

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

SEVEN PEOPLE RESCUED FROM HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY IN STORMY SEAS.

Call Out No:	1 / 2005				
Day:	Thursday	Time:	1.41PM	Date:	7 th April 2005
Weather:	Rain	Wind Speed:	Force 7	Direction:	North / West
Visibility:	Poor in rain	Sea State:	Stormy		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboat	Crew: - Inshore LB	Martin Malone, Scott Priestley, Zeddy Annison	Landrover Crew:	John Hanvey, Ian Fisher.
Returned to Station:	3.05pm	Service Duration:	1hr 25 mins	Coastguard Incident No:	08406

At 1.41pm, on Thursday 7th April, 2005, Humber Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, to assist seven persons from two vehicles, trapped on Holy Island Causeway. Both vehicles had attempted to cross the causeway in contravention of the publicised safe crossing times. The occupants had abandoned their vehicles, and had managed to reach the Refuge tower. Weather conditions were very stormy, with a high tide and Force 7 north westerly wind.

The Inshore Lifeboat was taken by road with the station Landrover, to the causeway, where it was launched and brought the seven casualties safely ashore in two trips. By the time they reached the causeway, one of the vehicles, a Volvo Estate, was floating. The other vehicle was a Range Rover. One female required medical attention, and was transferred to an awaiting ambulance, when she was landed. None of the other occupants required medical assistance. Local police and a Seahouses Coastguard unit were also in attendance. Five of the rescued were from Kirkcaldy in Scotland, and the other two were from Wellington. All were believed to be on holiday visiting the area.

The Inshore Lifeboat returned to station by road at 3.05pm.

Motorists need to consider that the effect of sea water on their vehicle engine can result in the vehicle being written off, and insurance companies may not wish to accept any claim, which could be construed as contributory negligence. Safe Crossing times are clearly displayed on both sides of the causeway, and on the island itself. If in any doubt – ask one of the locals !

SAFE CROSSING TIMES FOR Thu 07 APRIL 2005 – 05.55 TO 12.25, AND 18.10 TO 00.55 (Fri)

Ends.