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Introduction

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency is responsible for the initiation and co-ordination of all civilian maritime search and rescue within the UK maritime search and rescue region. This includes the mobilisation, organisation and tasking of adequate resources to respond to persons either in distress at sea, or to persons at risk of injury or death on the cliffs or shoreline of the United Kingdom.

During 2010 Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCCs) reported a total of 456 canoe and kayak related incidents. These ranged from persons in the water, persons in difficulty due to weather and tidal conditions, lack of skill/preparation or abandoned kayaks and false alarms. Included in this total are 9 fatalities. The last statistical analysis of canoe and kayak related incidents was carried out in 2002. There were 91 incidents in total and one recorded fatality, which was found to be a hoax approximately eight years later - (John Darwin, the Canoe Man, as he became known in the media).

There were 180 incidents in both Eastern and Wales and West Regions with Scotland and Northern Ireland Regions having just over half that figure at 96 incidents. Solent was the busiest station and July was the busiest month.

Incident Classification:

The term canoe or kayak is interchangeable throughout this report. From the current recording system it has been impossible to determine what type of canoe or kayak has been involved or differentiate between incidents involving sit-on tops and those involving enclosed kayaks. Some incidents involve paddle boarders as they may be considered a “paddling” sport.

Incidents were separated into five classifications:

Rescued – refers to all those situations where the canoe or kayak has been in difficulties and has been rescued. It can be further sub-divided into those occasions where the casualty has self-rescued or made shore themselves without assistance from SAR units. This self-rescue category includes if a member of the group has got into difficulty but has been recovered by another member of the group.

Abandoned– refers to canoes or kayaks that have been abandoned, lost and also includes those that were lost but have now been found and returned to the owner (assuming there was no other action required at the time in relation to the incident, e.g. the owner required rescuing).

False Alarm With Good Intent (FAWGI) – refers to all incidents where it appears someone was in difficulties, e.g. it is thought they have not returned but in fact are safely ensconced onshore, they are not moving but are in fact fishing or kayakers playing in the surf.

Fatality – Any fatality related to a kayaking or canoeing incident.

Other – This category is used for any other type of incident that does not fit into one of the previous options, e.g. hoax call, accident prevention; malicious abandonment of vessels.

Incidents not recorded within the report are those made for passage plans or where canoes/kayaks gave assistance to others in difficulty. There were numerous incidents over the year where canoes or kayaks rescued or assisted with the recovery of other craft or persons in difficulty.

Fatalities:

Considering the total number of incidents throughout the year and the increasing number of paddling sport participants there are very few fatalities related to canoeing or kayaking incidents. There were 9 fatalities throughout 2010; three in each MCA region; four of them occurred in April and one was linked to an incident the previous year. Two of the incidents were on inland waters and involved the kayak being trapped and subsequently submerging. Another two incidents were related to adverse weather or tidal conditions. One incident involved drinking before taking to the water. In another incident the kayaker was reported overdue but nothing has been found except a spraydeck believed to belong to the kayaker. This incident was counted as a fatality even though no body has been found. The circumstances of the deaths in the remaining two incidents is uncertain, neither person was found in their canoe or kayak but in one incident a kayak was located nearby.

Conclusions

The following points have been identified after analysis of the 2010 canoeing and kayaking incidents:

- A lack of identification on the craft causes difficulty in identifying owners and confirming whether anyone is in difficulty or not. This can easily be remedied by putting contact details on the canoe or kayak or joining the CG66 small boat safety scheme and recording the CG66 identifier on the craft.
- Often leaving vehicles in public areas with no notification of where the person(s) have gone and when they are due back can be a reason for a member of the public to alert the Coastguard. Vehicle safety may be of concern to some people but it is more important to ensure that in the event of someone being overdue that the searchers have an idea where to look. Therefore if a vehicle is being left for more than two days it is recommended that the Coastguard is contacted and details of the party, the vehicle(s) and their passage plan are provided.
- Reports of kayaks in difficulty which on investigation are kayak fishing are an increasing occurrence. It is recommended that those involved in kayak fishing carry a VHF marine band radio or personal EPIRB and report into the local MRCC when they are involved in fishing. A radio call can then be used to check whether a known kayak fisher is in an area or in difficulty when a report comes in.
- There are several incidents where canoeists and kayakers, particularly those involved in kayak fishing, were not wearing either a buoyancy aid or a lifejacket. This one piece of equipment that should be considered essential by all persons involved in water sports and worn while on the water and not stored in the canoe or kayak. There are a variety of designs available to suit the different aspects of the sport.
- There were three incidents that involved hired canoes or kayaks where participants had to be rescued. In one incident the hiring company had advised not to go out in the current weather conditions but this advice was ignored. This raises the question about whether the canoes or kayaks should have been hired out in poor weather conditions and if the hiring period is for instance a week, what controls if any, are there in place to stop people taking to the water in poor weather or sea states? A second incident may have involved the casual hiring of canoes or kayaks but there was little information available to determine if money had been exchanged and what checks had been put in place before the equipment was taken onto the water. The third incident appears to have involved the group going

outside of the pre-set limits and then struggling with the conditions they found themselves in.

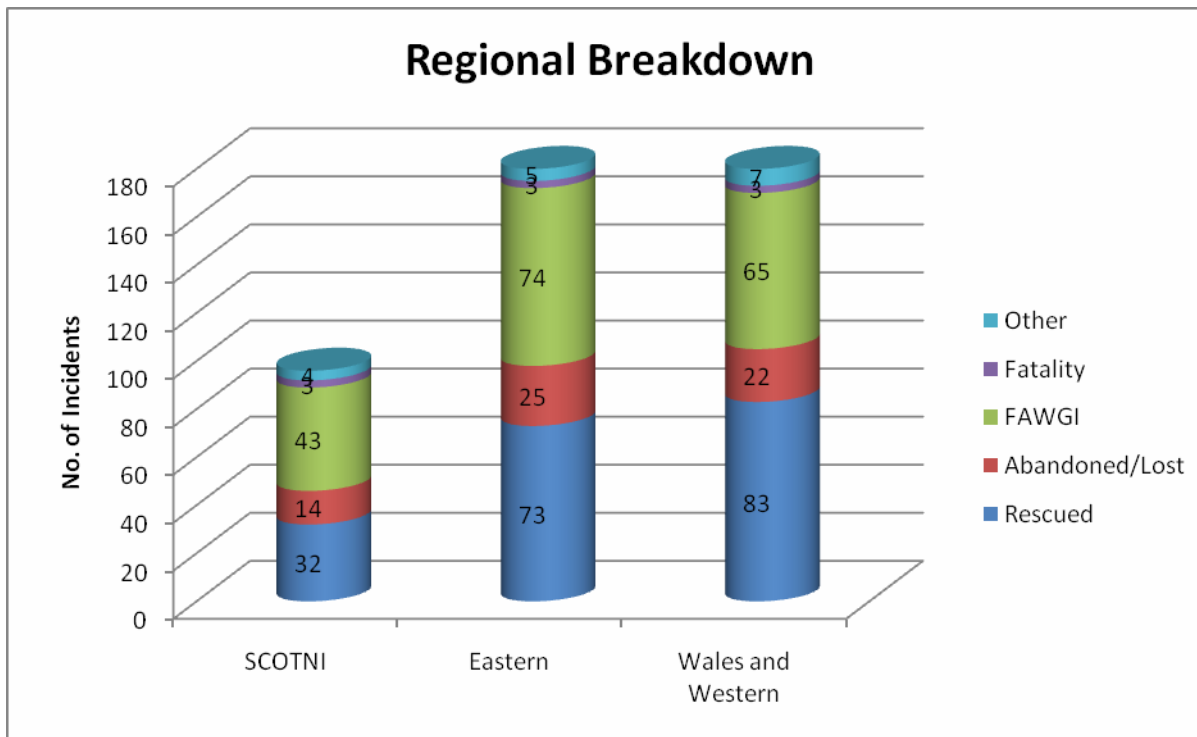
Thank You:

Thank you to all the District Canoe/Kayak Liaison Officers for their assistance with gathering incident details both throughout the year and for this report. Thank you also to the many coastguards, RNLI, military personnel and the many others that have been involved with resolving the incidents over the years.

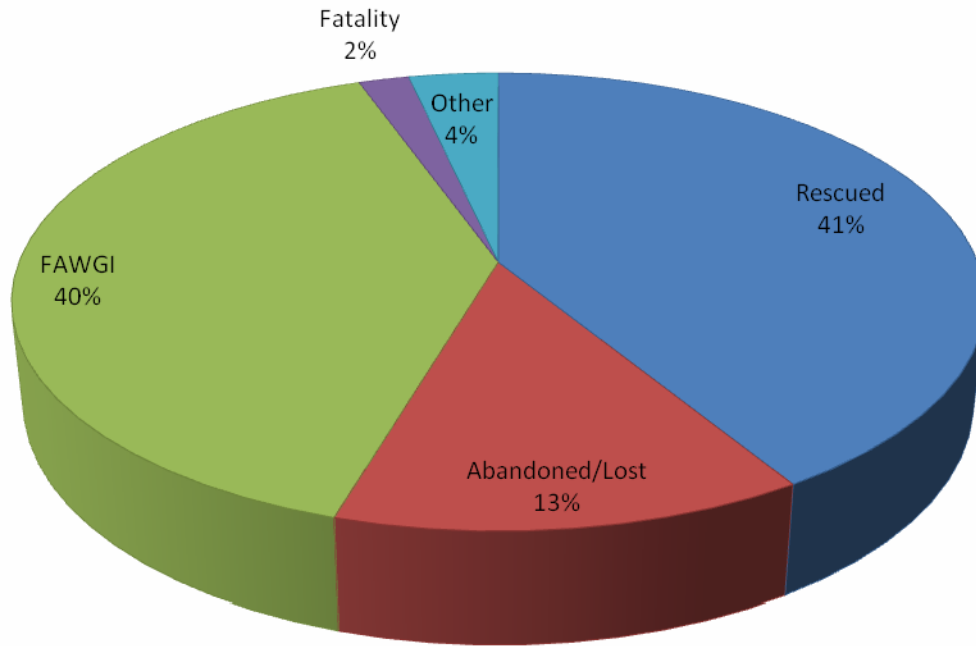
Incident Matrix:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Belfast	0	0	0	1	3	2	5	4	1	1	0	0	17
Clyde	0	2	1	1	5	4	3	6	1	2	3	0	28
Stornoway	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	1	1	2	0	1	13
Shetland	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Aberdeen	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	11
Forth	0	2	1	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	0	22
Humber	0	0	2	3	2	6	4	5	4	1	0	0	27
Yarmouth	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	13
Thames	1	1	2	2	3	7	6	3	3	1	1	0	30
London	1	1	0	1	3	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	13
Dover	0	0	0	4	1	3	2	4	1	2	2	0	19
Solent	1	2	6	11	6	7	12	7	4	1	0	1	58
Portland	1	0	2	1	2	3	5	3	3	0	0	0	20
Brixham	1	0	1	3	2	4	6	4	2	3	0	1	27
Falmouth	0	0	0	1	2	2	8	5	0	2	1	0	21
Swansea	1	1	2	3	4	9	7	9	4	0	0	2	42
Milford Haven	1	1	1	2	2	10	2	8	4	4	0	0	35
Holyhead	0	1	0	3	4	2	5	8	4	1	1	0	29
Liverpool	1	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	3	0	4	0	26
Total	10	11	19	42	48	73	87	80	40	24	17	5	456

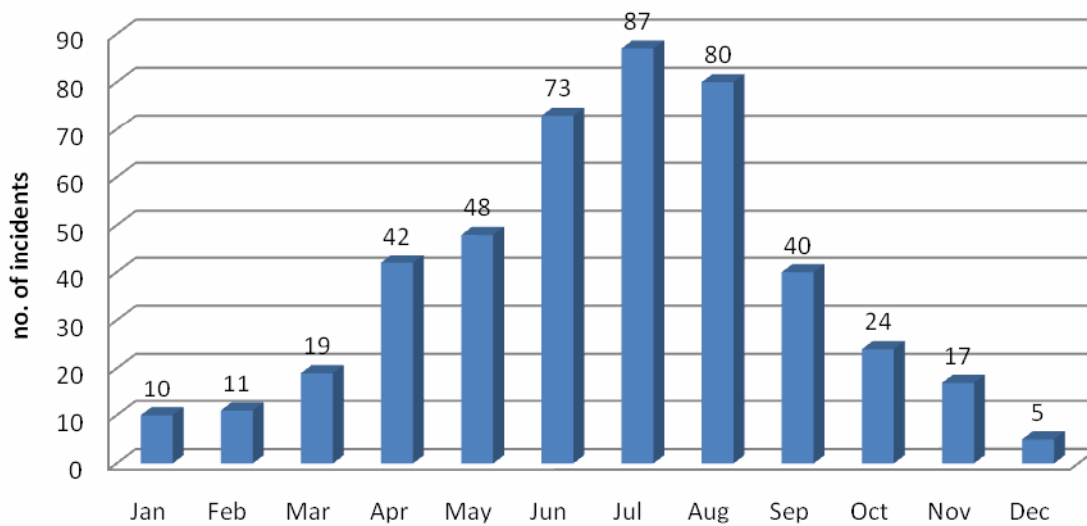
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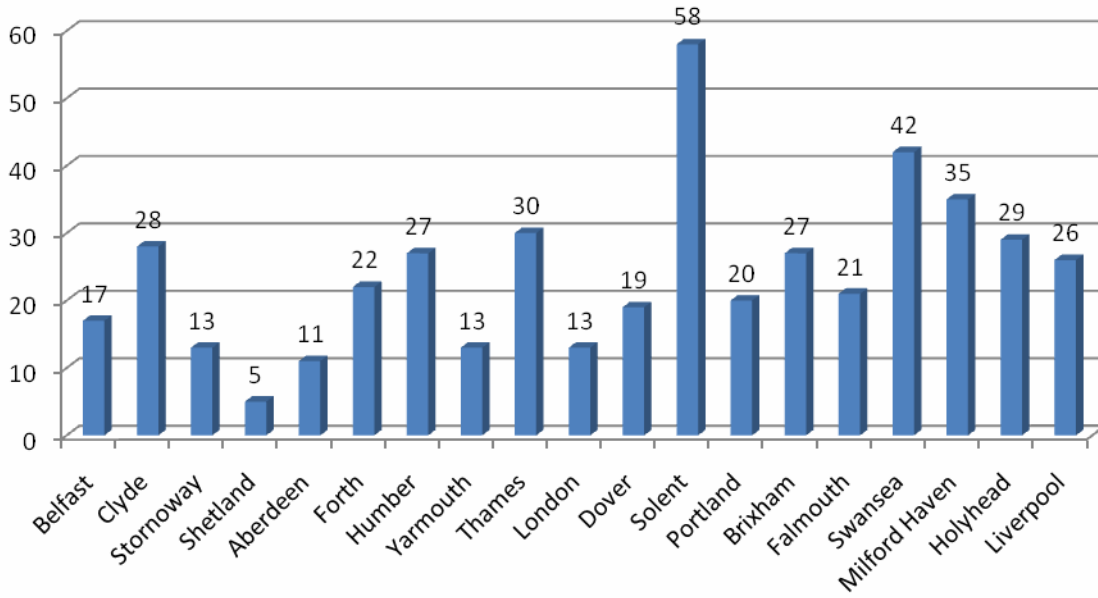
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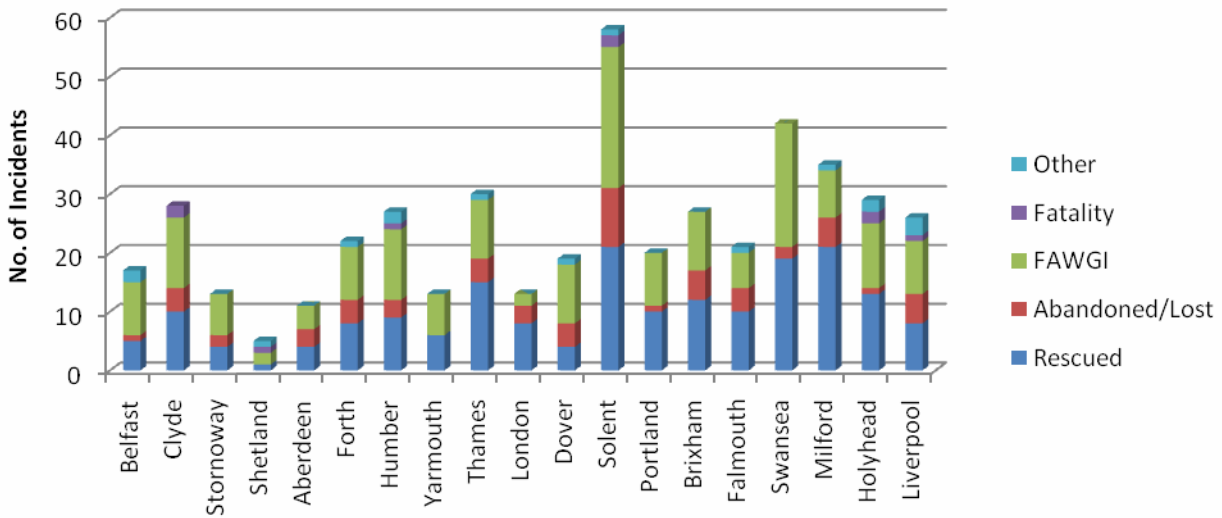
Monthly Breakdown



