



# Seahouses Lifeboat Station.

Seahouses, Northumberland

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From Station Press Officer

## REPORT No: 12/2000

### Dive Boat calls for help via mobile phone, from the Pinnacles, off the Farne Islands.

DATE : Sunday 23rd July, 2000

TIME : 12.56pm.

Coastguard Incident Reference TT 219.

LIFEBOATS LAUNCHED : All Weather Mersey Class Lifeboat "Grace Darling"

Service description :

Tyne Tees Coastguard received a report from someone at Seahouses Harbour, that they had received a mobile phone call from colleagues in a 5.6 metre inflatable diving boat with five persons on board which had broken down somewhere off the Pinnacles at the Farne Islands, and that it required Lifeboat assistance. Its engine had failed, and the battery was run flat after efforts to restart the engine. Seahouses Lifeboat crew and local Coastguards were paged, and the All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling" was launched immediately, however as the Lifeboat left the harbour, they came across the casualty already under tow from another vessel, but no one had advised the Coastguard !. The Lifeboat returned to its station after an apparently unnecessary launch.

Ends.

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