



Seahouses Lifeboat Station.

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REPORT No: 4/2000

Broken down boat fires orange smoke distress signal.

DATE : Saturday 15th April,2000 TIME : 1.35pm Service Request from Tyne
Tees Coastguard.

LIFEBOATS LAUNCHED : All Weather Mersey Class "Grace Darling"

In Command : 2nd Coxswain Michael Douglas

Service description :

The passenger boat "St Cuthbert II", with a party of visitors on passage to the Farne Islands, skippered by the Lifeboat's 2nd Mechanic John Hanvey, reported to the Coastguard that he had sighted an orange smoke distress signal from the vicinity of the North Sunderland Buoy, approximately 1 ½ miles south east of Seahouses. The Lifeboat crew were paged, and the all weather lifeboat launched immediately while the "St Cuthbert" also proceeded to assist. The casualty was found to be a small 12ft fibre glass boat, which had suffered outboard engine failure, with two persons on board, a 32yr old male and a 29yr old female from the village of Seahouses. They were taken aboard the lifeboat, and their boat was taken in tow back to Seahouses, where they were landed safely.

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