

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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ILL FEMALE TO BE EVACUATED FROM HOLY ISLAND BY LIFEBOAT

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sunday 05 th Sept 2008	05.46hr	All Weather Lifeboat	Part Cloudy	WNW Force 3/4	Choppy	Good

At **5.44hr** on **Sunday 5th October 2008**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager, with a request from NE Ambulance Control. A female was seriously ill on Holy Island, and required to be urgently evacuated to hospital. The Causeway was closed due to it being high tide (High water was 06.47hr). The Ops Manager paged the all weather lifeboat crew for immediate launch, and an ambulance was despatched to Seahouses. The ambulance crew were taken aboard the Lifeboat, and conveyed directly to Holy Island. (This is an agreed protocol with the ambulance service, for such occasions when the causeway is closed and no helicopter is immediately available.) The ill female was assessed, but was too ill to be taken aboard the Lifeboat, so a helicopter was requested to be urgently mobilised from RAF Boulmer [not on standby at this time], to fly the patient directly to hospital. This was done and the Lifeboat returned to Seahouses with the ambulance crew at **8.45hr**.

Ends.