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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 31/2005

FISHING VESSEL WITH ENGINE FAILURE OFF SEAHOUSES, LIFEBOAT ON SERVICE FOR 6 HOURS

Call Out No:	31	/ 2005			
Day:	Sunday	Time:	11.38pm	Date:	9 th October 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 5, later 7	Direction:	South
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Moderate/rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Mersey Lifeboat	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, John Harvey, Eric Stanwix, Ian Fisher, Ian Clayton, Neil Calvert, Zeddy Annison, Stuart Pattison	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan
Returned to Station:	5.20am	Service Duration:	6 hours	Coastguard Incident No:	031370

At 11.38pm on **Sunday 9th October, 2005**, Humber Coastguard received a radio call for assistance, from the Eyemouth based fishing vessel "**June Rose**" with 3 persons on board. The vessel had suffered total engine failure approximately 2 miles south east of Seahouses. Seahouses Lifeboat Crew were paged for immediate launch, and the Lifeboat was quickly alongside the casualty at 11.55pm. The vessel was taken in tow, but due to the low tide, it could not be brought into Seahouses Harbour. Consideration was given to towing the vessel north towards Eyemouth, but this would have involved launching the Eyemouth Lifeboat to take over the tow off Berwick, which was not considered practical in the circumstances. The Seahouses Lifeboat therefore towed the vessel towards Bamburgh Castle / Budle Bay into sheltered water, and stood by the disabled craft, until there was sufficient water to enter Seahouses Harbour, where it arrived at 5.20am in worsening sea conditions and a freshening southerly wind gusting to Force 7. The cause of the engine failure is not known at this time, and the vessel is currently undergoing repair at Seahouses Harbour.

The RNLI have now ceased the normal practice of firing two maroons, when a lifeboat is called out, so most of the local community would have unaware of this latest Lifeboat Launch.

Ends.

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