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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 17/2006

DIVEBOAT WITH ELECTRICAL FIRE TOWED TO SAFETY BY LIFEBOAT

Call Out No:	17 / 2006				
Day:	Monday	Time:	10.33am	Date:	28 th August, 2006
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 3-4	Direction:	NW
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Choppy		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore and All Weather Lifeboats	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, Eric Stanwix, Ian Clayton, Neil Adams, Garry Anison, Paul Allison. Inshore LB: David Fordy, Neil Calvert, Paul Ternent	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan, Dave King, John Hanvey, Ian Malone, Gordon Banks
Returned to Station:	11.35am	Service Duration:	1 hour	Coastguard Incident No:	063759

At 10.33am on Monday 28th August 2006, Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat had just launched, prior to their **Annual Lifeboat Fete**. Due to the very low tide, it had been decided that the lifeboat would have to lie off the harbour till the Fete opened at 1pm. As they were launching, the station mechanic, who had remained on shore, reported seeing smoke coming from a diveboat just south of Seahouses. The Lifeboat contacted the Coastguard by radio concerning this sighting, who were unaware of any incident. The lifeboat had also heard the vessel calling the coastguard by radio which was momentarily unanswered, when the Coastguard advised the lifeboat that they were then in a receipt of a "999" call from the vessel, reporting an electrical fire on board. The lifeboat was alongside the casualty within a few minutes of the information, and an adult female and three children (2 girls and a boy) were taken aboard the lifeboat, while the remaining crew of four men stayed on the vessel, the 25ft rigid inflatable "Moby". Two fire extinguishers from the lifeboat were passed, but the fire appeared out. However the fire seemed to re-ignite after a short while, and the Fire Service were called by Humber Coastguard as a precaution. The vessel was taken in tow to Beadnell, from where it had launched, and Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was requested to be taken by road to launch at Beadnell, so that it could take over the tow from the All Weather Lifeboat in the shallows of Beadnell Bay. This was done and the vessel and crew were safely landed at Beadnell, where they were met by local coastguards from Seahouses, and fire crews from Alnwick and Seahouses. None of the "Moby" 's crew were injured in the incident. Ends.

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