

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

FORMER FISHING BOAT TAKING IN WATER, REQUESTS URGENT ASSISTANCE 11 MILES OFF SEAHOUSES.

Call Out No:	01	/ 2004			
Day:	Tuesday	Time:	05:27am	Date:	11/05/04
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 6	Direction:	NE
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Mod/Rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Lifeboat	Crew:	Michael Douglas, John Hanvey, Ian Fisher, Ian Clayton, Paul Ternent, Zeddy Annison		
Returned to Station:	07:30am	Service Duration:	2 hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	238

At 5.27am on Tuesday 11th May 2004, a long quiet winter spell for the Seahouses Lifeboat Crew came to an abrupt end, as Humber Coastguard paged the crew for immediate launch of the Mersey Class All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling". An urgent radio call for assistance had been received from the 75ft former fishing vessel "Ocean Quest", which was 11 miles east of Seahouses. There were four persons on board, and the vessel was on passage from Gosport (Portsmouth) to Dundee, intending Aberdeen. The vessel was taking in water from a number of leaks, and the boat's pumps could no longer keep pace with the water ingress. The wind was Force 6 NE with a moderate to rough sea.

Seahouses Lifeboat launched at 5.35am, and reached the casualty at 6.15am. Mechanic John Hanvey and crewman Zeddy Annison were placed aboard the casualty vessel, with the Lifeboat's portable salvage pump. The water flooding was controlled, and the vessel was able to make for Seahouses under its own power, with the Lifeboat providing escort, reaching Seahouses at 7.30am. At Seahouses, repairs were to be carried out on the boat's pump and hull to rectify the leaks, before the vessel continued its passage.

The Lifeboat was refuelled and ready for service at 08:25am, and prepared for the visit of Seahouses First School, scheduled for 9am !. *No doubt many small voices would be asking the station mechanic what the maroons had been fired for, hours earlier.*

Ends.