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Six and half hour service to broken down fishing vessel.

At 12.01pm on Saturday 8 May, 1999, Tyne Tees Coastguard requested the launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, to go to the aid of the fishing boat "Golden Boy II", which had suffered gearbox failure in the fishing grounds known as the Farn Deeps, approximately 25 miles offshore east of Seahouses. The Lifeboat under the command of Coxswain David Shiel, reached the casualty at approximately 1.40pm. Sea conditions were fair, with a moderate swell and clear visibility. The boat was taken in tow by the Lifeboat, but due to the fishing boat's draught and the low tide, it could not be taken to Seahouses. After discussion with the Coastguard, it was decided to tow the vessel to Eyemouth, approximately 44 miles to the north. Eyemouth Lifeboat also launched, and met the Seahouses Lifeboat in Berwick Bay, where it took over the tow after the Seahouses crew had towed it for 24miles, arriving at Eyemouth at approximately 7.15pm. This allowed the Seahouses Lifeboat to remain in her area, in case of further incidents. The Seahouses Lifeboat returned to station at 6.30pm, where it was speedily refuelled and again made ready for service.

The fishing boat crew are safe and well after the incident.

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Seahouses Lifeboat Crew.

