

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

TWO DIVERS CALL AT LIFEBOAT STATION AFTER FEELING UNWELL FOLLOWING A DIVE.

Call Out No:	02	/ 2004			
Day:	Wednesday	Time:	01.19pm	Date:	12/05/04
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	N/A	Direction:	N/A
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	N/A		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Station Landrover	Crew:	John Hanvey, Martin Malone, Ian Malone		
Returned to Station:	2.15pm	Service Duration:	1 hr	Coastguard Incident No:	240

At 1.19pm on Wednesday 12th May 2004, two divers, 46yr and 53 yr, from Yorkshire, who had been diving from the Seahouses Charter Vessel "Glad Tidings", on the wreck of the "Somali" offshore between Seahouses and Beadnell, walked into Seahouses Lifeboat Station, asking for assistance. They were feeling unwell, and the Station Mechanic and other crew on station at the time, gave the men oxygen and called an ambulance. Humber Coastguard were also alerted, and a helicopter was put on stand by.

On arrival of paramedics, it was decided that the men required treatment at a decompression (hyperbaric) chamber, the nearest being at Hull Hospital. They were transferred to an RAF Rescue Helicopter from RAF Leconfield, as the Boulmer aircraft was unavailable, and flown to Hull for treatment. It is now believed that these divers may have run out of air at 28 metres, and surfaced in $\frac{3}{4}$ minute.

Ends.