

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**



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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 24/2005

DIVER WITH BENDS SYMPTOMS AT SEAHOUSES HARBOUR

Call Out No:	24	/ 2005			
Day:	Friday	Time:	3.04pm	Date:	26/08/2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 5	Direction:	West
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Moderate		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Station Landrover	Crew: -	John Hanvey, Ian Clayton, Michael Douglas, Eric Stanwix	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Kerensa Airey, Paul Allison
Returned to Station:	3.40pm	Service Duration:	35mins	Coastguard Incident No:	026231

At **3.04pm** on **Friday, 26th August 2005**, Humber Coastguard received the report of a diver who had taken ill with symptoms of the Bends, which is a potentially life threatening condition. An ambulance was called, and the RAF Helicopter from Boulmer was tasked. Seahouses RNLI Lifeboat Crew were also requested to assist, as the ill diver was running out of oxygen. The crew eventually treated the diver on the pier at Seahouses, with a further supply of oxygen, and kept him warm with blankets, without the need to launch either lifeboat. The Helicopter winched the diver from the end of the main breakwater at Seahouses, and flew him directly to Aberdeen, being the nearest available decompression chamber.

The diver was 49 yrs of age, from the Wrexham area of Wales, and one of a party of divers from the Wrexham Seals BSAC Diving Club. He had had two dives that day, from the charter boat Sovereign 3 and 4, and had not been especially deep, or done anything specific to induce his condition.

Ends.