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Launch Report 015/2008

INSHORE LIFEBOAT LAUNCHED TO RECOVER DRIFTING KAYAK.

DATE	TIME LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY	RETURNED	REFUELLED READY FOR SERVICE
20th July 2008	2:22pm	Part Cloudy	Force 5-6 NNW	Choppy	Clear	2.55pm	3.15pm

At **2.20pm** on **Sunday 20th July 2008**, Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager had been monitoring the marine radio, due to industrial action by HM Coastguard, who were operating an emergency only service. On hearing a report of a yellow kayak, unmanned and adrift in the strong wind in Beadnell Bay, he offered the services of the Inshore Lifeboat to recover the drifting craft. Humber/Yarmouth Coastguard accepted the offer, and the Inshore Lifeboat crew were paged. There was concern that the kayak could start an alert, if seen later drifting further along the coast, and it could be a navigation hazard to small craft if it became partially submerged. The Inshore Lifeboat was taken by road and launched at Beadnell Bay. As they began searching for the Kayak, it was seen to have washed ashore on the south side of the bay, where it was recovered by its owner. The Lifeboat was then released and returned to station.

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