

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 40 & 41 / 2010

MISSING CHILDREN REPORTED IN SEA OFF HOLY ISLAND

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Wed 18th August 2010 17.01hr	18.15hr	Both Lifeboats	Fine	NNW Force 3	Calm	Good

At 17.01hr on **Wednesday 18th August, 2010**, Humber Coastguard requested the urgent launch of both Seahouses Lifeboats, after receiving reports that two boys aged 15 and 9 had gone into the sea off Holy Island, and had not returned, leaving their parents extremely distressed. Seahouses All Weather and Inshore Lifeboats were launched without delay, and made best speed to Holy Island. Further information was meanwhile being received by Humber Coastguard, and local shore based coastguard rescue teams were mobilised. Berwick Inshore Lifeboat was then also launched to assist in a planned search of the area off Snipe Head, and an RAF Helicopter from RAF Boulmer had also been scrambled. As the lifeboats and helicopter approached the scene, local Coastguard Rescue Personnel located the missing boys safe and well in the sand dunes. All of the Rescue Resources were then stood down by Humber Coastguard.

Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented, "***The Crews were all very relieved to learn that the lads were safe. We have no qualms at all in launching the Lifeboats for a call of this nature, and we were delighted to receive the news that it was a false alarm with good intent. There are strong currents off the shore, our initial concern was that these boys could have been carried out to sea. Fortunately, that was not the case.***"

The Lifeboats then returned to station at Seahouses and Berwick.

Ends.