



**REPORT No: 24/99**

**Yacht in distress 2 miles east of Craster.**

At 2.31pm on Sunday 29th August, 1999, Tyne Tees Coastguard received an urgent radio call for assistance from the yacht "Grisha", with one person on board. There was some initial difficulty with radio reception from the yacht, and the coastguard had some difficulty in initially establishing where the exact position of the yacht, and what the nature of the distress was. Once the position was established, the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat was requested to launch immediately, followed by the Inshore Lifeboat.

The All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling", skippered by 2nd Coxswain Michael Douglas, reached the casualty 2 miles east of Craster at 3pm. A part of the rigging on the yacht had failed, and the skipper, a middle aged man from Durham, had been concerned that he would be carried by the wind and tide onto the rocky shoreline. Two diving inflatables, the "Lady Jennie" and "Lady Carol" also went to the yacht to offer assistance. On arrival, the yacht was taken in tow by the Lifeboat back to Seahouses. The yacht had been on passage from Amble to the Kettle, an anchorage in the Farne Islands. The Inshore Lifeboat was stood down once the nature of the distress was established, and returned to station.

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