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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 5/2005

DISTRESS CALL FROM DIVE RIB, ON FIRE NEAR SEAHOUSES.

Day/Date:	Sat 30 Apr 2005	Time:	7.44pm
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed/Direction:	Force 3 South East
Visibility:	Fine	Sea State:	Slight
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	All Weather Lifeboat	Crew: - Mersey LIFEBOAT	Michael Douglas, Zeddy Annison, Ian Clayton, Eric Stanwix, Neil Calvert, Stuart Patterson
Shore Launching Crew:	Sandie Straughan, Ian Malone, Paul Allison.	Returned to Station:	9.15pm
Service Duration:	1hr 30 mins	Coastguard Inc. No:	010518

At 7.44pm, on **Saturday 23rd April, 2005**, Humber Coastguard received a VHF radio message from a RIB Diveboat (Rigid Inflatable Boat), which was faint and unclear, but reported that the boat, with one person on board, was on fire and from Seahouses. Seahouses Lifeboat Crew were paged for immediate launch, launching within 6 minutes of being alerted. Meanwhile the Coastguard were able to fix the vessel's exact position as 800 metres east of Newton Point, so Craster Inshore Lifeboat was also launched. The Craster Lifeboat reached the RIB before Seahouses Lifeboat, and the yacht "Yameka" had also responded to the distress call, and was alongside the RIB. Craster Lifeboat took the RIB in tow to the shore at Newton Haven. It was then established that the RIB had launched from Seahouses, and the trailer and owner's vehicle were at Seahouses. Seahouses Lifeboat had meanwhile continued to the scene, in case further assistance was required. It was then decided that the Seahouses Lifeboat would take the RIB in tow back to Seahouses where the owner could recover it onto it onto its trailer. The RIB had suffered a turbo failure, and the skipper had attempted to limp back to Seahouses, but further engine problems caused a small fire to break out. The fire was extinguished fairly quickly. The RIB was towed to Seahouses, and the owner was able to recover his boat onto a trailer for repair. No medical assistance was required by the vessel's skipper.

The skipper/owner was from Chesterfield, and staying temporarily in Seahouses.

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