

RORC Fastnet Race – Jamareeh – J/120 – keel failure – water ingress

8 August 2021 'Jamareeh' J/120 keel sump cracked, emergency pump deployed, made portsafely.

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Racing yacht's emergency call sparks lifeboat response
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A yacht was taken to Lymington after it suffered a leak during a race from the Isle of Wight to France. The yacht had support by a lifeboat crew following an incident during a race between Cowes and Cherbourg in France. The 40-foot yacht issued a 'pan pan' emergency call during the Fastnet race on Sunday afternoon.

A Swanage RNLI spokesperson said: "The yacht's pumps were initially coping with the water ingress but the situation could worsen very quickly so the lifeboat crew were paged and were soon on their way to the yacht's last known position.

"The yacht had reversed its course and was now heading back towards the Solent but the lifeboat caught up with them just over 30 minutes after launching.

"The yacht's pumps were still coping with the water ingress so the lifeboat agreed to escort them in to the Solent where the plan was to hand over the escort to Lymington lifeboat once they were nearer to Lymington.

"Unfortunately the plan had to change quickly as the water ingress suddenly got worse as the boats approached Lymington river.

"The lifeboat's powerful portable salvage pump and two crew were quickly put aboard and the water ingress was stabilised.

"The yacht was then taken to a boat yard for an emergency lift to get it out of the water. Once the yacht was lifted clear of the water the damage to the yacht's keel was obvious."

