

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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YET MORE PERSONS STRANDED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
5th August 2008 17.47hr	18.50hr	ILB	Part Cloudy, clear	ESE Force 1 Slight		Coastal Fog

At **5.47pm** on **Tuesday 5th August 2008**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat, following a multiple reports of two persons trapped and in the refuge box on Holy Island Causeway, and a vehicle with water rising around it. The Lifeboat Operations Manager was at that moment aboard the All Weather Lifeboat in the boathouse with a Film Crew from the BBC TV One Show, planning a documentary interview about Grace Darling. He at once left the boat and contacted the Coastguard, who requested the Inshore Lifeboat. Due to the foggy conditions, the Lifeboat was taken by road and launched at the Causeway. Two persons, a male and a female, both Spanish Nationals who spoke no English, were rescued by the Inshore Lifeboat and brought to the safety of the shore and handed over to the care of local coastguards. The Inshore Lifeboat the was recovered to its road trailer and returned to station.

Safe Crossing Times were 1000hr and 16.20hr and 21.45 and 04.30hr [Sat]

At 6pm that day, the All Weather Lifeboat launched and provided a film shoot for the BBC One Show at the Longstone Lighthouse.

Meanwhile at **8.50pm** that day a 44yr old male collapsed outside of the Lifeboat Station. He was treated by Lifeboat Crew personnel, and an ambulance was called. He was taken to Wansbeck Hospital. He was from the Rowland Gill area, and had been on holiday staying in Belford. His wife and children were with him at the time.

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