

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 30/2005

MAN ON ROOF OF CAMPER VAN WASHED OFF HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY IN EARLY HOURS

Call Out No:	30	/ 2005			
Day:	Monday	Time:	<u>3.38am</u>	Date:	5 th September 2005
Weather:	Fog	Wind Speed:	Force 4	Direction:	South
Visibility:	Poor	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboat	Crew: -	Paul Ternent, Gary Annison, Kerensa Airey	Landrover / Shore Crew:	John Hanvy, Sandy Straughan, Paul Allison
Returned to Station:	5.08am	Service Duration:	1hr 30 mins	Coastguard Incident No:	027874

At 3.38am on **Monday 5th September 2005**, Humber Coastguard received a “999” call from a man reporting that he was on the roof of his camper van, which had been washed off Holy Island Causeway by the rising tide. At that early hour of the morning, it was dark, with a thick fog and a rising tide. **Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat** was requested to launch immediately, and it was decided to take it by road to launch at the landward side of the causeway. On arrival, it was joined by three fire tenders and an ambulance, as well as local police personnel. A search was commenced, and a man’s voice could be heard calling for help, and using the Inshore Lifeboat’s searchlight and the headlights of the Station Landrover, the man was found on the roof of his partially floating camper van, some distance to the north of the causeway. He claimed that he had parked up and gone to sleep, not realising his situation. The tide had risen, and washed his vehicle off the roadway. He was brought to safety and arrangements to recover his vehicle were to be made at low tide, although it was expected that the vehicle would be totally destroyed by the sea water. The man himself was incredibly fortunate not to have been drowned.

The man from the Sunderland area, was handed over to awaiting Paramedics, but after a check up, was found to be non the worse for his ordeal.

Safe Crossing Times for 5/9/05 – 08.05hr to 14.40hr, and 20.10hr to 02.50hr.

Ends.