arrival at the boathouse.

At 10:00am, on arrival at the lifeboat pontoon, the casualty was handed into the care of the paramedics who then took him off to the Royal Cornwall Hospital for further treatment to his broken limb.

By 10:20 am the lifeboat had been washed down and refuelled and made ready for service again.

John Blakeston, the Coxswain of Falmouth lifeboats said, "Communications on this call out could have been difficult as none of the French fishermen spoke any English but one of my crew, Tom Telford, conversed with the fishing vessel skipper in perfect French which made the whole rescue a lot easier".

Weather conditions for this shout were a calm sea, overcast and misty with poor visibility.

### **Notes to editors**

- The lifeboat volunteers for this call out were: John Blakeston (Coxswain); Luke Wills (2<sup>nd</sup> Coxswain); Dave Nicoll; Tom Telford; Sandy Proctor; Jamie Wakefield and Jamie Connolly;

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