

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 19/2005

LIFEBOAT CALLED TO DISABLED 7 Metre YACHT, OFF HOLY ISLAND.

Call Out No:	19	/ 2005			
Day:	Thursday	Time:	10.42am	Date:	11 th August, 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 2	Direction:	South East
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	1 Metre Swells		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Lifeboat	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, Eric Stanwix, Martin Malone, Gary Annison, Scott Priestley.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Bryan Gregory, Sandy Straughan, Ian Malone.
Returned to Station:	11.30am	Service Duration:	50 minutes	Coastguard Incident No:	023868

At 10.42am on Thursday 11th August 2005, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance from a 7 metre yacht "Curlew", disabled south east of Holy Island Castle with two persons on board. Seahouses All Weather RNLI Lifeboat "Grace Darling" was requested to launch immediately, and the crew were paged. The Lifeboat launched and 30 minutes into its passage to the casualty, Humber Coastguard received a message that a local fishing boat had taken the yacht in tow to Holy Island. The yacht and crew were safe, and the Lifeboat was cancelled and returned to station.

Further information about the yacht's passage or home port may be available from Humber Coastguard Tel: 01262 607317.

Notes to editors

1. The RNLI operates 233 lifeboat stations around the coasts of the UK and Republic of Ireland, with 4,800 crew of which over 4,500 are volunteers. The RNLI fleet consists of all weather and inshore lifeboats and, at selected stations, hovercraft. The RNLI operates four lifeboat stations along the tidal reaches of the Thames (Tower Pier, Chiswick, Gravesend and Teddington). The charity also operates lifeboat stations covering major inland waters at Lough Derg, Republic of Ireland; Enniskillen (Lough Erne) Northern Ireland; and South Broads, Norfolk.

2. The RNLI provides a 24/7 search and rescue service every day of the year (to 100 nautical miles out from the coast of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland). HM Coastguard and the Irish Coast Guard initiate and co-ordinate civil maritime search and rescue (SAR) in the UK and Irish SAR sea regions. During maritime emergencies on cliffs, beaches, shoreline or at sea each of these authorities calls on RNLI lifeboats, which are declared search and rescue assets. The RNLI responds within agreed criteria.

3. The RNLI provides the best possible lifeboats, equipment and training to ensure that the volunteer lifeboat crews can do their job in the safest and surest way.

4. Information and advice on all aspects of sea safety can be obtained by calling the RNLI on 0800 328 0600 in the UK and 1800 789589 in the Republic of Ireland. Alternatively, email seasafety@rnli.org.uk.

The RNLI's Crew Training Campaign, launched in 2005 aims to raise £10 million over five years to train volunteers to become lifeboatmen and women.

For more information please telephone the RNLI press office on +44 (0)1202 662218 / 663184 / 663510 / 663127 / 663181 **Ends.**

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