



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

INCIDENT REPORT 10/2002.

Broken down speed boat with 7 persons on board, towed to safety.

At 4.29pm on Monday, 3rd June, 2002, the dive boat "LMU" reported to Humber Coastguard that he had come upon an 18ft speed boat, " Nice One Laflin " with 6 males and one female aboard, broken down just north of Beadnell Point. The dive boat, a small inflatable, was too small to take the boat in tow, and no other craft responded to calls for assistance. Humber Coastguard requested the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling" to launch. The lifeboat was under way with 7 minutes, under command of 2nd Cox'n Stephen Priestley, reaching the casualty at 5.09pm. The occupants were taken aboard the lifeboat, while one stayed aboard the speed boat with a lifeboat crewman, as it was towed back to safety at Beadnell. They were met there by local coastguards. The reason for the engine failure, is not known at this time.

Weather conditions at the time were wind Force 3 southerly, with a slight to choppy sea, and clear visibility. The boat had only recently been purchased from a brokerage. All of the Occupants were from the Tyneside area, and had been diving in the local area.

Coastguard Incident Ref H.365 refers.