

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**



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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 15/2005

DIVER WITH BENDS SYMPTOMS FLOWN TO HOSPITAL

Call Out No:	15	/ 2005			
Day:	Saturday	Time:	4.20pm	Date:	23 rd July 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3	Direction:	Northerly
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Station Landrover and crew	Crew: -	Gary Annison, Zeddy Annison, Ian Clayton, Ian Fisher	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan
Returned to Station:	5.30pm	Service Duration:	1hr 10mins	Coastguard Incident No:	21022

At 4.20pm on Saturday 23rd July 2005, the charter boat "Farne Diver" from Seahouses, reported to Humber Coastguard that one of a party of divers on his vessel was unwell and displaying symptoms of the Bends. The vessel was returning to Seahouses. The diver had not been diving to any great depth, and had become unwell 45 minutes after surfacing. The Coastguard paged the Lifeboat Crew to assist with oxygen. A number of the crew met the "Farne Diver", using the Station Landrover, and treated the diver with 100% oxygen and blankets till the arrival of an ambulance. A rescue helicopter from RAF Boulmer was also scrambled, but was in the Carlisle area at the time. The ambulance conveyed the diver to the emergency helicopter landing site opposite the Seafiel restaurant on Seafiel Road, to await the helicopter which arrived at 5.15pm. The landing site was marshalled by the local Coastguard Team, assisted by the Lifeboat Crew. The diver was then flown to the nearest available decompression chamber at Hull for treatment. The diver was a male from Essex, and believed to be in his thirties. Full details are held by Humber Coastguard.

See attached Photographs

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