District Totals



District Breakdown



Incident Narratives for 2010:

JANUARY			JANUARY 2010
station	date	classification	details
Solent	01/01/2010	FAWGI	Report of a person in difficulties on paddle board. Made shore unaided.
Liverpool	01/01/2010	Rescued	Call received from fishing vessel MESAL on VHF reporting that they had recovered 2 kayakers from the sea off Rossall point. The casualties, 1 male and 1 female had capsized whilst fishing from their kayaks and had been in the water for approximately 10 minutes before being rescued. Fleetwood ALB and Fleetwood CRT were tasked to assist. The casualties who were suffering from cold were recovered to shore by the lifeboat, no further medical assistance needed
Swansea	06/01/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak washed up by tide. Investigations revealed it to be a derelict. Removed from the beach
Portland	09/01/2010	Rescued	A 999 call was received from a Canoeist who had capsized out of his canoe several times within Poole Harbour, had made to shore with his canoe but was wet and cold and unable to paddle any further. Poole Inshore Lifeboat was launched and found the male who had managed to get his emergency dry clothes on and into a space blanket. They took him and his canoe back to his car where he was met by Poole Coastguards who assisted him to get warm and ready for his journey home after checking no medical attention required.
Thames	10/01/2010	FAWGI	Person in rowing boat or canoe appears to be drifting. Made shore unaided.
Yarmouth	13/01/2010	FAWGI	Kayaker reported by Norfolk police to be in difficulties. Local knowledge suggested it was a certain individual. Kayak reported made ashore unaided.
Brixham	16/01/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Dartmouth Coastguard and Dartmouth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat were tasked after a report was received of an upturned canoe in the Bayards Cove area of Dartmouth. The canoe was recovered by Dart Harbour launch and a search was carried out of the area with nothing untoward found.
Milford Haven	16/01/2010	Lost	Penrhyn Coastguards and Cardigan RNLI Inshore Lifeboat carried out a search of the River Teifi at Cardigan after a report of a capsized kayak drifting in the St Dogmaels area. Two kayaks were eventually recovered from the river but with no recent signs of occupancy or any reported missing persons it was considered that they had probably been washed downstream with recent flood waters.
Shetland	17/01/2010	Rescued	999 call from casualty reporting in the water from capsized kayak. Eventually recovered safe and well from the water
London	25/01/2010	Rescued	1 person reported to have fallen out of a canoe(?). Recovered by lifeboat and escorted back ashore.
FEBRUARY			FEBRUARY
station	date	classification	details
Forth	06/02/2010	Rescued	999 call reporting a canoeist in difficulties in Misely Bab North Berwick. North Berwick RNLI ILB tasked along with North Berwick Coastguard Rescue Team. A further report indicated that another person has entered the water to assist the canoeist and was also now in difficulty. North Berwick ILB rescued two persons from the water and landed them ashore in to the care of Ambulance Staff. Both persons cold and wet have consumed some seawater.

Thames	06/02/2010	Rescued	7 kayakers reported a passage plan to Thames MRCC. Concern raised when they had not returned at the appropriate time, contact was made and they confirmed they were okay. On making shore they requested an ambulance for one kayaker that was suffering from mild hypothermia.
Swansea	06/02/2010	FAWGI	Report of two persons stranded on a sand bank. Actually had kayaks with them and were safe and well.
Solent	07/02/2010	Self-rescue	Report of canoeist waving for help in the water. Made shore unaided.
Solent	07/02/2010	FATALITY	Body found off Shamrock Quay. Believed to be kayaker from incident in December 2009
London	15/02/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of upturned canoe, no persons in it. Recovered to shore.
Clyde	16/02/2010	Rescued	Report of person in the water waving their hands. Recovered by helicopter and taken to hospital as they had been in the water for over an hour. Had been solo kayaker, kayak later retrieved by CRT.
Clyde	18/02/2010	Rescued	2 kayakers had become lost and asked for assistance. LB tasked and returned them to Oban.
Forth	22/02/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of abandoned kayak. Teams and lifeboat tasked, kayak recovered. Had been in water for some time.
Milford Haven	25/02/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Angle RNLI Inshore Lifeboat recovered a kayak reported drifting near Pennar Gut within the Milford Haven Waterway. Investigations revealed that the kayak had been abandoned for a considerable amount of time due to the condition of it. The Lifeboat recovered the kayak back to the Lifeboat boathouse
Holyhead	28/02/2010	Self-rescue	Report received of Kayak seen adrift with no person on board under Barmouth Bridge. It was stated that a person had been seen falling out of the kayak and swimming alongside it. Investigations carried out by Barmouth CRT and Barmouth ILB established that young male kayaker had abandoned the vessel after hitting rocks and swimming ashore. Casualty reported safe and well at home by family member.
MARCH			MARCH
station	date	classification	details
Thames	01/03/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak upside down. Recovered from water, appears to have been unused for some time.
Humber	06/03/2010	FAWGI	Report received of Person in Water who was then observed boarding SUP & paddling to safety
Forth	07/03/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned about a kayak possibly in difficulties. Subsequent call revealed target had been a small boat which was now underway.
Thames	07/03/2010	Rescued	Report of a person cut off near Bradwell. Rescued by lifeboat, person had been board kayaking?, lost his paddle then fallen in. Suffering from hypothermia.
Stornoway	09/03/2010	FAWGI	Concern was expressed for the safety of a kayaker who was seen to depart Kinlochbervie during the morning and not return. Casualty's wife confirmed he was safe & well in a bothy near Kylesku after the Police conducted a search on the vehicle registration.
Solent	13/03/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of lost canoe/ kayak
Humber	20/03/2010	Rescued	R131 secondary task to kayaker stuck in ravine, stood down before arriving on scene
Portland	21/03/2010	FAWGI	Report from a member of the public that he could see a kayaker who appeared to be in difficulties off Weymouth Beach adjacent to the pavilion. Wyke CRT made enquiries and established that the man had been practising his capsizing drills Wyke CRT gave safety advice.

Solent	27/03/2010	Self-rescued	Report of two persons in the water from a capsized kayak, both made shore before SAR units arrived.
Solent	27/03/2010	FAWGI	Report of a canoe possibly in difficulties. On investigation was found to be a marker lying on its side. Reported twice in the same day and again on another day.
Portland	29/03/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Southbourne Coastguards were tasked to investigate an abandoned kayak on the shoreline. It was found to have been unused for some time and no cause for alarm.
Solent	30/03/2010	Self-rescued	Portsmouth Coastguard and RNLI lifeboat proceeded to Hilsea creek - top of Portsmouth harbour - where a canoeist had been seen clinging to his upturned dinghy - apparently unable to regain the shore. The Coastguard subsequently reported that he had managed to get ashore and was being checked over by an Ambulance crew. Safety advice given. Lifeboat stood down.
Solent	30/03/2010	FAWGI	Report of a person getting onto a yacht from a canoe but FI was uncertain if they had got back off the yacht into the canoe. Investigations revealed that the man was still on his yacht.
Clyde	31/03/2010	Rescued	Report of 3 canoeists in the water (hired canoes from Snowgoose and were advised not to go out in the weather conditions) one person in the water for 1 hour. Rescued by local boat
Solent	31/03/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of a canoe stern showing in the water. Investigations revealed a submerged slalom type kayak which was recovered to shore.
APRIL			APRIL
station	date	classification	details
Milford Haven	01/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Fishguard RNLI Inshore Lifeboat, Fishguard Coastguards and the Police conducted a search for a possible missing person after a kayak and paddle were found on a remote beach near Fishguard. After extensive investigations were made the owner of the kayak was contacted and confirmed that the vessel had been abandoned there in February and he had not had an opportunity to retrieve it since. He was advised to report such things to the Coastguard and to ensure his equipment is marked with some form of I.D. in the future.
Shetland	02/04/2010	FATALITY	Kayaker reported overdue. Kayaker not found after extensive searching for 3 days. Search units: Coastguard helo, Aith AWLB, 6 CRTs. Spray deck found which probably belonged to missing kayaker.
Solent	02/04/2010	FAWGI	Report of capsized kayak, self-righted and continued paddling. Deemed FAWGI
Solent	02/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak on beach, investigations found a white kayak being washed up the beach by the tide. Taken ashore and stored with Park Ranger.
Solent	03/04/2010	Rescued	Report of 3 kayakers in difficulties. 2 persons self-rescued but third remained in difficulties. LB was launched and escorted the kayakers to safety.
Milford Haven	03/04/2010	APS /Other	Aberdovey Coastguard were tasked to attend Tywyn Seafront after a call from North Wales Police reporting a problem of Kayakers causing difficulties in obstructing the delivery of sea defence stone by vessels in the area. Spoken to by Police and Harbourmaster. It was found that the Kayaker had no knowledge of signs instructing to stay clear and had not thought he was doing anything wrong.
London	04/04/2010	Rescued	Report of 2 PIW from canoe during a race. Assisted by another vessel.

Portland	04/04/2010	Rescued	Following several 999 calls from members of the public, Portland Coastguard scrambled Rescue Helicopter 106 and requested launch of the Sidmouth Inshore Lifeboat to rescue a KAYAKER who had fallen in the water and was in difficulties off Seaton Beach. As the rescue units arrived on scene, a local angling vessel from Axemouth Harbour went out and picked up the male kayaker and brought him and his craft to safety ashore. Beer Coastguard Rescue Officers confirmed the man did not require medical attention and all units were then tasked to return to base.
Swansea	04/04/2010	Self-rescued	Porthcawl RNLI Inshore Lifeboat was tasked to a report of a canoeist who had fallen in the water off the beach in Newton Bay Porthcawl. Porthcawl Coastguard Rescue Team kept watch on the canoeist until he made his way out of the water on his own and then assisted him into the Ambulance from South Wales
Clyde	06/04/2010	FATALITY	Report of female kayaker trapped in River Coe while it was in spate. Body located later (CRT assisted with search of Loch Leven)
Solent	07/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak on the beach, investigations by CG revealed it to be quite old with sand and water inside. Taken away for disposal by council.
Solent	08/04/2010	FAWGI	2 kayakers from a group of 15 lost contact with the remainder of the group after falling behind. Found safe and well having pulled up on a beach.
Forth	09/04/2010	FAWGI	Report from LOM St Abbs that 2 canoeists had departed 5 hours previously and had not yet returned. As initial enquiries were being made the couple returned in another vehicle.
Solent	10/04/2010	Self-rescued	Report of missing man. Had left Lee in a kayak heading for Solent. Teams and Helo located man who was safe and well but still paddling at that time.
Thames	11/04/2010	Rescued	Report of kayaker in trouble off Whitstable. Lifeboat recovered casualty and took him ashore. Part of a group of 5 but was having difficulty making shore. Not wearing a lifejacket.
Dover	11/04/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 kayaks out from Hythe, one appears in difficulties. After investigation deemed FAWGI.
Brixham	11/04/2010	FAWGI	Report of empty kayak off Shag Rock, investigations revealed it was an inflatable being used by divers.
Swansea	11/04/2010	FAWGI	Group of kayakers reported one of their members was overdue but was located safe and well during initial call.
Forth	13/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report received of abandoned 2 seater sea kayak at the Ghautts Limekilns. Queensferry Coastguard Rescue Team and Queensferry RNLI Lifeboat tasked. Craft identified as from limekilns sea scouts. All units stood down.
Forth	13/04/2010	FAWGI	Received report of possible overdue sea kayaker who departed Eyemouth Harbour, intended route to St Abbs Head and return. Communications search confirmed that the kayaker was safely ashore at Eyemouth Harbour at vehicle.
Falmouth	13/04/2010	Rescued	Two local kayakers were assisted ashore by R193, SAGILB and PRTH coastguards after they got into difficulties off Porthtowan Beach. (one kayak started taking water and was towed by the other but they were struggling)
Solent	14/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of wooden canoe washed up on beach, investigations reveal it appears to have been in the water for a few days. Recovered to first informant's house.

Holyhead	14/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report received from a local Fishing Vessel that they had found an 'Ocean Kayak' adrift 2 miles south of Pwllheli. There were no persons in the vicinity of the craft and no identification markings. Immediate broadcast action was initiated by the MRCC. Pwllheli ALB, Pwllheli ILB, Criccieth ILB and Abersoch ILB were tasked to search seaward whilst Criccieth CRT, Abersoch CRT and Harlech CRT conducted as shoreline search. The owner of the Kayak made herself known to the search units the next day, stating that she had left the Kayak on the beach the previous evening and was unaware that it was missing.
Humber	16/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Kayak with no one in it reported on bank of River Tyne, due its to condition was classed as abandoned
Liverpool	17/04/2010	Rescued	999 Call received reporting that a kayaker was waving for assistance in Morecambe Bay approximately 600 yards offshore. Morecambe ILB and Morecambe CRT were tasked to assist. The casualty had capsized and was sitting on top of his upturned boat waving his paddle. He was found to be wearing no lifejacket, heavy clothing and thick boots. His canoe was an old wooden framed canvas type. The casualty was recovered to shore by the ILB to awaiting ambulance and was transported to Hospital suffering from Hyperthermia.
Liverpool	17/04/2010	Rescued	Call received reporting that a kayaker appeared to be adrift in the Walney channel. Barrow ILB was launched to assist. The kayaker was soon located and brought ashore to awaiting Walney Island CRT. The kayaker had been ferrying 3 friends across to Piel Island but was unable to cope with the strong current of the tide. All persons given safety advise and recovered to Piel Island safely by ILB.
Brixham	18/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	White 2 man canoe set adrift from Boat cove by youths. Canoe later recovered from the water.
Dover	20/04/2010	FAWGI	MOP reported kayakers possibly in difficulties as they were not moving. Investigations by a boat revealed the two kayakers were safe and well.
Belfast	21/04/2010	Hoax/ Other	999 Call reporting two Kayakers in difficulty on the River Bann, Coleraine, County Londonderry. PSNI were informed and Coleraine Coastguard Rescue Team searched the area with nothing untoward found. The first informant refused all phone calls and so considered False Alert Malicious Intent.
Humber	22/04/2010	FATALITY	2 males on a kayak got in difficulty and entered the water. One was assisted back to shore by a friend, the second casualty was not recovered despite extensive search by sea, shore & air assets. Suggestion from friends & family that drink & drugs had been consumed by the casualties.
Swansea	23/04/2010	FAWGI	Gloucester police informed MRCC Swansea that they were made aware of two persons dragging canoes across the sand at Awre on the River Severn. Police were able to ascertain that they were not in difficulty and all was well.
Humber	24/04/2010	FAWGI	Concern was expressed for 5 kayakers who had disappeared from sight, they were located safe & well by Filey ILB & CRT.
Solent	24/04/2010	Rescued	Solent independent rescue personnel together with a local ambulance crew assisted a kayaker ashore at Lepe Country Park who had suffered a possible heart attack. Person taken to hospital by ambulance
Brixham	24/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Yacht reported a 2 man sit-on top adrift near the fairway buoy at the entrance to the River Exe. Enquiries traced the owner and the kayak was returned.
Dover	25/04/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW from a sit-on top canoe. Person recovered from the water by lifeboat, sit-on top recovered by CRT further down the coast.

