

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**



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FISHING VESSEL AGROUND OFF SEAHOUSES HARBOUR AND TAKING WATER.

Call Out No:	31 / 2004				
Day:	Thursday	Time:	1.04pm	Date:	4 th November 2004
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3	Direction:	West
Visibility:	Good	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboat	Crew: -	John Hanvey, Eric Stanwix, Neil Calvert	Shore Crew:	Martin Malone, Scott Priestley, Sandie Straughan
Returned to Station:	1.15pm	Service Duration:	15 min	Coastguard Incident No:	033043

Details: At 1.04 pm, on Thursday 4th November, 2004, the station mechanic at Seahouses Lifeboat Station observed the Seahouses fishing boat "Three Sisters" close into the shore on the north side of the harbour, recovering lobster pots. The vessel, with three crew on board, was seen to be aground and was calling other local boats for assistance. As the vessel was taking water, it was decided to launch the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat at once, to assist in taking a rope to the casualty from one of the other local boats which had come to assist. Due to the shallow water, the other local boats could not get close enough. The "Three Sisters" came clear of the rocks, but clearly had taken a lot of water, and a pump was requested by the skipper. The Inshore Lifeboat returned to station, having not actually launched as the "Three Sisters" freed herself. The crew then returned to the harbour with the station Landrover, carrying the portable salvage pump from the All Weather Lifeboat.

The water then was pumped out of the "Three Sisters", so that the skipper could assess what repairs were necessary.

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