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New Quay and Aberystwyth lifeboats in rescue of missing children and dogs

Lifeboats News Release

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On Saturday afternoon, 8th July at approximately four pm, lifeboats from Aberystwyth and New Quay were requested to carry out a joint rescue searching for two children and two dogs cut off by the tide between Morfa Bychan and Abereron.

The RNLI Atlantic class lifeboat 'Spirit of Friendship' from Aberystwyth and the D Class 'Audrey LJ' from New Quay were both launched and started to carry out searches of the cliffs and beaches from their respective ends of the search area.

The search involved a long trip for the D Class lifeboat but fortunately the weather was calm and the lost party was located by the Aberystwyth crew near to Morfa Bychan where a crew member swam ashore to assess the casualties.

The New Quay D Class, more manoeuvrable near in at the shoreline, was then called on to the beach, to reach the children and dogs to take them back safely to Morfa Bychan, and return the Aberystwyth crew member to his boat.

Both lifeboats then returned to their respective stations.

Roger Couch, Lifeboat Operations Manager at New Quay, said, "This was a good example of co operation between two RNLI stations flanking each other. The rescue, although almost near the end of our D Class range, went very smoothly thanks to the benign weather and a very smooth sea".

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Key facts about the RNLI

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