Holyhead	25/04/2010	FAWGI	Report received that 2 people with a canoe appeared stranded on Perch Rock in the Menai strait. The current in this area is very fast flowing. Bangor CRT was tasked to investigate. It transpired that the couple were experienced and competent and were happy riding the tidal race, but had not informed the Coastguard of their intentions. Safety advice was given.
Thames	27/04/2010	Rescued	Report of person in canoe trapped under a pipe in Whitstable Harbour. Rescued and taken to hospital with hypothermia
Solent	27/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak floating near Martello Tower. Investigations revealed it came ashore by itself. Very poor condition and appears to have been vandalised before being put in the water.
Solent	28/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak adrift off Newhaven harbour, investigations revealed it was the same one as previous incident. Removed from water and taken away. (this time identified as sea kayak in good condition)
Holyhead	28/04/2010	FATALITY	999 call from an Aberffraw resident reporting that a woman had come to her house and asked that the Coastguard be alerted to a Kayaker who had capsized and was in difficulty. Trearddur Bay ILB, RAF Rescue Helicopter 122 and Rhosneigr CRT were tasked to the incident. Shortly after arriving on scene, the helicopter reported that they were recovering a "body" and would be proceeding to the Hospital, Bangor. It appears that the casualty had capsized due to the strong ebb flow from Aberffraw Estuary, was unable to reach the shore safely. The RAF helicopter crew advised that there was no evidence of the deceased having been wearing a lifejacket or buoyancy aid.
Dover	29/04/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak drifting off Eastbourne Pier. Recovered from the water and identified as derelict kayak from rowing club.
MAY			MAY
station	date	classification	details
Yarmouth	01/05/2010	Rescued	Canoeist recovered from the water by a person. Further investigations revealed person may have stolen kayak and paddle from RNLI. Not dressed for paddling, no further information
Holyhead	01/05/2010	Self-rescue	Call received from a group leader from the Anglesey Sea kayak Symposium, reporting that a member of his group had dislocated a shoulder approximately ½ mile offshore. The party who were experienced and well equipped had rafted 3 kayaks together and managed to secure the casualty. They were making their way back to the beach at Rhoscolyn. On arrival the group were met by awaiting ambulance and Rhoscolyn CRT who transported the casualty to Hospital, Bangor for treatment.
Clyde	02/05/2010	FAWGI	Concern for kayaker seen departing on Saturday and not returned to car. Search revealed group of kayakers safe and well away for long weekend.
Brixham	02/05/2010	Rescued	Police requested assistance for two overdue canoeists. Found at Ferry Inn. Had been coming down the river in an inflatable canoe but not making progress and had lost their mobile phone.
Swansea	02/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker possibly in difficulties trying to round Baggy Point. Monitored by CRT until he arrived safely ashore, no assistance required.
Milford Haven	02/05/2010	Rescued	New Quay RNLI Inshore Lifeboat & New Quay Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to a report of a capsized kayaker in difficulties in New Quay Harbour. The kayaker was assisted to shore prior to the launch of the Inshore Lifeboat. New Quay Coastguard Rescue Team attended to the casualty ashore.
Portland	03/05/2010	Self-rescued	Poole Coastguard Rescue Officers and Poole RNLI Inshore Lifeboat both responded to a report of an upturned sit-on canoe in Poole Harbour. Shortly afterwards the occupant was located safe and well and reunited with her craft. She had fallen off the craft and could not get back on.

London	05/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of rower in the water but on searching SAR units only found kayakers. Believe it to have been capsized kayak which was self-rescued.
Solent	05/05/2010	FAWGI	Report from NCI of kayaker that had been seen heading out to No Mans Fort and uncertain whether kayak had returned. Area searched but nothing found believed kayaker had headed back earlier. Confusion over colour of kayak but NCI had not been concerned about ability of kayaker.
Clyde	08/05/2010	Self-rescued	Report of an 8-yo child drifting out to sea in a kayak off Ulva Ferry. They made shore safely before SAR units arrived.
Humber	08/05/2010	Self-rescued	Concern expressed for 2 canoes waving to shore for attention, while FI on phone they safely regained the shore
Brixham	08/05/2010	FAWGI	A person reported an orange canoe appeared in difficulties. The canoeist in question reported they were safe and well to a local dive vessel.
Swansea	08/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 upturned kayaks adrift off clevedon pier. The safety boat had launched and recovered the kayaks and 3 topper dinghies which had all floated away. No persons in danger.
Forth	09/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of a kayak possibly in difficulties off Dunbar. On closer inspection kayaker was confirmed to be safe and well and fishing.
Portland	10/05/2010	Rescued	A 999 call was received by a member of the public who had been watching a kayak with 1 pob which appeared to be in difficulties near the entrance to Poole Harbour. Poole Harbour Control monitored the situation until the kayak was seen to be taken in tow back to Sandbanks.
Milford Haven	10/05/2010	FAWGI	Following a 999 call from a person, Tenby Inshore Lifeboat and Tenby Coastguards were tasked to search for 2 kayakers thought to be in difficulties off Pendine Beach. The Kayakers were both instructors from the nearby Pendine School Camp and were not in any difficulty.
Belfast	12/05/2010	FAWGI	Call from member of Newcastle RNLi reporting a canoeist in difficulties. Newcastle ILB and CRT tasked to investigate. Area was fully searched with nothing untoward found. Southdown CRT met with the first informant who confirmed that the canoe was a white buoy with a smaller black buoy next to it giving the appearance that there was a person in the water.
Thames	13/05/2010	FAWGI	A person reported a friend overdue on kayaking trip. Kayaker had no means of contact with him. Area well searched by various units, kayaker eventually traced to his home safe and well having left his kayak elsewhere.
Dover	15/05/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW from a sea kayak, recovered by passing yacht and returned to shore by police launch. Kayaker had been fishing when he capsized. In the water for 15 min but had safety kit.
Solent	15/05/2010	Rescued	Report of 2 PIW from capsized canoe. One child and one adult, both with buoyancy aids entered the water after their canoe turned over. Rescued by lb and taken ashore.
Solent	15/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of 3 persons in an inflatable canoe, concern for their safety as they were no longer visible. CRT located canoe safe and well on shore.
Clyde	16/05/2010	FAWGI	A person concerned for kayaker off the Heads of Ayr as he was not paddling. AYR CRT tasked and located the casualty who had come ashore for a something to eat before heading back out.
Clyde	18/05/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned for 2 kayakers that had departed at 3pm and had not returned, she was not sure when they were due back but was concerned. Team tasked to investigate and kayakers arrived back as team arrived on scene. FAGI
Thames	19/05/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned for 2 men one in a kayak and one in an inflatable. Said they were intending to paddle to Southend across the shipping lane. They made shore in Sheerness themselves and denied trying to paddle to Southend.

Liverpool	19/05/2010	Assisted/ Other	Routine traffic report received from sea kayak GONE PADDLING who was on passage from Llandudno to Blackpool. All relevant safety equipment was carried, passage details were passed and a listening communications watch was agreed on VHF. During the passage GONE PADDLING reported that he was experiencing heavy fog and poor visibility. The MRCC checked the traffic in the vicinity with the use of AIS and informed all shipping in the area of the position and heading of the craft. Regular position checks were carried out every 30 minutes until the kayaker was in clearer weather and safely ashore.
Yarmouth	21/05/2010	FAWGI	Lifeguards reported concern for paddle boarder that had been lost from sight due to poor visibility. Not too concerned as person thought to be competent just concerned due to poor visibility. Search carried out but nothing found assumed made shore safely.
Forth	22/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of canoe drifting in Anstruther harbour. On investigation nothing found.
Forth	22/05/2010	Self-rescued	Report of person in difficulties off Dysart. Made shore before units arrived, did not want medical attention unsure what happened to kayak that he had come out of.
Thames	22/05/2010	Rescued	Concern shown for a swimmer and a kayaker. Assets requested to investigate. Swimmer intending to swim to All Hallows then get on double kayak and paddle back. Both persons taken onto boat and taken ashore but intend to do this again. Will inform CG next time.
Solent	22/05/2010	Rescued	Report of kayaker feeling dizzy and unwell, recovered by lifeboat and checked out by ambulance. All other kayakers ingroup okay and continued with trip. Poole Harbour Canoe Club
Belfast	23/05/2010	FAWGI	Routine call from RCCM reporting a car at Annalong slip way with evidence of a canoe being launched from it. With darkness falling South Down Coastguard Rescue Team tasked to scene to investigate and located the missing person.
Humber	23/05/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed for sea kayaker, returned to shore without issue
Yarmouth	23/05/2010	FAWGI	A person reported seeing a canoeist going out to sea and was concerned. Units tasked and investigations revealed kayaker to be okay.
London	23/05/2010	Rescued	The harbour master at Brentford marina called via 999 to inform us of two persons in the water who had come from a canoe, the first informant stated that there was a local rhib approaching the two casualties. The FI was asked to remain on the line until the two were rescued. Shortly after the rhib arrived the FI confirmed that the two people had been removed from the water and reunited with their canoe.
Swansea	23/05/2010	Rescued	Mumbles RNLI ILB rescued 1 person from a capsized kayak off Swansea Bay. Casualty was taken ashore, no medical attention was required. Mumbles Coastguard Rescue Team also attended.
Swansea	23/05/2010	FAWGI	Oxwich Coastguard Rescue Team tasked to Oxwich Beach following a report of a canoe in difficulties. The Kayaker was reported as being safely ashore as the unit arrived on scene. Area thoroughly searched and no other persons were in difficulty.
Clyde	24/05/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned for a kayaker that had not returned to his car. Communications and team search located kayaker safe and well on Sanda.
London	24/05/2010	FAWGI	A person reported a canoe possibly in difficulties due to wash from dredger. Search by units revealed no-one in difficulty.
Solent	24/05/2010	FAWGI	Report of canoeist hanging onto buoy. Units tasked but canoeist returned to shore by himself. He had attached himself to the buoy whilst he was fishing.
Falmouth	24/05/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	The FV Northern Lights recovered a drifting kayak with paddle stowed off Padstow, and returned it to the quay at Padstow.

Belfast	25/05/2010	Rescued	Portaferry Lifeboat and Bangor CRT responded to 999 call from a canoeist reporting that he was stranded at the back of an island on Strangford Lough and that his canoe was adrift. The lifeboat located the casualty and canoe and returned them to the safety of the shore at Whiterock . Bangor CRT remained on scene throughout.
Falmouth	25/05/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Portreath coastguards investigated a report of an inflatable kayak washed ashore at fishing cove. Coastguards reported that the inflatable is believed to have been dumped on the beach.
Holyhead	25/05/2010	Rescued	Call received reporting that 2 kayakers were stuck in the mud and waving for assistance under Bangor pier. Beaumaris ILB and Bangor CRT were tasked to assist. The casualties, who had been caught out by the low tide were assisted ashore by the Coastguard team and given safety advice.
Solent	27/05/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of semi-submerged kayak in middle of river, no-one seen with it. Boat recovered from water at boathouse, deemed abandoned.
Liverpool	28/05/2010	Self-rescued	999 Call received reporting that a kayaker was seen to be in difficulties off Clevellys. The kayaker was wearing a lifejacket and dry suit and had a head torch. It was stated that he was night fishing from his kayak in choppy conditions approx. 500 yards offshore, but now the informant could no longer see the light from the head torch. Fleetwood CRT and ALB were tasked to assist. The casualty was soon located by the CRT who confirmed that the kayaker had capsized and lost his light but managed to make his way ashore, he had a VHF radio but had left it at home
Aberdeen	31/05/2010	Self-rescued	Fire Brigade heard shouts from the river but further investigations revealed that kayakers had been on the water at that time and one had capsized and been recovered.
Holyhead	31/05/2010	FAWGI	Call received from the beach warden at Rhosneigr who had seen an upturned Kayak that appeared to unoccupied just off the beach. Rhosneigr CRT was tasked to investigate. Local enquiries were made and it was established that the craft was indeed secured to a mooring buoy and had been used and left by a fisherman earlier that morning.
Holyhead	31/05/2010	Rescued	Whilst on local exercise, Beaumaris ILB was diverted to a report of a sea kayaker that appeared in difficulties off Penmon Sound. The kayaker was assisted back to shore to awaiting colleagues and Penmon CRT. The casualty was transported to Beaumaris Boathouse to warm up, no further medical assistance required.
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Belfast	01/06/2010	Rescued	Small vessel reported that he had assisted 3 people in 2 kayaks that had been waving for help due to a strong offshore wind.
Humber	01/06/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Canoe washed up on beach, damaged & full of sand, no action taken
Swansea	02/06/2010	Self-rescued	Llantwit Major Coastguard Rescue Team and Porthcawl RNLI Inshore Rescue Boat were tasked to a report of 3 surfers and a kayaker in difficulties off the beach at Ogmore by Sea. The 4 casualties managed to get safely out of the water before the boat and coastguards arrived on scene. No medical attention was required
Liverpool	02/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker in difficulties. Customs boat tasked to investigate and reported kayaker was safe and well ashore.
Stornoway	03/06/2010	Rescued	Yacht Checkmate reported a red flare in the vicinity of Eddrachilis Bay. Flare attributed to 2 kayakers in trouble. Coastguard rescue helicopter 100 re-tasked from previous incident. Lochinver lifeboat launched. Casualties safely transferred to Lochinver lifeboat and returned to Lochinver.

