



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer:

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

INCIDENT REPORT 4/2002.

FLARES REPORTED OFF DUNSTANBURGH .

At 5.55pm on Sunday 17 February, 2002, several reports were received by Humber Coastguard, of flares having been seen off Dunstanburgh point. The Coastguard requested an immediate launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, and the Craster Inshore Lifeboat, which had just returned from an earlier call out. Both Lifeboats conducted an extensive search, whilst Coastguard units searched the coastline, but nothing was found. The Seahouses Lifeboat used its searchlights and radar, while the Craster Lifeboat used parachute illuminating flares and night vision equipment. At this time it can only be speculated that this could have been meteor activity, mistaken for flares. The Seahouses Lifeboats returned to station at 8.30pm. No other vessels were reported missing or in difficulty at the time of the incident.

Weather conditions at the time were wind Force 2-3 south westerly, clear visibility, with calm to slight sea conditions.

Coastguard Log No H.091 refers.