

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

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Lifeboats

## **LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION**

**Launch Report 2/2006.**

### **EX-FISHING COBLE CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FOG OFF SEAHOUSES**

Call Out No:	2	/ 2006			
Day:	Thursday	Time:	2.56pm	Date:	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2006
Weather:	Cloudy	Wind Speed:	Force 4/5	Direction:	Southerly
Visibility:	Moderate	Sea State:	Moderate/rough, 2mtr swells.		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Lifeboat	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, John Hanvey, Eric Stanwix, Ian Clayton, David Fordy, Martin Malone, Ian Bloomfield.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Scott Priestley, Ian Malone.
Returned to Station:	3.35pm	Service Duration:	40 mins	Coastguard Incident No:	044514

At 2.56pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance by mobile phone, from a converted fishing coble, which had become disorientated in thick coastal fog. The vessel, crewed by the owner and his son, thought to be in his teens, both from Maryport, was circling the North Sunderland Buoy, south of Seahouses. The vessel had been seen sailing north past Seahouses slightly earlier, and must have come around to head south again, intentionally or due to being disorientated in the fog. The Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, to go to the vessel's assistance. The vessel was quickly located by radar, and escorted to Seahouses, where it moored to shelter until the weather improved, arriving at 3.35pm. The vessel was on passage from Friar's Goose Marina at Gateshead, to Maryport in Cumbria. The lack of a marine VHF radio, meant that the Lifeboat was unable to communicate with the casualty, and had the vessel not been near a known position, namely the buoy, it could have proved difficult to find in the fog, even using radar. The Lifeboat can use direction finding equipment, but only on vessels with a VHF radio. This will not work on mobile phones, and vital time can be wasted searching for a casualty vessel.

The RNLI can provide safety advice to pleasure craft owners, and anyone interested should contact their nearest Lifeboat station or call the RNLI HQ on 0845 1226999.

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