Humber	03/06/2010	FAWGI	Concern for an inflatable being blown offshore was investigated by Cullercoats ILB and confirmed a kayaker in no difficulty
Thames	03/06/2010	APS/ Other	Lifeboat self-launched to give safety advice to an inflatable canoe reference wearing lifejackets and staying closer inshore.
Solent	03/06/2010	Rescued	Report of capsized kayaker in wooten creek. Recovered and taken ashore, no medical assistance required.
Falmouth	03/06/2010	Rescued	MRCC Falmouth received a 999 call reporting 3 kayaks (1 adult 2 teenagers) in difficulty in Harlyn Bay. The kayaks were experiencing difficulty with the weather conditions. Harlyn Lifeguards IRB launched and assisted all kayakers to the beach. No further assistance was required.
Swansea	03/06/2010	Rescued	Barry Dock RNLI Inshore Lifeboat rescued a KAYAKER from the water off Cold Knap after he became separated from his Kayak whilst attempting to weigh anchor, no medical assistance was required. Barry Coastguard Rescue Team also attended. Fishing gear lost in incident.
Swansea	03/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of sit-on top kayaker that might have been in difficulties. Kept under observation by First Informant. Made shore safely.
Milford Haven	03/06/2010	FAWGI	Tenby, Manorbier and St Govans Coastguard Rescue Teams, Tenby RNLI All-weather Lifeboat, Police Boat M88 and Royal Air Force Helicopter 169 searched for 2 Kayakers reported as overdue from Freshwater East in Pembrokeshire. The 2 Kayakers eventually made their way back to Freshwater East contacting the 1st informant, who in turn informed us that they were safe. <i>N.B. No lifejackets or any other safety equipment with them.</i>
Holyhead	03/06/2010	FAWGI	Call from Porthdafarch beach warden reporting that a car was still parked nearby that he had seen 2 kayakers leaving from the previous day. Holyhead CRT was tasked to investigate and North Wales Police was alerted to the vehicle to assist with the identification of the owner. The 2 paddlers were later located safe and well and confirmed that they were part of a group that were circumnavigating Anglesey. A request was made that they inform the Coastguard on future excursions
Thames	04/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 people on inflatables drifting out to sea. Investigations found 3 people with kayaks that were confirmed to be what the FI had seen. It is recorded that kayaks were motorised?
Dover	05/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker who looked like he was struggling to get back to shore. Investigations by lifeboat revealed the kayaker was well equipped and happy with the situation.
Solent	05/06/2010	Rescued	Pan Pan alert for kayaker in difficulty. Person made shore and kayak was recovered by rib.
Milford Haven	05/06/2010	FAWGI	RNLI Aberdovey and Borth Lifeboats were tasked to a report of 4 kayakers that appeared in difficulty in the Aberdovey estuary but were stood down prior to launching as they were reported making their way back to the shore safely. Borth Coastguard rescue team attended and gave suitable safety advice.
Solent	06/06/2010	FAWGI	A mother reported concern for her husband and 2 children in an inflatable canoe, casualties arrived back safe and well before units arrived on scene.
Portland	06/06/2010	Self-rescued	St Albans NCI reported a canoeist in the water just below their lookout, 3 other canoes in attendance. The person managed to get back into their canoe and the group was kept under observation until it became clear that the situation was under control.
Swansea	06/06/2010	Self-rescued	Woolacombe RNLI Lifeguards tasked to a report of 2 persons in an inflatable kayak off Morte Point. Lifeguards advised the pair to come ashore, this they did and were given suitable safety advice by Morthoe Coastguard Rescue Team

Humber	07/06/2010	FAWGI	Concern was expressed for a sea kayak drifting off shore. Berwick ALB attended and ensured the kayaker was safe & well. He was fishing & drifting with tide.
Dover	07/06/2010	FAWGI	A person reported concern for a kayaker possibly in difficulties. Contact with Margate LB confirmed they had kayaker visible and all was well.
Clyde	10/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker struggling to make way. Team attended FI and confirmed object was actually a buoy.
Forth	11/06/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	St Abbs ILB self-launched to report of a drifting kayak. Old perception mirage that had been damaged was recovered back to shore.
Thames	12/06/2010	Rescued	Report of person in the water hanging onto a dinghy. Canoe had sunk putting casualty into the water, no life jacket or protective clothing, tried to swim ashore but managed to cling onto an inflatable dinghy until rescued. Taken to hospital.
Milford Haven	12/06/2010	Rescued	Gwbert Coast rescue team, Cardigan RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and an Ambulance were tasked to a report of a person in the water near the old Cardigan bridge after capsizing his canoe. Casualty was recovered to shore by members of the public and taken to hospital in Carmarthen for investigation after ingesting water. NB Person had been drinking in the nearby pub before the event.
Milford Haven	12/06/2010	Self-rescued	Cardigan RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Gwbert coast rescue team were tasked to a report of a person in difficulty in a canoe in the vicinity of Cardigan old bridge. The casualty, who had been trying to retrieve another capsized canoe, made shore unaided before the Lifeboat was launched.
Swansea	13/06/2010	Rescued	Porthcawl RNLI Inshore Lifeboat rescued a KAYAKER who was towing SURF SKIER after they were reported not making headway when paddling towards the shore off Newton Point. They were landed at the mouth of the River Ogmere, Porthcawl Coastguard Rescue Team also attended.
Stornoway	14/06/2010	FAWGI	999 Call received from concerned member of Kayak party on Isle of Skye. Two kayakers had not been seen for 2 hrs 30 mins and the group had become concerned for their safety and were unable to make contact with them. Kyle ILB and Coastguard helicopter R100 tasked. Further call received confirming all safe and well.
Clyde	14/06/2010	FATALITY	Report of male unconscious on the rocks near caravan park, kayak and paddles nearby. Casualty was deceased before teams arrived, cause unknown.
Swansea	14/06/2010	Self-rescued	Barry RNLI Lifeboat tasked to a capsized canoe at Sully Bay Barry. Person made ashore prior to the arrival of the SAR assets. Barry Coastguard Rescue Team also in attendance.
Milford Haven	14/06/2010	FAWGI	Tenby RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Tenby Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to a report of one person on a surfboard and one in the water off Monkstone Point, possibly in difficulty. On scene the casualties were found to be two kayakers fishing off Monkstone and not in difficulty.
Humber	15/06/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	A canoe was reported abandoned on the beach at Beadnell Bay. Seahouses CRT knew the owner who had left it there as it was being used daily. Advice given.
Thames	15/06/2010	Rescued	Request for assistance for a sail-rigged canoe with 1 POB that had taken water and was sinking. Casualty taken off by helicopter and canoe recovered by lifeboat
Thames	16/06/2010	Self-rescued	Report of 2 boys drifting in a canoe and their father in the water going after them. Made shore safely themselves. Safety advice given by team.
Thames	16/06/2010	Rescued	Report of capsized canoe with 1 PIW. Lifeboat attended and assisted the casualty to the shore.

Liverpool	16/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayak struggling against the tide. Team tasked to investigate but kayaker had made shore before units arrived.
Forth	19/06/2010	APS/ Other	Eyemouth SO called advising 5 kayakers were attempting to launch and capsizing at Eyemouth Harbour. Kayakers decided to abandon their attempt to launch. All units stood down.
Clyde	19/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of car being left in car park possibly belonging to kayaker. Person located on Sanda Island bird watching, had not taken kayak with him.
Milford Haven	19/06/2010	Self-rescued	Numerous 999 calls reporting a single person in the water from a kayak off Aberaeron harbour. During one of the initial calls confirmation was received that the person had managed to get back into the kayak and had made Aberaeron harbour safely. No medical attention required
Milford Haven	19/06/2010	Self-rescued	Borth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Borth Coastguard Rescue Team tasked to report of a canoeist in difficulty off Borth head. Canoeist was assisted by other canoeists and made shore safely.
Belfast	20/06/2010	Rescued	999 Call received from a person reporting a capsized Kayak with person in the water near Beach Park Millisle. Donaghadee RNLI ALB and Bangor Coastguards tasked to the scene. Donaghadee ALB located casualty and took him to Donaghadee where they were met by Coastguards and an Ambulance. Casualty transferred to Ulster Hospital.
Brixham	20/06/2010	FAWGI	MOD Police Launch confirmed the safety of an adult and 2 children in a kayak reported in difficulty at Devils Point, Plymouth. The occupants confirmed that all was okay and that they were not in distress.
Falmouth	20/06/2010	APS/ Other	Perranporth lifeguards expressed concerns for a group of 4 people (2 adults, 2 children) in an inflatable kayak intending to paddle from Perranporth to Trevelas Porth. St Agnes CRT and St Agnes lifeguards monitored their passage and provided safety advice on their arrival at Trevelas Porth
Swansea	20/06/2010	Self-rescued	Horton Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to a report of a capsized kayak with two persons in the water. The casualties managed to get back on board and paddle to safety. Horton Inshore Lifeboat escorted them back to the beach. Oxwich Coastguard Rescue Team were also in attendance.
Yarmouth	22/06/2010	Self-rescued	999 call received reporting an overturned Kayak between Clairmont Pier and South Pier in Lowestoft. Lowestoft RNLI all-weather Lifeboat was tasked but the canoeist made it ashore as the lifeboat arrived on scene. Safety advice given by North Suffolk Coastguard Rescue Team.
Yarmouth	23/06/2010	FAWGI	A 999 caller reported his concern for a group of 4 kayakers in the sea at Hopton, Norfolk, who appeared to be making very little headway. Gorleston Coastguard Rescue Team investigated and offered safety advice to the kayakers once they had made it ashore unaided.
Liverpool	23/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayak in difficulties. Units tasked and confirmed that the Canadian canoe was okay and remained on scene until he was ashore.
Portland	24/06/2010	Self-rescued	Portland Coastguard received a 999 call reporting a capsized kayaker off the River Axe near Seaton. The kayaker was in the water and separated from his boat. The Portland Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 106, Lyme Regis RNLI inshore lifeboat and Beer Coastguards were tasked. As units were proceeding the kayaker was observed getting back into his boat and paddling to the shore. Beer Coastguards gave safety advice.
Solent	25/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of inflatables in difficulty off Nature Reserve, units reported having the four canoeists visible and watched them return safely.
Solent	25/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of 3 kids in canoe with no lifejackets on, not in difficulty and made shore safely where they were given safety advice by CRT

Portland	25/06/2010	Rescued	Person appears in difficulties. Following reports of two children in a kayak drifting off Weymouth Beach near Overcombe, the Weymouth Beach Lifeguards were tasked. The children were safely returned to the beach and were unharmed.
Brixham	25/06/2010	FAWGI	St Austell Coastguards were called to a report of MALE in a Kayak overdue between Lostwithiel and Golant, by his wife. Unit stood down when missing MALE called his wife from Fowey.
Swansea	25/06/2010	FAWGI	Horton RNLi Inshore Lifeboat informed the MRCC that they were self-launching to a Kayak with 1 adult & 2 children on board appearing to struggle off of Port Eynon Point. The ILB later confirmed that the kayak was in no difficulties but stayed with the kayak until they made shore.
Milford Haven	25/06/2010	Rescued	Retrospective report from the vessel CLEDDAU KING which had recovered one man and his canoe from the Cleddau estuary near Landshipping. The casualty was returned safely to Landshipping and no assistance required.
Humber	26/06/2010	Rescued	One double sea-kayak containing an adult & child became separated from a party of 12 kayaks. A nearby vessel located the missing kayak whilst details were being taken.
Thames	26/06/2010	Self-rescued	Report of canoeist in the water, assistance offered by passing yacht but refused. Made shore safe and well.
Milford Haven	26/06/2010	FAWGI	NCI Wooltack Point reported that he had noticed two kayaks approximately a quarter of a mile offshore, and that they seemed unsure of their actions, also one of the kayakers had a flimsy buoyancy aid on, the other had none. NCI also reported that the fishing vessel Blue Shark was nearby. MHCG contacted Blue Shark on ch16 requesting them to investigate. Blue Shark reported back that they had spoken to the kayakers and that they were fine and doing some fishing. FV thanked for their assistance. NCIWP was informed of this and thanked
Liverpool	26/06/2010	FATALITY	999 Call received reporting that a kayaker was in difficulties off Pooley Bridge. The casualty had become trapped in his submerged kayak. Although the area was very busy with numerous boats which responded immediately, the casualty could not be located and recovered without the aid of Police divers.
Forth	27/06/2010	Rescued	Information received about 3 inexperienced canoeists unable to make shore from Inchkeith Island. Kinghorn RNLi inshore lifeboat was tasked to investigate and proceeded to land 3 males and their canoe at Portobello - met and advised by South Queensferry CRT who were diverted from patrol. No medical assistance required.
Dover	27/06/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak drifting off Eastbourne. Investigations revealed the kayak was full of holes and deemed abandoned. Recovered from the water.
Solent	27/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 kayakers overdue, communications search revealed they were safe and well.
Holyhead	27/06/2010	FAWGI	A member of the public was concerned for 2 young people who were heading a long way out from the beach dragging a canoe behind them. It was feared that they would not be able to get back in safely once the tide had turned. Llandudno CRT were tasked to keep the youngsters under observation and to offer safety advice.
Humber	28/06/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed by a person for 3 canoes which were confirmed to be angling & in no danger off Redcar
Solent	28/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayak and inflatable appear in difficulty. Made shore before units arrived.
Brixham	28/06/2010	Rescued	Report of person continually falling out of a blue inflatable canoe. Lifeguards kept observation on the canoe as it was towed back to shore by a RHIB.

Brixham	28/06/2010	Rescued	Exmouth RNLI lifeguards launched their jet ski to assist 2 kayakers waving for assistance off Orcombe Point. The kayakers, one which had capsized, were recovered by their safety boat to Rodney Bay.
Milford Haven	28/06/2010	Rescued	St Davids RNLI Lifeboat and Inshore Lifeboat assisted in the recovery of two Army canoeists reported in difficulty off Green Scar, Solva. Canoeists safely returned back to Solva harbour to the rest of the Army party.
Shetland	29/06/2010	FAWGI	A person reported 2 kayakers as missing – they had not returned to their car. Both kayakers safely located and were on a camping trip .
Clyde	30/06/2010	FAWGI	Report of double kayak beached on Staffa. Investigations revealed the owners were safe and well.
Swansea	30/06/2010	FAWGI	Westward Ho CRT were tasked to investigate a report of two kayakers in difficulties off Westward Ho beach. They made shore unaided and were not in any difficulty at any stage. Considered False Alert Good Intent, believed to be fishing
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Falmouth	01/07/2010	Rescued	MRCC Falmouth received 2 calls from people concerned for 9 x Kayaks some distance off of Towan Head with a strong Southerly wind. All 9 Kayakers were helped back to Newquay harbour by the Newquay inshore lifeboat.
London	02/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Chiswick Lifeboat searched the area around and upriver from London University Boat Club, Kew following a report of a YELLOW KAYAK adrift in the area. Nothing untoward found.
Solent	02/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak missing from stored location. Sit-on top had been found approx. 1 month ago and stored behind the beach office. Now missing.
Swansea	02/07/2010	Self-rescued	Rhossili Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to a report of a person who had fallen off his kayak and unable to get back aboard. Casualty came ashore with no medical attention required. Horton RNLI Inshore Lifeboat were also tasked by stood down prior to tasking. Investigations revealed two persons that had been fishing from canadian canoe entered the water when the canoe became swamped but made shore on their own.
Clyde	03/07/2010	Rescued	Report of person in water from capsized kayak, part of kayaking group. Rescued by local boat.
Shetland	03/07/2010	FAWGI	2 kayakers reported to be struggling in rough conditions by a person. Kayakers made it safely to shore unassisted. Both reported conditions were a bit rougher than expected.
Falmouth	03/07/2010	Self-rescued	999 call reporting kayaker on rocks at Crantock having lost kayak and paddle. Whilst the call was being taken, the casualty made his own way to the beach and able to confirm he was unhurt and would retrieve his kayak later with the aid of a friends boat.
Humber	04/07/2010	Rescued	3 kayakers having difficulty returning to shore were assisted by Staithes ILB & Runswick IRB
Solent	04/07/2010	FAWGI	ILB went to investigate a kayaker who had been seen possibly waving for assistance. Contact made but kayaker not in difficulty.
Thames	05/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 PIW from capsized canoe. Both made shore unaided. They had been practicing capsize drills.
Dover	05/07/2010	Rescued	Report of 2 canoes in difficulties. Lifeboat launched and recovered 3 persons and 2 canoes/kayaks back to shore.

