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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 16/2007

YACHT RUNS AGROUND ENTERING SEAHOUSES HARBOUR

Call Out No:	16	/ 2007			
Day:	Saturday	Time:	4.32pm	Date:	7 th July 2007
Weather:	Overcast	Wind Speed:	Force 3	Direction:	Westerly
Visibility:	Good	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore	Crew: -	Gary Annison, Kerensa Airey, Ian Bloomfield.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan, John Hanvey, Dave King.
Returned to Station:	5.12pm	Service Duration:	45mins	Coastguard Incident No:	093986

At 4.32pm on Saturday 7th July 2007, the 8m yacht “*Whisper*” was attempting to enter Seahouses Harbour from the south, with one person on board. The vessel cut in close to the shore near the south breakwater, and grounded. The yacht’s skipper deployed an anchor, and put out a “**MAYDAY**” call. Several local vessels responded, and Lifeboat Deputy Launch Authority Capt P. Brabban (Seahouses Harbour Master), had also heard the message. He made his way immediately to the Lifeboat Station from the Harbour Office, and as no pager “launch request” had been received from the Coastguard, he paged the Inshore Lifeboat for immediate launch. The other vessels responding to the Mayday , were unable to approach the yacht, due to the shallow water. The ILB went straight to the vessel, and gave assistance. The yacht’s anchor had also become snagged on lobster pots, and the Lifeboat crew had some difficulty in freeing it. Once free, the yacht was floated again and escorted into the harbour by the Lifeboat. The crew, a female with her dog, were uninjured during the incident, although the yacht sustained damage.

The Lifeboat arrived back on station at Seahouses at 5.12pm that day.

Ends.