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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 14/2005

YACHT IN DIFFICULTY IN ROUGH SEAS EAST OF FARNE ISLANDS, CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

Call Out No:	14	/ 2005			
Day:	Friday	Time:	9.30am	Date:	22 nd July2005
Weather:	Overcast	Wind Speed:	Force 7	Direction:	Northerly
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All weather Mersey Class Lifeboat	Crew: - All Weather LB Inshore LB	Michael Douglas, John Hanvey, Ian Fisher, Zeddy Annison, Ian Clayton, Eric Bramley, Neil Calvert, David Fordy.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Bryan Gregory, Sandy Straughan, Ian Malone, Scott Priestley
Returned to Station:	1.45pm	Service Duration:	3hrs 15minutes	Coastguard Incident No:	21022

At **9.30am** on **Friday 22nd July 2005**, Humber Coastguard received a VHF radio call for assistance from the 35ft Whitby based yacht "Sea Jay", with four persons on board. The yacht had spent an uncomfortable night moored at Holy Island, and was now attempting to sail south. Sea conditions were deteriorating and a Force 7 northerly wind was blowing, and with the ebbing tide, was causing some rough sea conditions. The yacht was unable to make progress while attempting to pass east of the Farnes, and had been at sea from Holy Island for 3 hours, before the skipper decided he had no option but to request assistance. One of his crew was suffering from severe sea sickness. Seahouses all weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling" was requested to launch immediately. The first location was given as 10 miles east of Seahouses, and after a tricky low water launch, the lifeboat was able to verify the yacht's position as approximately 5-6 miles east of Seahouses. The lifeboat reached the yacht at **10.30am**, and a first attempt to put a crewman aboard proved too dangerous and was abandoned. A line was passed not without difficulty in the 6 metre breaking swells, and the yacht was taken in tow to Seahouses. The yacht's mast was 48ft high, and at times only 6ft was visible from the lifeboat over the wave tops. After a slow and careful tow to the shelter of the Farnes, two crewman were put aboard, and the yacht brought safely into Seahouses at **1.45pm**. (Photos should be available later). Ends.

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