Solent	05/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of two people in a canoe that seem to be drifting. Watched on CCTV and police launch made contact and confirmed they were safe and happy with situation. Not wearing lifejackets. Maybe sit-on top.
Falmouth	05/07/2010	FAWGI	St Agnes inshore lifeboat tasked to a report of kayakers in difficulty west of Trevaunance Cove. They were found to not require any assistance. (one kayak? Two persons)
Aberdeen	06/07/2010	FAWGI	A member of the public approached a CRO from the Banff CRT having concern for what appeared to be a canoeist struggling off Macduff Harbour. On investigation three members of the team approached the canoeist who was not in any trouble and had been fishing off his canoe.
Humber	06/07/2010	Rescued	2 males were reported clinging to an upturned Canadian canoe in the sea off Camel Island, Marsden. They were recovered by Tynemouth ALB and found to be part of a party of 5 males in drink and taking it in turns to take the canoe out.
Holyhead	06/07/2010	FAWGI	999 Call received from a group shore contact reporting that 2 experienced sea kayakers were possibly overdue. Llandudno CRT, Penmon CRT and Beaumaris ILB were tasked to conduct a search of the area. North Wales Police were informed and requested to check the kayaker's details and home addresses. The missing kayakers were eventually found safe and well at home in Doncaster. The incident was a result of a misunderstanding between the shore contact and the paddlers.
Forth	07/07/2010	FAWGI	Member of the Public reported a kayaker in difficulties off Portobella. Kayaker abandoned kayak and made it ashore as was reported later by two others. Fisherrow Coastguard and Granton Sector Manager attended; Kinghorn ILB tasked and searched until confirmation that casualty was indeed ashore. Kayak reported to be in poor condition.
Swansea	07/07/2010	Self-rescued	RAF Rescue Helicopter 169, Mumbles All Weather Lifeboat and Mumbles Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to a report of three Kayakers in difficulties off Pwll Du Head. SAR units remained on scene whilst all kayakers made it ashore safely. Safety advice was given by Mumbles Coastguard Rescue Team.
Swansea	07/07/2010	FAWGI	Croyde RNLI Lifeguards investigated a report of a Kayaker in possible difficulties at Baggy Point. Lifeguards confirmed he was an experienced Kayaker and in no difficulties.
Holyhead	07/07/2010	Rescued	Call received from Mersey Fire and rescue reporting that they had been diverted from exercise to assist 2 kayakers that had become trapped by Bangor pier due to the adverse weather conditions. The kayakers were assisted back to the safety of Menai Bridge.
Brixham	09/07/2010	Rescued	Hope Cove Coastguard and Salcombe RNLI Inshore Lifeboat proceeded to report of two persons in sea canoe, stranded at Ferneyhole Point, Bolberry Down. Salcombe Inshore Lifeboat took the Two Persons on board, and towed the Kayak to Hope Cove. This was their first time outside of Plymouth sound
Swansea	10/07/2010	Self-rescued	Appledore RNLI ILB and Boarding boat launched to investigate a report of 2 kayaks possibly in difficulties off Appledore, North Devon. The 2 adults and 2 children were located safe and well off Crow Point. Although they stated that they were not in any difficulties they agreed to be escorted back to Appledore. No medical attention was required.
Swansea	10/07/2010	Self-rescued	Mortehoe Coastguard Rescue Team & Woolacombe RNLI Beach Lifeguards was tasked to a report of a capsized canoeist in difficulties off of Morte Point. The lifeguards tasked their Inshore Rescue Boat and confirmed on arriving on scene that the casualty had made shore unaided and was walking along the public coast path. The CRT met up with the canoeist and confirmed he was safe with a few scrapes but no medical attention required.

Milford Haven	10/07/2010	Rescued	Broadhaven RNLI Lifeguards reported several kayaks appearing in difficulties between Broadhaven and Nolton Haven. Littlehaven RNLI Inshore Lifeboat rescued two persons ashore from a double kayak after it had been blown offshore and escorted two single kayaks back to Broadhaven who were happy to make the beach under their own steam. Broadhaven CRT maintained a visual throughout the incident and gave appropriate safety brief once ashore.
Belfast	11/07/2010	APS/ Other	Ballycastle Coastguard tasked to check on two kayaks off Runabay Head, County Antrim, after the angling rhib Predator expressed concern for their safety in poor weather conditions. The kayakers came ashore at Cushendun beach and were confirmed safe and well by Ballycastle Coastguard. Reported to be well equipped and on a round Ireland trip.
Thames	11/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of 1 PIW and 1 in inflatable canoe. LB launched but both made shore unaided. Lifeboat crew spoke to the swimmer who was reported to have been drinking and aggressive.
Solent	11/07/2010	FATALITY	Report of missing person - had taken canoe out in early morning. Found face down in mud.
Solent	11/07/2010	Rescued	Report of person in water from capsized canoe. Recovered by other kayakers.
Holyhead	11/07/2010	FAWGI	Call received reporting that 2 kayakers were seen heading towards The Skerries island. The informant was concerned as this is a dangerous stretch of fast flowing tidal race. Cemaes CRT was tasked to investigate; The Coastguard team soon located the kayaking group and kept them under observation. On their return the group were requested to inform the Coastguard of planned future trips.
Liverpool	11/07/2010	APS/ Other	Report from Walney island CRT that a kayaker with a small outboard fitted to his boat was intending to cross to channel to the mainland. The outboard would not start and the wind conditions were not favourable for the journey. The kayaker was advised against making the trip. The CRT checked his progress later to find that he had indeed made the crossing successfully despite the adverse conditions.
Yarmouth	12/07/2010	Rescued	Having received a report from Skegness Coastwatch that a 2 man canoe appeared to be making no headway, Skegness RNLI Inshore lifeboat was tasked to investigate. The ILB safely escorted the grateful pair of canoeists ashore who had been struggling against wind and tide
Dover	12/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of upturned canoe drifting offshore. Kayak and PFD recovered from the water and taken back ashore. Search found no person in water, deemed abandoned.
Solent	12/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Surf ski found washed up on beach, no recent signs of occupation, believed to have been washed away or dumped.
Falmouth	12/07/2010	Rescued	Rock RNLI ILB on exercise self-tasked to assist 2 fatigued kayakers by towing them to shore.
Liverpool	12/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of upturned sit-on top found drifting off Burrow Head. In good condition. Filed in lost and found
Belfast	13/07/2010	FAWGI	Call from member of public, via F1 reporting concern for swimmers heading very far out towards the Skerries Portrush. Coleraine CRT and Portrush Inshore lifeboat tasked. Coleraine CRT confirmed that it was a paddle boarder and 2 kayaks but were now returning to shore. Portrush lifeboat did a sweep of the area to confirm these were what the first informant saw. With all parties safely ashore all units stood down.
Stornoway	13/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	A call was received reporting a missing canoe at Barra pier. BARRA CRT were tasked and conducted a search along the shore. The canoe was found on the shore a short distance from the pier and the owner informed of its location. BARRA CRT released and returned to base

Stornoway	13/07/2010	Rescued	999 Call from the casualty reporting three persons in the water after capsizing in their canoe off the West beach in Ullapool. R100, Lochinver LB and Ullapool CRT tasked. Following a Mayday relay a local vessel located the casualties and recovered them to the shore.
Stornoway	13/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of overdue canoeist, person had gone fishing in the bay, not experienced. Located ashore safe and well by Lifeboat
Clyde	13/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	A person found an abandoned kayak which appeared to have been in the water for some time. Owners were located and kayak returned to them.
Holyhead	13/07/2010	FAWGI	Call received from a member of the public with concern for a kayaker that appeared to be in difficulty. Rhyl CRT kept the casualty under observation and Rhyl LB was tasked to assist. Once on scene the lifeboat confirmed that the kayaker was happy paddling and was able to make his own way back to shore unaided. Incident considered false alarm with good intent.
Aberdeen	14/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report from a person that they had lost their kayak off Ardesier. Recorded in Lost and Found File
Humber	14/07/2010	Rescued	A party of 5 kayakers encountered difficulties when sea conditions at the mouth of the River Wansbeck were rougher than expected. All 5 made it ashore however 1 did need medical attention and was taken to hospital and assistance was required from Newbiggin and Blythe CRTs and Blythe ILB.
Yarmouth	14/07/2010	Rescued	A 999 caller reported her daughter and partner aground on the River Blyth, Suffolk, having paddled from Blythburgh. Southwold RNLI inshore lifeboat and the Lowestoft and Southwold Coastguard Rescue Teams were tasked to locate and assist the pair who were eventually recovered and checked over by a waiting ambulance.
Aberdeen	15/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	A misrouted 999 call to Shetland MRCC stated that a tandem kayak at Skerray Bay NW of Bettyhill with nobody on board was adrift. The owner retrieved the kayak with the assistance of the fishing boat Sophie Ellon. Melness Coastguard Rescue Team was tasked to assess the situation.
Belfast	15/07/2010	FAWGI	Call from Yacht Joker on VHF CH16/67 reporting an inflatable canoe (2POB) in Ballyholme Bay proceeding towards Bangor which appeared to be struggling with the environmental conditions. Bangor CRT tasked and Ballyholme Yacht club contacted. Casualty became visible to Ops Room and observed to be making progress and in no need of assistance.
Belfast	15/07/2010	FAWGI	999 call from member of the public reporting that he had lost sight of round island kayaker, Elaine Alexander, in the vicinity of Angus Rock, Strangford, and that he was concerned for her safety. Portaferry RNLI inshore lifeboat and Portaferry CRT tasked. Communications established with casualty confirmed she was safe and well proceeding with her passage.
Solent	15/07/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned about a paddle boarder, units tasked but paddle boarder made shore safely before units arrived.
Portland	15/07/2010	FAWGI	Wyke Coastguard Rescue Officers responded to a call reporting two canoeists possibly in difficulties of Greenhill, Weymouth. On scene, the Coastguards were able to ascertain the canoeists had made the shore safely.
Brixham	15/07/2010	Rescued	Following a report of a Distress call on VHF CH14, MoD Police located TWO Kayakers in the water from their kayak near the Tamar Bridge. Both persons rescued and landed ashore and checked over by Ambulance.
Holyhead	15/07/2010	Rescued	999 Call received reporting that 2 kayakers were in difficulties off Porthdynllaen. 1 kayaker had capsized and was swimming ashore and the other was having trouble paddling against the tide. Porthdynllaen CRT and Porthdynllaen LB were tasked to assist. A local fishing vessel picked up the kayakers and transferred them to the lifeboat that brought them safely back to shore.

Liverpool	15/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of 4 children in 2 kayaks that may be in difficulties. Units tasked but children made shore safely before units arrived.
Stornoway	17/07/2010	Rescued	999 call received from member of the public reporting his wife and her friend had become stranded in Loch Morar due to weather while on a canoe trip. Local assistance gained from estate workers who took casualty under tow to safe haven in Bracara.
Thames	17/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak lost from West Beach, Herne Bay. Recovered by lifeboat and returned to owners.
Solent	17/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 kayakers possibly in difficulties. Made shore safely before units arrived on scene.
Stornoway	18/07/2010	FAWGI	999 call received from member of public expressing concern for her husband and daughter, significantly overdue returning from, canoeing in Gruinard bay. Search commenced with Coastguard helo Rescue 100, Lochinver AWLB and Loch Ewe Coastguard Rescue Team. Located safe and well by Loch Ewe Coastguard as they arrived on the shore
Brixham	18/07/2010	FAWGI	Following a report by a concerned member of the public, regarding a stand-up PADDLEBOARDER near Drakes Island, Plymouth Sound. Longroom Port Control kept observation and reported all safe and well.
Liverpool	18/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of 3 people on sit-on tops that had disappeared and may have got into difficulties. Units tasked and investigated. Lifeboat crew confirmed they had seen these people leaving the water at 5pm.
Belfast	19/07/2010	Rescued	999 call from member of public reporting two canoes (4POB) waving oars in Dundrum Bay, Newcastle. Local sailing club rescue boat launched and assisted canoeists.
Thames	19/07/2010	Rescued	Report of two persons in a canoe drifting, they had been in two canoes but had abandoned one. Recovered by lifeboat, one canoe recovered at the time the other was recovered the following day.
Solent	19/07/2010	Stolen/ other	Police reported two canoes with 5 young lads on the river, believed canoes were stolen. ILB tasked and recovered canoes, boys fled the scene. Uncertain whether canoes or kayaks involved from description.
Falmouth	19/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Seaking Sierra 25 contacted Falmouth reporting a drifting sit-on top kayak in the middle of ounts Bay. Penlee lifeboat was tasked who located and recovered the item and confirmed that there was no recent signs of occupancy. Possible owner called in reporting he had lost it from Kynance cove several days ago.
Aberdeen	21/07/2010	Rescued	Ambulance control requested assistance for an injured kayaker on the river invermoriston near the Dundreggan dam. Inverness and Cromarty Coastguard teams tasked and Rescue helicopter R137 from RAF Lossiemouth scrambled. All SAR resources were stood down before arrival on scene once established casualty had been extracted and was being transferred by ambulance to Raigmore Hospital Inverness.
Clyde	21/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of car being left, possibly person has gone kayaking from it. Owner located safe and well camping in the area.
Thames	21/07/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayak possibly in trouble, investigations revealed the kayaker was diving to recover an old fishing line.
Solent	21/07/2010	FAWGI	Female kayaker reported overdue. Found and escorted back into harbour. Well-equipped had just got timing wrong.
Aberdeen	22/07/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of canoe lost at Aberlour on River Spey. Recorded in Lost & Found
Falmouth	22/07/2010	FAWGI	Boscastle NCI reported two kayakers possibly in difficulties. They were contacted by a local boat and found not to require any assistance.

