



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 2/2003

65ft YACHT TAKING WATER REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OFF FARNE ISLANDS.

Date: Wednesday 12/03/03 **Callout time:** 7.50pm **Launch time:** 7.55pm
Wind speed: 2/3 **Wind direction:** N/E **Sea state:** 2 ½ Swells
Weather: Clear **Visibility:** Good **Casualty:** Disabled yacht
Recovery Time: 10.30pm **Coastguard Incident No:** H.095
Location: North of Inner Farne, near Glororum Shad.

Crew: *All Weather Lifeboat* : Michael Douglas(Cox), John Harvey(Mech), David Fordy, Gary Annison, Eric Bramley, Mick Hoyle, Eric Stanwix.

Launchers: Scott Priestley(Tractor), Martin Malone.

Details: At 7. 40pm on Wednesday, 12th March 2003, Humber Coastguard received a call from a 65ft twin masted Yacht "Lady Andorina", with four persons on board, requesting assistance. The call came by mobile phone, as the yacht was taking water had lost use of most of its electronics. The yacht crew believed that they were 16 miles south of Berwick, and west of the Longstone Lighthouse. The Coastguards requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat. Because of the lack of marine VHF radio signal from the yacht, it was not possible to use direction finding equipment to fix the yacht's position. At the Lifeboat's request, the yacht fired a red flare to mark their exact position, which was north on Inner Farne, near Glororum Shad. It is believed that the vessel encountered rough water there, and had taken in some sea water. Due to its lack of power, its pumps were inoperative. As the Lifeboat reached the yacht, an RAF Helicopter also scrambled to the incident, was over the yacht. It was established that the yacht was not taking any further water, so a lifeboat crewman was put aboard, and the Lifeboat escorted the yacht to Seahouses Harbour, where it was met by local coastguards and moored for the night so that repairs could be effected.

The yacht was on passage from the River Tyne to Maryport, with a crew of four male adults.

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