



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 4/2003

WIND SURFER REPORTED IN DIFFICULTY OFF BAMBURGH CASTLE.

Date: Sunday 13/04/03 **Callout time:** 3.25pm **Launch time:** 3.29pm
Wind speed: 1/2 **Wind direction:** S **Sea state:** 1/2m Swells
Weather: Clear **Visibility:** Slight mist/Good **Casualty:** Wind Surfer.
Recovery Time: 4.00pm **Coastguard Incident No:** H.168
Location: Off Bamburgh Castle.

Crew: *Inshore Lifeboat* : David Fordy, Mick Hoyle, Zeddy Annison .

Launchers: Sandy Straughan (Landrover), Ian Fisher, Ian Clayton.

Details: At 3.24pm on Sunday, 13th April 2003, Humber Coastguard received a "999" call from a member of the public, reporting a wind surfer in difficulties off Bamburgh Castle near the Golf Course. His sail mast had apparently broken, and he was having problems getting ashore. An immediate request was made for the launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat to proceed to his assistance. The crew were paged and launched at 3.29pm. On arrival at the location, the wind surfer, a 44yr old male from the Morpeth Area, had managed to reach the shore, but had had to cut loose and abandon his mast and sail. He was checked by the local coastguards on the shore and did not require any medical assistance. The Inshore Lifeboat then returned to station.

It is very reassuring to note that the public are so alert to these incidents, and that they wasted no time in alerting the Coastguard, before the incident deteriorated into a more serious situation.

Ends.