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Gibraltar Port Authority Responds to Mayday Call

On Monday 16 May at approximately 1030 hrs, a private 35m Motor yacht with 5 persons on board, suffered a fire in their engine room soon after they departed Ocean Village Marina.

The Gibraltar Port Authority received a mayday call from the yacht and immediately put its emergency response plan in place, with the Fire Brigade being contacted and tugs requested – both of which were on scene promptly.

The fire was brought under control by the Motor Yacht very quickly and was then towed safely to the Port and duly secured. No injuries were reported.

Deputy Captain of the Port, J Manuel Tirado commented ‘once again, the Port Authority and its partners responded very professionally to a potentially dangerous incident and clearly demonstrated the excellent cooperation between all parties involved.’

The Minister for the Port, the Hon Paul J Balban MP thanked everyone for their support and quick response in carrying out their responsibilities in respect of the protection of seafarers and safety of navigation within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters.