



Seahouses Lifeboat Station.

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From Station Press Officer

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DUTCH YACHT IN DIFFICULTY AT HOLY ISLAND.

DATE: Friday 18th August, 2000 TIME: 8.02am.

LIFEBOATS LAUNCHED : All Weather Relief Mersey Class Lifeboat "Lifetime Care".

Service description :

Tyne Tees Coastguard received a radio call for assistance a Dutch Yacht, reported to be in the anchorage on the south side of Holy Island. The yacht was experiencing some difficulty with its anchor, and was calling for assistance from any other craft in the area. The Coastguard experienced language difficulty when trying to contact the yacht by radio, and the messages from the yacht were confused and garbled. As the exact nature of the distress was not clear, the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat was requested to launch and investigate. On arrival at Holy Island, the Lifeboat located the Dutch Yacht "HIRI", the origin of the incident. The crew of two had managed to deal with their problem, now believed to be a fouled anchor, and the yacht was now under way safely. Once the Lifeboat crew were satisfied that the yacht required no further assistance, the Lifeboat returned to station. The Coastguard meanwhile attempted again to make contact with the Yacht by radio, again without success. It is not known where it was bound for.

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