Brixham	23/07/2010	Rescued	Bigbury Coastguard Rescue Team, Sedgewell Lifeguards and SW Ambulance attended a male at Arymer Cove, West Devon suffering from a severe cramp during canoe trip from Yealm to Bigbury. Person recovered by Coastguard 4x4 and left with ambulance staff.
Falmouth	24/07/2010	FAWGI	MRCC Falmouth received a call from a lady attending a wedding party on Porth Island Newquay, reporting people cut off on Whipsiderry. Newquay IRT attended & persons left the beach by Kayak. No further action required.
Solent	25/07/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW near dolphins in Portsmouth, kayak was drifting nearby. Man was recovered and taken ashore, kayak was recovered by another vessel.
Portland	25/07/2010	Rescued	Poole RNLI Inshore Lifeboat assisted a kayaker in difficulties off Bournemouth Pier. Taken to Durley Chine. The kayak had capsized and filled with water, making it unmanageable.
Brixham	25/07/2010	Rescued	Looe Lifeboat investigated a report of a KAYAKER near Looe Island who had become exhausted. The kayaker was towed to safety by a canoe and checked ashore by ambulance crew.
Forth	26/07/2010	Rescued	999 call reporting a kayaker on the River Tay, mid channel abeam Invergowrie having difficulties making any headway due to the tidal flow. Carnoustie Coastguard Rescue Team and Broughty Ferry RNLI Inshore and All Weather Lifeboats tasked. Casualty recovered and taken to Broughty Ferry boatshed.
Swansea	26/07/2010	FAWGI	Croyde RNLI lifeguards launched their Rescue Water Craft to confirm the safety of 2 kayaks following a 999 call from a concerned relative. They were both safe and happily fishing. There had been three kayaks but one had come ashore just before SAR units arrived.
Brixham	27/07/2010	Rescued	Hope Cove Boat, and Hope Cove Coastguards assisted a CANOIST who had hit an object in the water and got into difficulties at Bolt Tail. The canoeist was taken ashore at Hope Cove safe and well, Salcombe Inshore Lifeboat were launched but released before arrival.
Solent	28/07/2010	Rescued	Report of two capsized canoeists at the entrance to CHI harbour. Recovered by local charter vessel.
Portland	28/07/2010	FAWGI	A 999 call was received from a concerned member of the public reporting a canoeist who appeared to be waving his paddle, a distress signal. Poole RNLI Lifeguards were tasked to investigate and confirmed that he seemed to be happy and not in trouble.
Swansea	28/07/2010	FAWGI	MRCC Swansea received a 999 call from RYCH Point lifeguards reporting 2 canoeists possibly in difficulty off Rych Point Porthcawl. Survey vessel VIGILANT responded to a broadcast on VHF CH16 and proceeded to investigate. Investigations proved both canoeists were safe and well. Porthcawl Coastguards also in attendance and provided safety advice.
Milford Haven	29/07/2010	Self-rescued	Aberystwyth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat self-launched after receiving a report of a small sailing dinghy unable to make shore. As the ILB arrived on scene the vessel, a home-made sailing canoe, had started to make its own way ashore. Aberystwyth Coastguard Rescue Team were in attendance to take details.
London	30/07/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned about young children in kayaks. Investigations revealed a kayak club running capsize drills. Requested to inform CG when running such drills in future.
Thames	30/07/2010	Rescued	Report of swimmer with support kayak becoming stranded on the mud during a swim from Gravesend to sheerness. Recovered by lifeboat.
Humber	31/07/2010	FAWGI	2 children in a canoe were reported as being in difficulty in Scarborough South Bay. Scarborough ILB attended and confirmed all was well.

Portland	31/07/2010	FAWGI	Lyme Regis Coastguard Rescue Officers investigated a report of 5 kayakers off Charmouth who may have been experiencing difficulties. On scene the Coastguards were able to establish the paddlers were safe and well.
Portland	31/07/2010	FAWGI	Kimmeridge Coastguard Rescue Officers and the vessel GREAT EXPECTATIONS commenced a search for two kayakers reported overdue on a paddle from Kimmeridge to Worbarrow Tout and back. The two missing kayakers arrived back safely within a few minutes of the alarm being raised.
Falmouth	31/07/2010	Rescued	A single handed kayak reported that he was caught in a rip, taking water and had no steering just at the back of Godrevy Island. St Ives Inshore Lifeboat and Portreath Cliff Rescue Team tasked and St Ives All Weather Lifeboat put on standby. Kayak located by the Inshore Lifeboat. Person well with no medical assistance required. Kayak and person taken back to Godrevy Cove where he was met by Coastguard Team.
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Aberdeen	01/08/2010	FAWGI	Number of canoes left Dunbeath harbour and had not returned. A person was concerned for their safety. No teams sent as believed they would be camping further along the coast. Vehicles had gone by the next day.
London	01/08/2010	Rescued	Report of capsized kayak. Kayak and kayaker recovered by Tower Lifeboat.
Swansea	01/08/2010	Self-rescued	Concern raised by Clovelly RNLI Lifeboat for a Kayaker involved in an exercise with them after they found his paddle in the water and reporting him missing and possibly in the water. Clovelly Boat House quickly confirmed the kayaker was safe by the breakwater after losing his paddle.
Liverpool	01/08/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of abandoned single man canoe at farm. Believed that kids had taken it, played with it then abandoned it.
Holyhead	02/08/2010	APS/ Other	Report received stating that a kayak was towing a grey inflatable off Bull Bay. Cemaes CRT was tasked to investigate and found all persons safe and well. Safety advice was given as the occupants were young.
Aberdeen	03/08/2010	Rescued	999 call from the DLA of Loch Ness Lifeboat who had a member of a group of kayakers with him. He reported one kayaker had disappeared attempting to cross Loch Ness to Cobbs Memorial south of Urquhart Castle. Loch Ness Lifeboat and RAF Helicopter Rescue 137 tasked along with Inverness Coastguard Rescue Team. A communication search found the missing Kayaker back at camp on the East shore. Helicopter and Rescue Teams stood down, the Lifeboat proceeded and ensured all were safe and well. The First Informant remained on the west shore overnight.
Stornoway	04/08/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned or looking for update of two kayakers transiting from Flannans to the Butt of Lewis. Ness team sent out to look but contact was made with kayakers reporting they were safe and well south of Barvas
Milford Haven	04/08/2010	Rescued	Broadhaven Coast Rescue Team assisted ambulance personnel and RNLI Lifeguards with the evacuation of a kayaker with a suspected dislocated shoulder from Newgale beach to a waiting ambulance.
Solent	05/08/2010	FAWGI	A person reported a kayaker looked in difficulty and may have a flare burning. Units tasked, kayak made shore safely before units arrived and denied being in difficulty.
Liverpool	05/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of inflatable kayak being blown offshore with 3 POB. LB tasked but kayak made shore before unit launched.
Clyde	06/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of upturned kayak in Loch Winnoch. Fire brigade and police attended as did Clyde SM. Vessel was a wreck. Recovered from the water and taken away.

Liverpool	06/08/2010	FAWGI	Report from a person of an object floating in the sea off flimby. Investigations revealed 2 lads in a "make-shift canoe thing" with VHF radios and mobiles. Made shore safely.
Belfast	07/08/2010	Self-rescued	Several 999 calls reporting a capsized kayak with 2 person hanging onto it. The casualties were reported safely ashore before the arrival of Bangor ILB and Bangor CRT. Bangor CRT were on scene to assess the casualties and to deliver a safety message. Casualties not wearing lifejackets.
Thames	07/08/2010	Self-rescued	Report of 2 persons on a sit-on top that may have got into difficulties with the tide and had become separated from their group. Investigations revealed the pair had made shore safely. They had a fishing rod with them but not certain if whole group was fishing.
Dover	07/08/2010	FAWGI	A person reported concern for a kayak off Deal Bank who did not appear to be moving. Investigations revealed the kayaker was safe and well.
Portland	07/08/2010	FAWGI	A 999 call was received from a concerned member of the public reporting two canoeists off Abbotsbury Beach. The concern was the canoeists appeared to be stationary and the sea was quite rough. Calls were made on VHF Ch16 but nothing heard. The first informant was going to keep the two canoes under observation and report anything untoward. No further calls received. False Alarm with Good Intent. Believed to be fishing.
Brixham	07/08/2010	FAWGI	Motor Boat GISELLE reported a 2 man KAYAK missing in the approaches to the River Fowey. A short communications search located the pair safe and well in the mouth of the River. NCI Polruan maintained observation throughout.
Holyhead	07/08/2010	Rescued	999 Call received reporting 2 kayakers in difficulties off Llandudno. Llandudno CRT and Llandudno ILB were tasked to assist. The casualties were soon located, 1 had capsized and although had made it ashore was unable to retrieve his kayak. The second was having difficulty making back to shore against the tide. Both casualties checked by Ambulance crew. No further medical assistance required. Safety advice was offered.
Aberdeen	08/08/2010	FAWGI	999 call from a member of the public reporting an unidentified object floating in the water (possibly a kayak or a small boat) at Cambuscurrie Bay near Edderton. Dornoch Coastguard Rescue Team and Inshore Rescue Boat were tasked to investigate the sighting. The object was discovered to be an old raft made of polystyrene and bits of wood. The raft was pulled ashore and further investigations provided no further insight as to its origin.
Humber	08/08/2010	APS/ Other	Scarborough Harbour reported children in kayaks causing a nuisance at the harbour entrance. Scarborough Lifeguards attended to move them on.
Dover	08/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of 3 kayaks in difficulty off Margate. Lifeboat tasked and discovered the two kayaks tied to the buoy were fishing and intended to remain there. Requested to contact MRCC in future. Third kayak made shore safely on his own behalf.
Milford Haven	08/08/2010	Rescued	Saint Davids Coastguard Rescue Team and Saint Davids RNLI Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to a report of a canoeist in difficulty at the northern end of Saint Davids Head. The vessel, a sit-on-top with 2 POB, was taken under tow by the Inshore Lifeboat back to Whitesands beach as they were unable to make headway against the tide. Confirmed as sit-on top
Forth	09/08/2010	FAWGI	999 Telephone call from a person reporting a Kayak in difficulties off Bellhaven Bay too far out for description. Dunbar RNLI All Weather Lifeboat Inshore Lifeboat and Dunbar Mobile proceeded. Dunbar Mobile spoke to first informant and conned Lifeboats onto last position. Object turned out to be orange creel markers which would have looked like persons from the shore.

Dover	09/08/2010	FAWGI	A person reported a canoe and a PIW, LB investigated and revealed persons fishing from kayaks, all safe and well and requested to warn MRCC in future.
Aberdeen	10/08/2010	FAWGI	Concern was expressed for a kayaker on Loch Ness who had not been seen by his companions for 2.5hrs. RNLI Loch Ness lifeboat was tasked to search the Northern end of the loch when a communications search found the kayaker safe and well looking for a campsite on Loch Dourfour.
London	10/08/2010	Rescued	Tower Lifeboat and PLA launch Westbourne were tasked to Pipers Wharf to assist 3 KAYAKERS reported to be in difficulty by Aurora Clipper. On arriving on scene the lifeboat confirmed Westbourne had recovered the casualties and were returning them and their kayaks to Deptford Creek.
Swansea	10/08/2010	FAWGI	Penarth Coastguard Rescue Team and RNLI lifeboats were tasked to a report of a Canoeist in difficulty off Sully Island. On arriving on scene the coastguards were able to establish that the canoeist was safe and well on the island and was going to make his way ashore later.
Humber	11/08/2010	Intentional/ Other	3 children pushed an orange kayak into the sea and allowed it to float away. Bridlington ILB recovered the kayak to shore.
Humber	11/08/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed by a person for 2 canoes, revealed to be angling & in no danger off Hornsea
Swansea	11/08/2010	FAWGI	Mortehoe Coastguard Team investigated a report of a sit-on top with 2 persons in possible difficulties at Woolacombe. Kayak identified as not being in any difficulties and quite happy fishing. Considered a false alarm with good intent.
Falmouth	12/08/2010	Rescued	Polzeath beach lifeguards used their IRB to tow a two man kayak from Greenaway to Babys Bay after the kayak was observed bouncing around in the surf. Both persons landed safely and no medical attention required.
Falmouth	12/08/2010	Rescued	Numerous 999 calls from members of public at the Lands End Complex reporting a capsized Kayaker, 300 metres offshore, clinging to his craft and waving for help. Sennen Cove ILB tasked direct from exercise. Kayaker recovered by ILB and returned to shore a little cold but otherwise safe and well.
Swansea	12/08/2010	FAWGI	A member of the public dialled 999 raising concern for 2 canoeists off of Ilfracombe Harbour, North Devon. Shortly after the first 999 call the person called back to say she was sorry but had been mistaken and both canoes were heading to shore. Considered false alarm with good intent.
Milford Haven	12/08/2010	Rescued	Cardigan RNLI Inshore Lifeboat, Aberporth RNLI Beach Lifeguards, Gwbert Coastguard Rescue Team and Range Safety Vessel Megan M, all responded to a report of a group of Kayakers in difficulty off Aberporth Beach. The group was believed to be from an Outdoor Centre in Llandysul. A total of 11 persons, aged 9 years upwards, were all accounted for and no medical attention was required.
Brixham	13/08/2010	Rescued	A KAYAKER who got into difficulties at Millendreath near Looe was taken aboard a local fishing vessel and taken back to shore.
Falmouth	13/08/2010	Rescued	Yacht First September reported recovering a person and canoe from the water that had capsized while on route from St Agnes to St Marys IOS. St Marys Coastguards and an ambulance were tasked. Casualty landed on the quay safe and well.

Milford Haven	13/08/2010	Rescued	Following a report from South Pems Sector Manager that he could see a Kayaker in difficulty off Freshwater East, broadcast action was taken and Tenby RNLi Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to assist. Before the lifeboat arrived on scene a local vessel picked up the Kayaker and returned him to shore where he was met by St Govans Coastguards. The kayak was a sit-on-top type and, after capsizing, the paddler was unable to get back on board. No flares or VHF radio carried.
Holyhead	13/08/2010	Rescued	999 Call expressing concern for a kayaker off Llygwy beach who was paddling in adverse weather conditions. Moelfre ALB and Moelfre CRT were tasked to investigate. The craft was located found to be an inflatable kayak with 2 persons on board with no buoyancy aids. The lifeboat offered assistance back to shore as the occupants hadn't anticipated the weather conditions. Safety advice was given by the Coastguard team.
Aberdeen	14/08/2010	Rescued	Invergordon lifeboat and Inverness Coastguard Rescue Team tasked to a report of a capsized canoeist in the Cromarty Firth off Dingwall. Person located clinging to an old pier and rescued by Inverness Coastguards.
Belfast	14/08/2010	FAWGI	VHF call from Strangford Ferry reporting a single kayak departing Strangford and heading towards the Narrows. Portaferry Coast Rescue team and lifeboat tasked. PSNI requested to check car parks along the Strangford Coast. With nothing untoward found and no reports of anyone overdue incident closed.
Humber	14/08/2010	Rescued	1 of a party of 3 kayakers overturned in Filey Bay and was unable to get back into his kayak. Filey ILB recovered the kayaker, took his kayak in tow and then escorted the remaining two kayakers back to shore.
Liverpool	14/08/2010	FAWGI	Report from canoeist that he was struggling with the tide. Units tasked but when located canoeist did not appear to be in difficulty.
London	15/08/2010	Rescued	This person was rowing out to his boat in a foldup canoe. It folded up under him and he landed up in the water. Was recovered by another vessel and taken to shore.
Solent	15/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of paddle boarder in difficulties. Accompanied by kayaker both made shore safely.
Brixham	15/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayakers drifting and possibly in difficulties. Enquiries were made and they confirmed the 2 kayakers were safe and well. There was a rhib escorting the kayaks.
Falmouth	15/08/2010	Rescued	Gyllingvase lifeguards used their inshore rescue boat to assist two adults and two children in difficulties in kayaks between Swanpool and Maenporth. The youngest child was assessed by paramedics for possible hypothermia.
Swansea	15/08/2010	Rescued	Horton Inshore Life Boat was tasked to a report of two persons in the water after they capsized their kayak off Port Eynon point. Both casualties were picked up by other vessels in the vicinity and transferred to Horton Life boat before being taken back into Port Eynon bay. No medical attention was required, Rhosilli Coastguard Team Were also in attendance.
Solent	16/08/2010	Self-rescued	4 boys in 2 canoes struggling in adverse weather conditions, were out of canoes and standing on a sand bar at one point. Eventually made shore under their own power. Not certain if canoes or sit-on tops
Thames	17/08/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Vessel recovered a drifting submerged skiff, later confirmed as a turbo skiff. Owner located and confirmed that there was no-one in difficulty and arranged to recover skiff from vessel.
Milford Haven	17/08/2010	FAWGI	Report received showing concern for a Kayak, near Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire. Broad Haven Coastguard Rescue Team were paged, but subsequently stood down, after information was received that all was safe and well. Person had been diving from their kayak.

