

# **SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE***

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Lifeboats

## **LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION**

### **UNMANNED DINGHY SIGHTED OFF SEAHOUSES HARBOUR, DRIFTING SEAWARD.**

Call Out No:	13	/ 2004			
Day:	Tuesday	Time:	5.05PM	Date:	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2004
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3	Direction:	South/East
Visibility:	Good	Sea State:	Moderate		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboats	Crew: - Inshore LB	Eric Stanwix, Edward Fordy	Shore Crew:	Ian Clayton, John Hanvey, Sandie Straughan.
Returned to Station:	5.35pm	Service Duration:	30 mins	Coastguard Incident No:	019642

At 5.05pm, on Tuesday 20th July, 2004, an unmanned partially inflated dinghy was sighted off the entrance to Seahouses Harbour, by members of the Lifeboat Crew at the Station. Humber Coastguard were informed, as its origin was unknown, and there was concern for the occupants. Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was launched and local Coastguards alerted. The dinghy was recovered by a local vessel as the lifeboat was launched, and handed over to the Coastguards. The Lifeboat carried out a brief safety check around the entrance to the harbour, and nothing was found. Two persons were seen aboard a boat in the Fluke Hole moorings on the south side of Seahouses Harbour, and the Lifeboat crew ascertained from them that it was their dinghy. They had been accessing their boat moored there, when the dinghy began to deflate. They hurriedly made their way to the nearest boat and scrambled aboard. Unfortunately their deflating dinghy drifted off out of the harbour mouth. They had no means with them of advising the authorities, and received a welcome ride back to shore aboard the Lifeboat, avoiding the need for a long wait till the tide receded. The Lifeboat then returned to station.

Ends.