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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 25/2005

YACHT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OFF NEWTON POINT, AFTER LOSING MAINSAIL IN STRONG WIND.

Call Out No:	25	/ 2005			
Day:	Sunday	Time:	3.06pm	Date:	28 th August, 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 6	Direction:	South West
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Moderate		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Lifeboat	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, John Hanvey, Eric Stanwix, Ian Fisher, David Fordy, Neil Calvert, Scott Priestley	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan, Ian Clayton, Paul Allison, Paul Ternent
Returned to Station:	5.08pm	Service Duration:	2 hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	26545

At 3.06pm on Sunday 28th August, 2005, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance from a 24ft Catamaran "*Don't Ask*" which had two persons on board off Newton Point. The yacht had lost its main sail, and its engine was too underpowered to cope against the strong gusting wind. Another yacht, "*Aphrodite*" had gone to its assistance. *Seahouses All Weather RNLI Lifeboat Grace Darling* was requested to launch to the yacht's immediate assistance. The Lifeboat was launched and arrived on scene at 3.35pm and took the yacht in tow to the safety of Newton Haven, where it was able to pick up a mooring. However the yacht had no tender, and its two man crew had no means of getting ashore, so *Craster Inshore Lifeboat* was requested to launch and assist by ferrying the two crew to the shore, where they were met by local Coastguard personnel. Radio communications with the casualty were poor, which did not help the rescue, and the Lifeboat Crew were also concerned that the yacht's crew failed to put on Lifejackets, despite being requested to do so by the Lifeboat, when the yacht was taken under tow. Sea conditions were moderate to rough with a strong gusting wind. The Lifeboat returned to station at 5.08pm.

The crew of the yacht are understood to be from Newton.

Ends.