Thames	18/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of concern for 3 canoeists near the entrance of Kirton CK near Ramsholt Rocks. Investigations revealed they were safe and well.
Falmouth	18/08/2010	FAWGI	Telephone calls were made to CANOEIST on passage Looe to Porthpean, reported by member of the public to Falmouth Coastguard. After text messages were sent to the mobile phones, the Canoeist called to report safe arrival in Fowey.
Belfast	19/08/2010	FAWGI	Member of public phoned to express concern for two canoes joined together and not moving off Ramore Head, Portrush. First informant called back within a minute to confirm the canoes were separated and now heading back to shore.
Milford Haven	19/08/2010	Rescued	Little Haven RNLI inshore lifeboat was tasked to a report of 6 kayakers in difficulty off Broad Haven beach. The kayakers, who had underestimated the wind and sea conditions, were towed safely ashore 2 at a time. Broad Haven Coast Rescue Team were also tasked to keep a visual watch and to offer safety advice once they were ashore.
Clyde	20/08/2010	FAWGI	Car parked and kayaker seen to leave from it. Still there a couple of days later, unable to trace kayaker. Car gone after three days.
Clyde	21/08/2010	Rescued	Report of person in water from capsized kayak. Local boat recovered person and kayak.
Clyde	21/08/2010	Rescued	Report of 2 canoeists in difficulties near Salen Bay. Difficulty in locating them but were eventually retrieved from the water and taken ashore. Again the canoe was hired possibly unofficially.
Humber	21/08/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed by Hartlepool Coastwatch for 2 canoes angling but moored to a navigation buoy off the Hartlepool approaches. Occupants were fine but safety advice was offered by Harlepool ILB & CRT.
Yarmouth	21/08/2010	FAWGI	Sea Palling RNLI lifeguards reported a group of 6 canoeists overdue for their return to Sea Palling Norfolk. Happisburgh Coastguard rescue team and the Lifeguard jet ski searched for the Canoeists who were seen safe and well approaching Sea palling .
Solent	21/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker in the water, made it back into kayak and made shore safely before units arrived.
Swansea	22/08/2010	FAWGI	Ogmore RNLI Lifeguards kept a watchful eye over two kayakers who had paddled a long way out to sea. The two kayakers returned unaided to shore safely. No further assistance required. Concern was raised by the lifeguards because kayakers had gone further out than they were willing/capable of going out on their paddle boards, not because they were indicating they were in difficulties.
Portland	23/08/2010	FAWGI	A call was received from a concerned member of the public reporting 20 canoes on the beach by Wareham, The caller was concerned that the canoeists wouldn't be able to get back to Wareham Bridge. A local fisherman reported that the group looked fine and were part of a local outdoor centre. The centre confirmed that they were all fine.
Milford Haven	23/08/2010	Rescued	Aberporth Lifeguards rescued a Kayaker that had got into difficulty and capsized in strong winds off Aberporth. The 12 year old male was brought safely back to shore at Tresaith. Cardigan RNLI Lifeboat assisted the Aberporth Lifeguards back to shore and Gwbert Coastguard Rescue team obtained details and offered safety advice. Believe it was a sit-on top as the person was reported to have been fishing.
Solent	24/08/2010	FAWGI	A person was concerned for two kayaks that appeared in difficulty. Both made shore safely, were well equipped and intended to complete their return journey.

Swansea	26/08/2010	Rescued	MRCC Swansea were informed of 2 youngsters being rescued from their kayak by Barry Island beach lifeguards, after getting into difficulty off Whitmore Bay, Barry. NCI Nells Point watched the incident and informed us as the casualties were being brought ashore. No medical attention required.
Holyhead	26/08/2010	Rescued	999 Call reporting that 2 kayaker were in difficulties off Criccieth. 1 kayaker had capsized and was swimming; the other appeared to be struggling against the tide. Criccieth LB was tasked to assist. As the Lifeboat was in the process of launching a passing speedboat assisted with the casualties, taking the swimmer on board and recovering the kayak. The second Kayaker managed to make the safety of the beach unaided.
Clyde	27/08/2010	FAWGI	Report of either a dinghy or a canoe in difficulties. Area searched and several vessels contacted but no-one in difficulties.
Solent	27/08/2010	Self-rescued	Kayaker in the water and having difficulty getting back into kayak. Made shore safely before units arrived.
Clyde	28/08/2010	Rescued	Report of person in the water near upturned canoe. Rescued by local boat.
Belfast	28/08/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Call from PSNI reporting a kayak washed up on Ballyholme Beach and unsure if there had been recent occupancy. Bangor Coast Rescue team and Bangor RNLi inshore lifeboat tasked. Area thoroughly searched and police following enquiries ashore. Owner located but confirmed that kayak had been taken from his property and paddle still missing. Paddle located in a nearby car park which suggested that no-one was aboard the kayak. With no persons reported missing SAROPS terminated. All units stood down.
Dover	28/08/2010	Rescued	Report of kayakers battling against the tide, one had capsized. Two jet skis recovered and towed the kayaks back to shore.
Solent	28/08/2010	Self-rescued	Report of a flashing white light and a vessel possibly in difficulties. Investigations revealed a kayaker that had had a bit of trouble but was now resolved.
Brixham	28/08/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Teignmouth Coastguard were tasked to a report of KAYAK floating near Teignmouth Pier. Owner of KAYAK identified and located by phone. He had left it untended earlier in the day
Holyhead	28/08/2010	Rescued	999 Call received reporting that 4 kayakers were in difficulty off Llygwy beach. It was stated that 1 kayaker had capsized. 1 kayaker was struggling to make the shore against the tide and 2 kayakers were rafted. Moelfre ILB was tasked to assist as well as Moelfre CRT. The 2 kayakers were in fact assisting 2 inexperienced kayakers who had capsized and managed to keep them afloat in the adverse weather conditions until the arrival of the Lifeboat.
Holyhead	28/08/2010	Hoax/ Other	MAYDAY broadcast received from BLUE KAYAK stating that partner had capsized in the fangs (South Stack) and required immediate assistance. Broadcast action was immediately taken by the MRCC. Holyhead ALB, Holyhead ILB, Trearddur Bay ILB and RAF Rescue helicopter 122 were tasked to assist. Holyhead CRT and Cemaes CRT were tasked to conduct a shoreline search. Area was extensively searched with nothing untoward found. Incident considered malicious hoax.
Holyhead	28/08/2010	Rescued	999 Call received reporting that 2 young children aged 13 and 8 were being blown offshore on board an inflatable canoe off Pwllheli. Pwllheli ILB was launched and Abersoch CRT was tasked to assist. The casualties were soon located and recovered to shore safety to awaiting parents. Safety advice was given.
Swansea	29/08/2010	Rescued	A 999 call was received reporting a Kayaker in difficulties off Slade Bay, Port Eynon. Horton RNLi Inshore Lifeboat tasked & recover 1 male off the rocks to awaiting Ambulance for medical attention. Oxwich Coastguard Rescue Team also in attendance.

Swansea	29/08/2010	Rescued	Croyde RNLI Lifeguards requested Ambulance assistance to a male with a suspected dislocated shoulder which was sustained whilst Kayaking & to a female with a suspected dislocated knee which was sustained whilst surfing. An RRV & an Ambulance attended & took both casualties to hospital for further medical attention.
Holyhead	29/08/2010	FATALITY	Call received reporting that a member of a sea kayak party had failed to make shore. The kayaker had been separated from the group when experiencing adverse weather conditions. Holyhead ALB, Holyhead ILB, Trearddur Bay LB, Trearddur Bay ILB and RAF Rescue helicopter 122 were tasked to search seaward. Holyhead CRT, Rhoscolyn CRT, Cemaes CRT Rhosneigr CRT and Porthdynllaen CRT were tasked to conduct a shoreline search. The search continued for 3 days and called in additional units from NW Police and SARDA search dogs. Unfortunately the casualty was eventually found deceased 7 miles North of Porthdynllaen.
Milford Haven	30/08/2010	FAWGI	Tenby RNLI All Weather Lifeboat was tasked to a report of a kayaker in difficulties off Giltar Point, Tenby. The person was snorkelling near to his anchored kayak and was in no difficulties. Considered a false alarm with good intent.
Liverpool	30/08/2010	Self-rescued	Local vessel picked up drifting sit-on top and paddle. Units located the owner who had capsized and become separated from his craft but made shore safely himself.
Liverpool	30/08/2010	FAWGI	ILB reported concern for sit-on top with 2 POB that was 1-2nm offshore. Self-launched to investigate and confirmed that the adult and child were okay and returning back to the shore.
Portland	31/08/2010	Rescued	Southbourne Coastguard Rescue Officers and Mudeford RNLI Inshore Lifeboat were both tasked following a 999 call from a member of the public reporting a canoeist who had capsized off Southbourne Beach and was clinging on to a buoy. The Lifeboat soon located the casualty and brought him safely to shore where he was met by Coastguards.
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Belfast	02/09/2010	FAWGI	Call from member of the public reporting a vehicle parked in the area of SLYC who's canoeists had not returned from paddling. Sighted departing at 1930 local. PSNI informed and vehicle number plate checked. Wife at house contacted by PSNI and she confirmed that her husband was camping for the night on Tiger Island.
Milford Haven	02/09/2010	Self-rescued	St Davids Coastguard Rescue Team and RNLI Inshore lifeboat investigated a report of a kayaker believed to be in difficulty south of Solva but he was ashore prior to the arrival of units, whereupon the Coastguard team obtained details. Kayaker reported sinking the kayak before swimming in?
Holyhead	02/09/2010	FAWGI	Call received reporting that an abandoned canoe had been found on the beach at Abersoch. Abersoch beach patrol and Abersoch CRT were tasked to investigate. The owner was eventually found and it emerged that he had left the canoe on the beach whilst walking his dog. Incident considered false alarm with good intent.
Solent	03/09/2010	Rescued	Report of capsized kayaker in the water and shouting for assistance. Assisted out of the water and kayak recovered from water.
Solent	03/09/2010	Self-rescued	Report of person in the water from his canoe, struggling to get back into canoe. Investigations revealed that the man had come out of his kayak but had managed to get back in and continue fishing.

Swansea	03/09/2010	Rescued	Mumbles RNLI Inshore Lifeboat, Mumbles Coastguard Rescue Team and RNLI Lifeguards were tasked to a report of a kayak in trouble off Mumbles lighthouse. The casualty was rescued by the lifeboat and returned to the lifeboat slip where he was met by the coastguards. Suitable advice given. Had been fishing when he capsized.
Clyde	04/09/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of kayak floating in the water. Retrieved by lifeboat, had been seen sitting on beach earlier. No reports of overdue or missing persons. Closed as abandoned
Milford Haven	04/09/2010	FAWGI	Broad Haven Coast rescue team and Littlehaven Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to a report of 4 kayakers in difficulty off Broad Haven. ILB established that they were not in difficulty and their progress was monitored until safely ashore
Milford Haven	05/09/2010	Rescued	Called by the Pendine RNLI beach lifeguards reporting a person in difficulty capsized from a kayak off Dolwen Point Pendine. Two lifeguards had paddled out to assist the casualty. Tenby Coastguard Rescue Team and Tenby RNLI All Weather Lifeboat were tasked to the incident. The casualty along with the lifeguards had drifted around the corner to Morfa Bychan where they came ashore. Tenby Coastguard conveyed the lifeguards back to Pendine beach and passed safety advice.
Holyhead	05/09/2010	FAWGI	Call received from Conwy harbour master with concern for a sea kayaker who had been seen to leave earlier in the day. There was no sign of the kayaker in the Bay and the weather conditions had deteriorated considerably during the day. LD CRT and Penmon CRT were tasked to investigate. The kayaker was located safe and well. He later confirmed that he was an advanced kayaker but had failed to notify anyone of his intentions. Requested to notify CG in future.
Thames	09/09/2010	Rescued	Lifeboat came across 2 kayakers struggling with the tide and recovered them back to shore.
Portland	09/09/2010	FAWGI	A member of the public from Littlesea Holiday Camp called 999 to advise that a child and kayak were dangerously close to the Chickerell Range danger area. The Range Office was advised and a watch was kept on the child.
Solent	10/09/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW from sit-on-top kayak. ILB launched and recovered the casualty from the water. Casualty had been drinking and was inappropriately dressed for being in the water.
Forth	11/09/2010	Rescued	Report from a person reporting 3 persons capsized from canoe approx. 1/4 mile off the Portabello Beach. Kinghorn RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Fisherrow and Queensferry Coastguard Rescue teams tasked. Casualties recovered by Fisherrow rescue boat and landed on beach to waiting police officers. All units stood down.
Humber	11/09/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed for a kayaker heading into the River Humber. No signs of distress, no action taken
Portland	11/09/2010	Rescued	Following a report from a concerned skipper of a passing motor cruiser, The Swanage RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Swanage Coastguard tasked to a report of 4 INFLATABLE CANOES struggling in the rough waters off Old Harry. The Lifeboat crew rescued all 4 persons and towed the canoes back into Studland Bay where they were met by the Coastguards.
Swansea	11/09/2010	FAWGI	Barry Dock RNLI all-weather lifeboat, Western Super Mare RNLI inshore lifeboat, RAF Rescue helicopter R169 and Western Super Mare Coast rescue team were tasked to a report of a missing kayak between Clevedon and Flatholm island. The casualty made it ashore safely to steepholm unaided. Western Super Mare coastguard and lifeboat stood down before departing station.

Holyhead	11/09/2010	FAWGI	Call from a member of the public with concern for a group of 5 kayakers off Rhoscolyn, 2 of which appeared to be being towed. Rhoscolyn CRT was tasked to investigate. Once the kayak party had come ashore it was confirmed that all persons were safe and were conducting a rescue drill. Incident considered false alarm with good intent.
Solent	12/09/2010	FAWGI	Report of person on kayak that had not moved much in past 2 hours. Further investigations revealed the casualty was slowly paddling around and had two fishing rods on the sit-on top.
Holyhead	12/09/2010	Rescued	Trearddur Bay ILB whilst on exercise was alerted to a kayaker that was experiencing difficulties off Porthdafarch. The Lifeboat assisted the kayaker back into the safety of the bay and back ashore. The kayaker was checked by RNLI crewman but needed no further medical assistance.
Humber	13/09/2010	FAWGI	Male gone for a paddle & reported overdue, he returned to beach while initial investigations on-going
Brixham	13/09/2010	Self-rescued	St Austell Coastguard and Fowey Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to a report of a CANOEIST in difficulties at Platt Beach, Gribben Head. The canoeist was able to make the Coast Path and was met at Polkerris by Coastguards. Fowey Inshore Lifeboat recovered the canoe. Charlestown NCI kept observations throughout.
Liverpool	14/09/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Police reported finding a white water kayak, paddle and spraydeck all within a 200metre range of the riverbank. Not believed anyone in difficulties and may have drifted off in flood the previous day.
Brixham	16/09/2010	FAWGI	Plymouth Coastguards investigated a report from a concerned member of the public of an OVERDUE CANOEIST, in the Heybrook Bay area of Plymouth. The Male returned shore safe and well, safety advice was given.
Yarmouth	17/09/2010	FAWGI	Hunstanton Coastguard team were tasked following an expression of concern for the safety of a kayaker in the wash by a member of public. The team were stood down when the kayaker was found to be safe and well.
Humber	18/09/2010	Rescued	2 Kayakers overturned & became separated from Kayaks in strong swell. They were picked up & brought ashore by Seahouses ILB.
London	18/09/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Submerged kayak was recovered by harbour launch. Well-worn and damaged so deemed abandoned. Removed from water and taken to dump.
Portland	18/09/2010	FAWGI	Following a 999 call reporting 2 CANOEISTS caught in the tide off Portland Bill, Portland Bill Coastguard were tasked and Portland National Coast Watch were requested to keep the canoeists under observation. The canoeists made shore safely without any assistance. They said they had been fishing.
Liverpool	18/09/2010	Self-rescued	Report of canoe with 1 adult and 2 children being blown over in auchencairn Bay. Units tasked but casualties made shore before units arrived.
Swansea	19/09/2010	FAWGI	Watchet Coastguard Rescue Team investigated a report of a Windsurfer in possible difficulties at Warren Bay. When on scene confirmed as being a stand up paddle boarder in no difficulties. Minehead RNLI Lifeboat tasked but stood down prior to leaving station.
Liverpool	20/09/2010	Rescued	Request received from kayaker to assist with 2 other kayakers that were struggling with the conditions. Lb launched and recovered weak paddlers, other lb recovered kayaks and escorted kayak leader back ashore.

