

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

YACHT AGROUND IN NEWTON BAY

Call Out No:	03	/ 2004			
Day:	Sunday	Time:	5.05pm	Date:	30th May 2004
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3	Direction:	South
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Mersey Class and Inshore	Crew:	Mersey LB M.Douglas (Cox), S.Priestley, J.Harvey, I.Clayton, I.Fisher	Inshore LB D.Fordy M.Malone	
Returned to Station:	9.40pm	Service Duration:	4hrs 35mins	Coastguard Incident No:	301

At 5.05pm, on Sunday 30th May, 2004, Humber Coastguard requested immediate launch of the both Seahouses Lifeboats, to assist a yacht, which was in difficulty, after running aground on rocks and sand in Newton Bay. Both lifeboats launched within 6 minutes of the call. The 12 metre yacht "MERLIN XII" with a crew of two, from Royal Quays Marina, on the River Tyne, was listing heavily. Craster Coastguard has also been dispatched, and were standing by on the beach, monitoring the yacht. The Inshore Lifeboat reached the casualty at 5.26pm, joined by the all weather "Mersey" class lifeboat "Grace Darling" at 5.38pm. The tide was still falling, and the Inshore Lifeboat remained alongside the casualty, while the all weather lifeboat anchored in deeper water just off the beach. As the tide began to lift, the Inshore Lifeboat transferred a towline to the yacht from the all weather lifeboat, which then gently pulled the yacht using the deck capstan. The yacht finally came free at approximately 9pm and was escorted by the inshore lifeboat to deeper water. Once along side the all weather lifeboat, the crew of the yacht checked to ensure it was not taking water from any possible damage caused by the grounding. Once it was established that all was well, the lifeboats returned to station and the yacht moved to a safer deep water anchorage in Newton Bay for the night. Both Lifeboats were refuelled and ready for service again by 9.40pm.

Ends.