



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 30/2003

CHILD IN CANOE IN DIFFICULTY 100 METRES EAST OF BAMBURGH CASTLE.

Date: Sunday 14/09/03 **Callout time:** 5.29pm **Launch time:** 5.34pm
Wind speed: 2/3 **Wind direction:** SW **Sea state:** Light, 0.5m swells
Weather: Bright and Clear **Visibility:** Excellent **Casualty:** Canoeist
Recovery Time: 6.15pm **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN 740
Location: Off Bamburgh Castle. **Lifeboat:** Relief Inshore Lifeboat.
Crew: Inshore Lifeboat: *David Fordy, Martin Malone, Paul Ternent*
Launchers: John Hanvey, Sandy Straughan.

Details: At 5.29pm on Sunday 14th September, 2003, Humber Coastguard received a "999" call from the father of a 12yr old boy, reporting that the boy was in difficulties at sea, in a canoe 100 metres off Bamburgh Castle. He was apparently being blown away from the shore by the wind. Meanwhile, the boy had managed to get to within about 40 metres of the shore. His mother who had remained on the beach while his father had run to Bamburgh Castle to raise the alarm, then entered the water and went to her son's assistance. She managed to bring her son safely to the shore. During this time, the Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, which proceeded to the incident. On confirmation that the boy was safe from local coastguards at the scene, the Inshore Lifeboat was recalled. The family were local and reside in Bamburgh.

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