Forth	21/09/2010	Rescued	999 Call report advising canoeist in difficulty off Kingsbarns, Fife. The Rescue helicopter 131, Anstruther RNLI Lifeboat were tasked along with the St Andrews Coast Rescue team however the canoeist was subsequently rescued by an off duty lifeboat man. It was later confirmed that the man required no medical assistance and all units were stood down and returned to station.
Milford Haven	21/09/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Aberystwyth Coast Rescue team and Aberystwyth RNLI Inshore lifeboat were tasked to a report of a canoe found on the water's edge at Clarach Bay. A thorough land and inshore search was carried out with nothing untoward found. Vessel believed to have washed down from inland.
Dover	22/09/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker capsized and in the water. LB investigated and discovered kayak was safe and well. Escorted back ashore. Wasn't wearing lifejacket.
Swansea	24/09/2010	FAWGI	Croyde Lifeguards and Croyde Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to a report of two persons in the water possibly in difficulty at Croyde Bay. It was established that the sighting was two Kayakers who were not in need of assistance.
Yarmouth	25/09/2010	Self-rescued	Investigations following several 999 calls regarding a kayak drifting off Skegness revealed that the owner had abandoned and then recovered the kayak safely.
Thames	26/09/2010	FAWGI	Report of a kayaker possibly in difficulties off Canvey Island. Investigations revealed the kayaker was fishing and safe and well.
Thames	29/09/2010	FAWGI	Report of a kayaker possibly in difficulties off Canvey Island. Investigations revealed the kayaker was fishing and safe and well.
Stornoway	30/09/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	999 call reporting a found canoe on the beach at Red Point, Gairloch. Further investigations were carried out by the Gairloch CRT, Torridon IRT and Portree lifeboat. Nothing untoward found. SAR ops terminated.
Humber	30/09/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed for a canoe & kayak in Scarborough North Bay. Scarborough CRT attended and ascertained they were in no difficulty.
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Brixham	01/10/2010	FAWGI	Prawle Point Coastguard, Prawle point NCI and Salcombe Harbour Authority kept observations on two canoeist and five surfers on The Bar at Salcombe after concerns were raised by a resident in Salcombe. All were safe and well.
Falmouth	02/10/2010	FAWGI	St Ives inshore lifeboat, St Ives Coast Rescue Team and Rescue helicopter R193 tasked to a report of a capsized gig at the mouth of the Hayle River with several persons in the water. It was found to be a large kayak with 6 persons on board, undergoing capsize drills. No assistance required.
Forth	03/10/2010	Rescued	Persons out with two kayaks or canoes (not certain); pulling creels and one person upset the canoe and both ended in the water. Recovered by a friend in a home-made raft/ pontoon boat. Not wearing lifejackets. Have recovered the guy before. Was his creels
Yarmouth	03/10/2010	Rescued	Lowestoft Coastguard team and Southwold RNLI ILB were called following a report of a canoeist in the river Blyth at Southwold. The man was recovered unharmed from the water by Southwold ILB.
Milford Haven	03/10/2010	Rescued	MRCC Milford Haven received a report from a fisherman who had assisted a kayak with one person aboard with a tow into Saundersfoot Harbour. No further action required.

Stornoway	05/10/2010	FAWGI	Call received from Kyle Police requesting lifeboat assistance to search for an overdue canoeist in the Crowlins area. Kyle and Portree Lifeboats tasked to initially search a few likely locations. Person found safe and well by Kyle Lifeboat at Uags Bothies, no assistance wanted so Lifeboats RTB.
Falmouth	07/10/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Owner of orange/white kayak reported to MRCC that he had abandoned his damaged kayak at Strap Rock Gwithian. The owner was unhurt and no assistance required. His intention is to return in daylight and at LW to recover.
Thames	09/10/2010	Self-rescued	Report of canoe with 2 POB possibly in difficulties. Made shore safely by themselves but did not have lifejackets and craft was not inflated properly.
Dover	09/10/2010	FAWGI	Report of semi-submerged vessel with someone in the water, ILB tasked and discovered sea kayak with sail which was safe and well.
Brixham	09/10/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report made of green surf kayak that had drifted out to sea and could not be recovered at that time.
Milford Haven	09/10/2010	Rescued	Borth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat self-launched to a report of 2 kayakers in difficulties off Borth Beach. The kayakers were recovered safely to shore by the ILB and were met by Borth Coastguards who obtained details.
Dover	10/10/2010	APS/ Other	999 call from resident at lower cornice Sandgate. Has seen a kite surfer go out to see but can't see him anymore. FKCRT currently on patrol diverted to scene and DRALB paged. Kite surfer made ashore but friend went out in kayak to collect kite. DRALB found kayaker with kite and escorted/towed ashore. FKCRT to give safety advice.
Brixham	10/10/2010	FAWGI	BerryHead Coastguard investigated the report of 2 kids on a raft rowing out beyond the beach. They located 2 surf kayakers that matched the description. Both were safe and well, deemed FAWGI
Milford Haven	10/10/2010	Self-rescued	Broadhaven Coastguard Rescue Team and Littlehaven RNLI Inshore Lifeboat were tasked to 2 kayakers reported to be in difficulty at St Brides Haven. Both kayakers managed to get ashore prior to SAR units arriving on scene. Safety advice was given.
Milford Haven	12/10/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Aberystwyth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat located the owner of a kayak that was apparently abandoned on the shoreline near Constitution Hill, Aberystwyth. Aberystwyth Coastguard Rescue Team and Cambrian Sector Manager also attended.
Humber	15/10/2010	Self-rescued	FI reported two canoeists in the water clinging to one canoe and separated from the other. Both safely regained the shore and recovered their canoes before resources arrived on scene to assist
Holyhead	18/10/2010	Rescued	999 Call reporting that a kayaker had capsized and was in the sea unable to get back into his boat off Penmon point. Penmon CRT and Beaumaris ILB were tasked to assist. The casualty who was found to be wearing an un-inflated lifejacket was located and returned to shore by the lifeboat, where he was checked by waiting ambulance crew and found to be hypothermic.
Clyde	19/10/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW. Kayaker recovered after 1.5 hours in water. Had gone to recover his dog but capsized after getting hold of dog. Was wearing l/jacket, recovered from water by CG team. Dog recovered from island later.
Solent	19/10/2010	Rescued	999 call reporting a person in the water from a capsized kayak. Local tug recovered kayak and person from the water.

Forth	24/10/2010	Self-rescued	999 call reporting two kayaks off Kinneil Bay Boness, one of which was being towed with the occupant believed to be hanging onto the side. First informant requested to continue observing. General broadcast put out on VHF #16, FTNS contacted. The owner of the yacht White Satin responded to the call and offered to proceed to Boness to assist. An inbound container vessel reported one canoe in the bay and one person wading in the water. Casualties made it ashore unaided. Units stood down ops terminated.
Stornoway	26/10/2010	Rescued	R100 tasked via ARCCK to a female Canoeist on the Findhorn River, Morayshire, with a suspected broken leg. R100 recovered the casualty and transferred her to Raigmore hospital, Inverness.
Belfast	27/10/2010	FAWGI	999 call received from Ardglass Golf Club reporting small vessel in difficulties south of Ardglass. Confirmed as 2 Kayaks which had previously given notice of performing rescue drills.
Clyde	28/10/2010	FAWGI	Report of upturned canoe/kayak in water, teams searched but nothing found.
Yarmouth	29/10/2010	FAWGI	999 call was taken reporting a possible kayaker in difficulty just off Hunstanton. Hunstanton coastguard team proceeded to investigate and found kayaker on beach walking with kayak safe and well.
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Shetland	01/11/2010	APS/ Other	Kayaker reported that they had left their kayak at whiteness and would be back to collect it later.
Liverpool	3/11/2010	APS/ Other	Report of kayaker in the middle of the river off lairds, concerned that may cause problem with port traffic. Kayaker had previously called in to report his intentions and had stated he would stay clear of traffic.
Forth	04/11/2010	FAWGI	Report from a person of 2 kayakers flashing a strobe light just off Kirkcaldy promenade. Kinghorn RNLI Inshore Lifeboat tasked, Kayakers were discovered to be using a flash camera and not in distress. All units stood down
Liverpool	05/11/2010	Self-rescued	Report of canoeist struggling with the conditions and now missing. Units tasked and located the canoeist safe and well ashore.
Forth	06/11/2010	FAWGI	A person expressed concern about the safety of two kayakers. Eyemouth CRT investigated and confirmed kayakers were well equipped and quite safe.
Forth	07/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	The vessel Red Squirrel found an abandoned canoe near Fisherrow. 2 Fisherrow Coastguard Officers attended and identified the canoe as abandoned. No signs of immediate occupancy were evident and the canoe was taken to Fisherrow Sailing Club. Believe related to incident on 3rd Oct.
Liverpool	07/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of found kayak at Greenodd. Investigations found the owner who was safe and well and had reported the kayak stolen.
Clyde	08/11/2010	Rescued	Report of PIW from kayak. Person in water had head injuries. Recovered by boat. PIW was instructor other two were found and instructed to return to the pier, they had been unaware of the incident behind them.
Clyde	08/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	A person reported two kayaks lost from the slipway at Kames, old kayaks nobody in them. For information only.
Clyde	08/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Red kayak found washed up near ferry slipway. Owner contacted and confirmed it was one of the kayaks reported missing from incident earlier in the day.

Holyhead	09/11/2010	FAWGI	999 Call received from pier master reporting a kayak party of 5 persons were in difficulties in the Menai Strait due to adverse weather conditions. 1 of the party had capsized and was being towed ashore. Bangor CRT was tasked to investigate. The party were located and confirmed that they were advanced paddlers and were comfortable in the weather conditions, but had neglected to inform the Coastguard of their intentions. Party requested to inform CG in future.
Liverpool	11/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report of capsized kayak found on the shore. Investigations by various units found another swamped kayak elsewhere but unable to locate any missing persons or the owners. Deemed abandoned or washed away.
Thames	13/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Report from the police of a washed up canoe and paddle. No further details.
Dover	13/11/2010	Abandoned/ Lost	Police reported a person had found a kayak and paddle washed up on beach. CRT tasked. Kayak was old and damaged deemed abandoned.
Falmouth	14/11/2010	FAWGI	Concern expressed by a person for what appeared to be abandoned surf skis and nearby sand bank collapse, discussed with local CRT station officer. Removal of skis/ canoes from beach in that area common practise. Sand erosion is also significant there, giving the impression of fresh falls. In view of this and the fact that no other reports received despite beach busy with dog walkers etc., intend no further action.
Dover	15/11/2010	FAWGI	Report of 2 canoes in difficulty off Sandgate, Team sent to investigate. Canoeists called in to confirm they were safe and well and fishing.
London	19/11/2010	Rescued	A person reported kayaker appearing in difficulties. Recovered by lifeboat, had been struggling against the tide. Improperly dressed for kayaking, no lifejacket.
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station	date	classification	details
Solent	05/12/2010	FAWGI	A person reported concern about some kayakers which had left vehicles nearby. Contact was made with wife of one of the kayakers, she was originally unconcerned as they were out on night exercise but admitted concern at 18:30hrs. Search carried out and contact was made with kayakers who were safe and well. Escorted back to shore by a boat then made harbour themselves. All experienced kayakers.
Brixham	14/12/2010	Rescued	Teignmouth Coastguard, Coastguard Rescue Helicopter, Exmouth RNLI Inshore Lifeboat and Ambulance proceeded to 3 men in a canoe stuck in mud near Powderham, River Exe. The 3 were assisted ashore by Coastguards and Helicopter crewman and taken to Hospital for treatment for the effects of the cold.
Stornoway	26/12/2010	FAWGI	Report of kayaker possibly missing as vehicle had been parked over Christmas. Intensive search carried out but kayaker made contact to confirm he was safe and well and was intending to stay out for another couple of days before units located him.
Swansea	30/12/2010	Rescued	Porthcawl RNLI ILB, RAF Rescue Helicopter 169 tasked and a distress relay broadcast after numerous 999 calls reporting a person in the water from a capsized kayak off Newton point Porthcawl. Casualty rescued by the ILB and checked over by paramedics.
Swansea	30/12/2010	FAWGI	Westward Ho Coastguard Rescue Tasked to a report of an upturned Kayak off Cleave Quay Northam. RAF Rescue Helicopter 169 returning from a previous tasking overflew the area. An upturned boat from a previous job was all that was found,. The first informant confirmed this is what he has seen whilst driving over the bridge.

List of abbreviations used in incident reports

AIS:	Automatic Identification System (for ships).
ALB:	All weather lifeboat.
ARCCCK:	Aeronautical Rescue Co-ordination Centre Kinloss.
AWLB:	All weather lifeboat.
CAS:	Casualty.
CCTV:	Close Circuit Television.
CG:	Coastguard.
CRT:	Coastguard Rescue Team.
DSC:	Digital Selective Calling.
EASTERN:	Maritime and Coastguard Agency Region, Eastern England.
EPIRB:	Emergency position indicating radio beacon.
FAWGI:	False alarm with good intent.
FI:	First informant.
FTNS:	Forth and Tay Navigation Service.
FV:	Fishing vessel.
HELO:	Helicopter.
HLS:	Helicopter landing site.
HMCG:	Her Majesty's Coastguard.
Hrs:	Hour(s).
HW:	High Water.
ID:	Identification.
ILB:	Inshore lifeboat.
IRB:	Inshore Rescue Boat.
LB:	Lifeboat.
LOM:	(RNLI) Lifeboat Operations Manager.
LW:	Low Water.
MF:	Medium frequency radio waves.
MIN:	Minute (s).
MRCC:	Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre.
MRU:	Mobile rescue unit.
NCI:	National Coastwatch Institution.
PFD:	Personal Flotation Device.
PIW:	Person(s) in the water.

POB: Persons on board.
PR: Public Relations.
PSNI: Police Service of Northern Ireland
RAF: Royal Air Force.
RCCM: Rescue Co-ordination Centre Manager.
RHIB: Rigid hull inflatable boat.
RIB: Rigid inflatable boat.
RNLI: Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
RRV: Rapid Response Vehicle.
RTB: Return to base.
SAR: Search and Rescue.
SARDA: Search and Rescue Dog Association
SAROPS: Search and Rescue operations.
SCOTNI: Coastguard Region, Scotland, North East, Northern Ireland.
SO: Station Officer
SUP: Stand Up Paddleboarder
VHF: Very high frequency radio waves.
VLB: Volunteer Life Brigade.
WESTERN: Maritime and Coastguard Agency region, Wales & Western England.
YC: Yacht Club.
YO: Years old.
999: UK Emergency Telephone number.