



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 22/2003

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOATS CALLED TO YACHTS AGROUND IN FOG AT BEADNELL BAY.

Date: Saturday 09/08/03 **Callout time:** 6.58pm **Launch time:** 7.05pm
Wind speed: 2/3 **Wind direction:** S **Sea state:** Light, 0.5m swells
Weather: Bright/Coastal Fog **Visibility:** Good/Poor in fog **Casualty:** 2 Yachts
Recovery Time: 9.30pm **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN 590
Location: Beadnell Bay. **Lifeboat:** Mersey Lifeboat and Relief Inshore Lifeboat.
Crew: Mersey: *Michael Douglas, Ian Fisher, Ian Clayton, Mick Hoyle, Zeddy Annison, Paul Tennent.*
Inshore Lifeboat: *John Hanvey, Edward Fordy, David Fordy.*
Launchers: *Scott Priestley, Sandie Straughan, Ian Malone.*

Details: At 6.58am on Saturday 9th August, 2003, Humber Coastguard requested the immediate launch of both Seahouses Lifeboats, after receiving a radio call for assistance from the yacht "Eider". The Yacht had been on passage from Blyth to Beadnell, and the three man crew became disorientated in thick fog as they entered Beadnell Bay. It appears they misjudged their position, and the yacht struck rocks on the south side of the bay. The tide was still falling, and the crew were not in immediate danger, although the yacht was landing heavily on the rocks in the slight swell, and was at risk of being holed. The lifeboats were quickly on the scene, together with a local inflatable boat which also came to their assistance from Beadnell. The yacht eventually came clear of the rocks after being towed by the lifeboats at 7.50pm. The boat was checked for damage, and continued to a mooring at Beadnell. A second yacht, "Just in Time", also from Blyth with one person on board, was found to be aground on the shore some distance from the "Eider". Both yachts had run too close to the shore in the thick fog. This yacht was pulled free at 8.15pm, and was able to continue safely to Beadnell haven. Both yachts crews thanked the Lifeboat crew for their very welcome and speedy assistance.

Both Lifeboats then returned to station at 9.30pm, where they were refuelled and made ready for service.

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