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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 20/2005

DIVER CRITICALLY INJURED BY BOAT PROPELLORS

Call Out No:	20	/ 2005			
Day:	Saturday	Time:	11.38am	Date:	13 th August 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 4	Direction:	Southerly
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Station Landrover	Crew: -	Ian Clayton, Ian Fisher, John Hanvey, Gary and Zeddy Annison	Landrover / Shore Crew:	
Returned to Station:	12.35pm	Service Duration:	1 Hour	Coastguard Incident No:	024151

At 11.38am on **Saturday 13th August, 2005**, Humber Coastguard received a report from Seahouses Passenger Vessel "Glad Tidings" of a serious incident involving a diver with serious leg injuries. It transpired that he was from the Seahouses Charter Vessel "**Sovereign**". One of the party of divers from "**Sovereign**", had been struck by the vessel's propellers, and had sustained the injury. The diver had been rescued from the water by Dive Rib "Moby", and was on route back to Seahouses, requesting urgent medical assistance. The Lifeboat Crew and Local Coastguards were alerted and met the dive rib "Moby" at Seahouses, with RNLI Marine First Aid Equipment, Oxygen and Entonox (pain killing gas). The Diver was given emergency first aid, and was still just conscious at that time. He had suffered horrific and traumatic injury to both legs, and lost his lower left leg. Two doctors on holiday in the area also assisted, and were joined by a third trauma doctor, who had been diving off Seahouses, and who raced back aboard another dive rib, to offer assistance. The casualty was transferred to the ambulance on its arrival, and taken to the emergency helicopter landing site on Seafield Road, where it was met by the Air Ambulance which had been dispatched from Teeside. The trauma doctor, still in his diving suit, travelled in the helicopter with the casualty to Newcastle General Hospital, as the diver's condition was believed to be critical. Northumbria Police, HM Coastguard and the Marine Accident Investigation Bureau are conducting a formal enquiry. The diver was a 39yr old male from Loughborough. No further information is available at this time, due to the ongoing investigation.

Despite the best efforts of the Newcastle General Hospital Medical Team, sadly this man's other leg had to be amputated because of the severity of his injuries. Ends.

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