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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

BROKEN DOWN MOTOR CRUISER OFF FARNE ISLANDS REQUEST ASSISTANCE.

Call Out No:	14	/ 2004			
Day:	Wednesday	Time:	12.15pm	Date:	21 st July 2004
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3/4	Direction:	South/East
Visibility:	Good	Sea State:	Moderate		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Mersey All Weather	Crew: - Inshore LB	Stephen Priestley, John Hanvey, Eric Stanwix, Ian Clayton, Ivan Thompson, Neil Calvert, Martin Malone, Scott Priestley	Shore Crew:	Bryan Gregory, Ian Malone, Sandie Straughan.
Returned to Station:	2.20pm	Service Duration:	2hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	019700

At **12.15pm**, on **Wednesday 21st July, 2004**, Humber Coastguard received a VHF radio distress call from the 9 metre motor cruiser, "Jasper 2", which had been on passage from Amble to the Farne Islands, when it suffered engine failure near the Wamses, not far from the Longstone Lighthouse. There were two persons on board. Humber Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat. Due to the low tide, the Lifeboat had to be taken all the way to the harbour mouth, before it could be launched. Once underway the Lifeboat contacted the casualty by radio to verify that they were in no immediate danger, and the wind and tide were in fact blowing the vessel north away from the rocks. The Lifeboat was alongside at 12.48pm, and a tow was passed, and the disabled cruiser was brought to Seahouses Harbour, where the skipper hoped to effect repairs to the fuel system (broken connection).

The motor cruiser had sailed from Royal Quays Marina at Newcastle, to Amble, prior to coming to the Farnes. It was crewed by the owner and his wife, who were from Boldon Colliery.

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