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FISHING VESSEL REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OFF CRASTER

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Wednesday 17 th Dec 2008 07.45hr	10.20hr	All Weather Lifeboat	Strong Breeze	WSW Force 5	Moderate / Choppy	Good

At **7.41am** on **Wednesday 17th December, 2008**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager, and advised him that the 31ft fishing vessel "Provider" had called for assistance, approximately 2.5 miles east of Craster harbour, near an area known as Craster Skeers. The vessel had two persons on board, and was taking water, and her pump had failed. The All Weather Lifeboat Crew were paged for immediate launch, and reached the casualty vessel at 08.25hr. The vessel was no longer taking water, and a pump was no longer urgently required. A tow was passed, and Seahouses Lifeboat began towing the vessel towards Amble, as a rough sea and falling tide would have made any attempt to enter Craster harbour unsafe. Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager meanwhile contacted his counterpart at Amble, and it was agreed that Amble Lifeboat would also now launch and take over the tow from the Seahouses Lifeboat, so that it could return to its station area. At 09.20hr, the tow was passed to the Amble Lifeboat, and the Seahouses Lifeboat was freed to return to station. The casualty vessel "Provider" was towed safely to Amble without further incident, where repairs could be effected. Ends.