



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 3/2003

PERSON REPORTED IN THE WATER AND IN DIFFICULTY OFF BLACK ROCKS, BAMBURGH. (STAG ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE)

Date: Saturday 29/03/03 **Callout time:** 2.51pm **Launch time:** 2.55pm
Wind speed: 1/2 **Wind direction:** S **Sea state:** 1/2m Swells
Weather: Clear **Visibility:** Very Good **Casualty:** Person in water.
Recovery Time: 3.40pm **Coastguard Incident No:** H.134
Location: Off Lighthouse, Bamburgh (Black or Stag Rocks).

Crew: *Inshore Lifeboat* : David Fordy, Eric Stanwix, Paul Tennent.

Launchers: Ian Clayton(Landrover), Sandy Straughan.

Details: At 2.51pm on Saturday, 29th March 2003, Humber Coastguard received a "999" call from a member of the public, reporting a person in the water off the Stag or Black Rocks at Bamburgh by the Lighthouse, who was thought to be in difficulties. An immediate request was made for the launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat to proceed and investigate. The crew were paged and launched at 2.55pm. The area was searched, and one person was found who had just come out of the water. He had been Kite Surfing at Budle Bay, north of Bamburgh, and had lost Kite and Board. He had apparently recovered his board near Budle Bay, and had gone into the water at Bamburgh to recover his Kite. He was not in difficulty, and once the situation was verified by the Lifeboat crew, the Lifeboat returned to station after liaising with local coastguards on the shore.

The incident was closed as a "FALSE ALARM WITH GOOD INTENT".

A change of policy has now been made at this station, and the practice of firing of two maroons (exploding flares) when the All Weather Lifeboat is called out on an emergency service, has now been extended to cover emergency call-outs for the Inshore Lifeboat.

Ends.