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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 35 and 36/2007

CONFUSED REPORTS OF WIND SURFER OR CRASHED HANG GLIDER IN THE SEA

Call Out No:	35 & 36	/ 2007			
Day:	Sunday	Time:	3.19pm	Date:	28 th Oct 2007
Weather:	Clear	Wind Speed:	Force 3/4	Direction:	South west
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Calm		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Mersey Lifeboat Inshore LB	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, Eric Stanwix, Ian Fisher, Gary Annison, Paul Ternent, Edward Fordy/ Zeddy Annison, Neil Calvert.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Scott Priestley, Sandy Straughan, Terry Wainwright, Paul Bolton, Ian Clayton, Ian Bloomfield, Dave King, Paul Allison.
Returned to Station:	4.25pm	Service Duration:	1hr 5 minutes	Coastguard Incident No:	108409

At 3.19pm on **Sunday 28th October 2007**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat crew, after receiving a "999" call from a concerned member of the public, reporting either a crashed Hang Glider or Wind Surfer in the sea and in difficulty. Two persons were seen in the water. Initial reports suggested that this could be a crashed Hang Glider, near Lindisfarne (Holy Island). Both Seahouses Lifeboats launched immediately, and the Inshore Lifeboat had already turned north from Seahouses Harbour, when further information was received from the caller who was unfamiliar with the area, suggesting that this incident was in **Beadnell Bay**!. The ILB turned south towards Beadnell, and was followed by the All Weather Lifeboat. Then further information was received stating that the incident was actually in Budle Bay, and both lifeboats had to divert again to that location. The Rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was now also on scene, and put down their winchman on the beach where two wind surfers were located. They had been in the water, but had reached the shore safely. Once this was confirmed, both lifeboats returned to station. The confusion had been caused by the caller's total lack of local knowledge, but it was a false alarm with good intent.

Ends.

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