Devon and Severn IFCA News

Officers Patrolling in Poor Weather.

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The video below demonstrates that a nice summer's day can quickly become inclement especially when working in a 6.4 m Rigid Inflatable Boat (R.I.B). The Devon and Severn IFCA R.I.B Enforcer is now approaching 15 years of age and is soon to be replaced by a <u>new vessel</u> which is being constructed by Ribcraft based in Yeovil.