



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

INCIDENT REPORT 12/2002.

Fishing boat strikes rocks at Swedman, near Inner Farnes.

At 1.50pm on Monday 1st July, 2002, Station Mechanic John Hanvey at Seahouses Lifeboat Station saw the Amble based fishing boat "**NIMROD**", steaming south passed the Farne Islands. The 54' vessel was on passage from Eyemouth to Amble after being repainted at the boatyard, and had two persons on board. The vessel was seen to strike rocks at the Swedman, a treacherous submerged part of the north side of the Inner Farnes. The vessel was clearly in difficulty, and it was decided to immediately launch the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, "Grace Darling", to the vessel's assistance. Humber Coastguard were advised of the situation, and the Lifeboat was quickly alongside the casualty, as were the Seahouses based boat "Three Sisters", skippered by Johnathon Dawson, and other Seahouses fishing and passenger boats. The lifeboat assisted the casualty to put out an anchor, and a salvage pump was made ready aboard the lifeboat in case the vessel started taking water. The tide was rising by this time, and the lifeboat stood by until the boat floated free of the rocks at 4.15pm. The fishing boat's crew made a check of the vessel's hull, which appeared to be sound. However, the boat's skipper decided to return to Eyemouth so that the vessel's hull could be more fully examined to assess any damage.

The lifeboat and the "Three Sisters" then returned to Seahouses. Weather at the time was light drizzly rain, moderate to good visibility, a calm sea, and a light north westerly wind.

Coastguard Incident No H487 refers.

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