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Launch Report 50 / 2010

BROKEN DOWN COACH WITH 38 PASSENGERS, BLOCKING HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY WITH RISING TIDE

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Wed 22 nd Sept 2010 13. 04hr	14.30hr	Inshore Lifeboat	Breezy	SSE Force 2/3	Moderate	Very Good

At **13.04hr** on **Wednesday 22nd September 2010**, Humber Coastguard requested the launch of Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, to go to the assistance of a coach with 38 mostly elderly persons on board, which had broken down and was blocking Holy Island Causeway. Safe Crossing Time for the Causeway expired at 13.15hr, as the tide was rising. It was decided to take the Inshore Lifeboat by road, using the station Landrover, to the Causeway, and launch it there, rather than send it by sea. The approach channel to the Causeway would be difficult to navigate at this state of the tide. The Lifeboat and crew were quickly on the road, arriving at the scene at 13.22hr. Local police were already in attendance, and Coastguard Rescue Officers from Seahouses and Holy Island had also been mobilised. A Police Helicopter and RAF Rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer were also tasked. The Lifeboat crew found that on their arrival, 30 vehicles and their occupants were also trapped queuing behind the bus. It was not necessary to put the Inshore Lifeboat into the water, and the crew assisted other members of the emergency services, to lead all of the people to safety. The bus passengers were later transferred to another coach. Once all persons were safe, the Lifeboat Crew were then released and returned to station. The tide was not a particularly high one, but prompt action was required to ensure the safety of all concerned, with all of the emergency services working together. It is not known by the RNLI where the coach was based. The removal of the coach was arranged by Northumbria Police.

The Inshore Lifeboat returned to station at 14.30hr. Ends.

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