

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**

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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 022 & 23 / 2010

“MAYDAY” CALL FROM GROUNDED YACHT AT FARNE ISLANDS

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sun 6 th June 2010 13.35hr	16:20hr	Both Lifeboats	Foggy	E Force 3	Slight	Poor

At 13:35hr on **Sunday 6th June, 2010**, **Humber Coastguard** requested the immediate launch of both **Seahouses Lifeboats**, in answer to a “**MAYDAY**” call from a large yacht, which was aground in foggy conditions at Longstone Island. There were three persons on board who were abandoning to life rafts, and who required immediate assistance. The Lifeboat Crew were paged without delay, and both lifeboats were quickly on their way to the casualty, while other boats in the immediate area also responded to the “**MAYDAY**” call.

On arrival of the lifeboats at the scene, the casualties who had been taken from their liferafts, on board some local diver support craft, were transferred to the All Weather Lifeboat. The Inshore Lifeboat assisted the yacht crew to recover some personal effects from the stricken yacht, which was well aground and listing heavily. At the yacht skipper's request, a tow was passed by the Inshore Lifeboat from the All Weather Lifeboat. The yacht was eventually pulled clear of the rocks, but was clearly damaged and taking water. Two Lifeboat Crew were put aboard the yacht, and it was towed back to Seahouses. On arrival at Seahouses, the services of a local boat hoist were used, to lift the yacht clear of the water and onto the pier. However before this could happen, the yacht skipper again requested Lifeboat crew assistance in Seahouses Harbour, after his pumps failed due to electrical problems. Some members of the crew engaged in washing down and refueling the lifeboat, responded immediately with a salvage pump, but were able to restart the yacht's pumps. The yacht is currently ashore at Seahouses, awaiting damage assessment.

At this time the RNLI are unable to release the name of the yacht or the identity of its crew. It was understood to be on passage from Eyemouth to Blyth.

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