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Launch Report Seahouses 001/2008

SHORE ANGLER REPORTS FLARES OFF DUNSTANBURGH CASTLE

DATE	TIME LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY	RETURNED	REFUELLED READY FOR SERVICE
Tues 15 th January 2008	5.50pm	Cloudy	Force 5/6 North/East	Choppy	Clear	7.20pm	7.45pm

At **5.40pm** on **Tuesday 15th November 2008**, Humber Coastguard informed the Seahouses Lifeboat Operations manager about an ongoing search by Coastguard teams, following a report from a shore angler at Dunstanburgh Castle near Craster, of white and yellow flares at sea, north of that location. Messages had been broadcast to local shipping, and coastguards on the shore had seen a possible object and light in the water near the North Sunderland Buoy. Seahouses Lifeboats were about to launch anyway on their two weekly exercise at 6pm that night, so the Lifeboat Operations Manager agreed to launch the All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling" on service early, to search the section of coastline.

This was done, and after an extensive search, nothing was found. Although white and yellow are not recognised "distress" signals, the colour of flares can be affected by atmospheric conditions. Humber Coastguard had meanwhile been in touch the military authorities, who were checking their historic radar displays and were able to confirm that military aircraft were in that immediate area at the time of the report, and were the likely source of the flares. The incident was a false alarm with good intent. **Ends.**

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