

Lifeboatmen go to the aid of lifeboat



The Rock and Port Isaac inshore lifeboats arrive back at Rock.

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THE Rock lifeboat and crew were rescued from the Camel estuary by their colleagues from Port Isaac on Sunday morning after an engine failure.

The Rock boat was on exercise with Christopher Diplock, Adam Meneer, Gary Richards and Emma Diplock aboard and had been about to beach at Baby Bay, near Polzeath, when the engine failed.

The crew paddled out of the surf and called for help. Port Isaac lifeboat, which was also on exercise further around the coast, was alerted but had to return to base to land some of its four crew before setting off on the rescue mission.

Helmsman John Collins,

together with Steve Taylor and Kevin Dingle made their way around Pentire Point to rendezvous with the Rock lifeboat and were able to secure a tow rope. The privately-owned rigid inflatable Bugsy Malone, skippered by Mike Hewitt also went to help, taking off some of the members of the Rock crew.

The stricken lifeboat was then towed safely back to Rock.

An inspection of the failed engine did not reveal the cause, and although it was successfully restarted it was returned to the RNLI headquarters for further examination. A replacement arrived in Rock within two hours of the incident.

LIFEBOAT

1996

August 1996 must go down as one of the quietest months in the recent history of Port Isaac Lifeboat Station, with only two launches to report.

Firstly, during the course of 'Lifeboat Larks' on the beach on Sunday 25th. August, the boat was called out to assist the Coast Guard team following a report of a person who had fallen over a cliff at Tintagel. The situation was quickly resolved and the ILB [Inshore Lifeboat] recalled to its station when half-way across Port Isaac Bay.

Crew: A. Walton, R. Hambly, J. Collins.

Secondly, on Tuesday 27th. August, the ILB launched following a report of two people in an inflatable canoe in rough sea off Port Gaverne. The two people were men from Germany (aged 23 and 21); they were escorted back to Port Gaverne beach.

Crew: C. Scott, S. Taylor, P. Pollington.

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LIFEBOAT

1994

Hang Glider in Sea?

The lifeboat was launched on Wednesday 17th. August to a report that a hang glider had gone into the sea off Port Gaverne. The lifeboat searched the area together with an RAF helicopter but nothing was found. It was learned that a large kite had been flown from Port Gaverne. The call-out was a false alarm with good intent. Crew were A. Walton, N. Andrews and C. Scott.

Tregardock Rescue

On Wednesday 24th. August the lifeboat was called out to search for a missing swimmer at Tregardock. Due to the heavy surf the life boat was unable to get close to the shore, but the casualty was spotted on some rocks and airlifted by helicopter to the Coastguard mobile unit. The swimmer, Mr. Parker from Bury St. Edmunds, stated that he was lucky to have survived in the surf conditions. Crew were A. Walton, P. Aldridge and M. Edkins.

Cave Search

The lifeboat was launched on Monday 4th. September to the report of a man missing in a cave at Tintagel Head. On searching the area nothing was found, but the man was located safe and well by the police on the cliff-top.