

On 28<sup>th</sup> November at 02:50 Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) were tasked by the UK Coastguard to reports of a vessel adrift in the River Usk, Newport.

SARA 14, the dedicated Lifeboat for Newport was launched on a cold and clear morning and alongside Chepstow Coastguard located the vessel that had beached on the mud close to the Millennium Bridge.

A SARA spokesperson said “crew members from our Newport and Beachley stations responded to this request from assistance and located an 18-foot cabin cruiser that had come adrift from its mooring. This vessel had beached in the mud so a crew member was put aboard and a tow established. The vessel was then recovered to moorings where, with the assistance of Chepstow Coastguard, this vessel was secured. The crew then returned to station, where despite the early hour SARA 14 was washed and refuelled ready to respond to the next tasking. As volunteers the crew will now often go home and change ready for their day jobs.”

SARA is a registered charity, working to save lives around the Severn area, with bases in Newport, Beachley, Sharpness, Tewkesbury and Wyre Forest, manned by volunteers. For more information on the work of SARA please visit [www.sara-rescue.org.uk](http://www.sara-rescue.org.uk)

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