



Seahouses Lifeboat Station.

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REPORT No: 7/2000

Distress Call from Yacht “Renaissance”, Aground at the Kettle, Farne Islands, with 11 persons on board.”

DATE: Wednesday 10th May, 2000 TIME: 8.15am

Service Request from Tyne Tees Coastguard.

LIFEBOATS LAUNCHED: Both All Weather and Relief Inshore Lifeboat

In Command : Coxswain David Shiel

Service description :

A 50ft yacht, “Renaissance” from Hartlepool, had moored at the Kettle anchorage in the Farne Islands overnight. A freshening breeze had caused her to drag her anchor, and the yacht grounded on rocks. There were eleven persons on board, and the sea conditions were choppy with 2 metre swells. There were also some thick patches of mist that had developed overnight. The skipper issued a “PAN PAN” distress radio call which was received by Tyne Tees Coastguard, who paged Seahouses Lifeboat Crew for immediate launch. Both Lifeboats were launched, and just as the lifeboats reached the scene, the yacht managed to come free of the rocks. The skipper advised the Coastguards and the Lifeboat that he was satisfied that the yacht was undamaged, and thanked the Lifeboat crews for coming so quickly to his assistance. He was happy to proceed to Blyth, but agreed to keep in close contact with the Coastguard by radio, in case his vessel had suffered damage below the waterline which was not immediately obvious. Both lifeboats then returned to station.

The Coastguards praised the yacht skipper for staying calm in a disturbing situation, and for his excellent radio procedure.

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