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**Disabled and becalmed yacht rescued by  
Seahouses Lifeboat.**

At 12.26pm on Friday 6th August, 1999, Tyne Tees Coastguard requested the launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, to go to the aid of a yacht in difficulties  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of Bamburgh. The lifeboat under command of Coxswain David Shiel located the 25 ft yacht "Fairwinds" with one person on board, which had suffered engine failure and was becalmed in near windless conditions. The skipper, Mr Lowe from Rotherham, had attempted to repair his engine without success, and small speed boat from Budle Bay had offered assistance, but was unable to tow a craft of that size. The speed boat had then notified the Coastguard. The sea was calm and visibility was affected in places by patchy mist and fog. The yacht was towed to safety at Seahouses harbour by the lifeboat where it was met by local Coastguards, and the skipper was able to carry out repairs.

This was the third yacht to be given assistance by Seahouses Lifeboat in the last week.

Ends.

2.25pm 6th August 1999.