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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 007 & 008/ 2010

DIVE BOAT REQUESTS URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNCONSCIOUS DIVER

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sat 3 rd Apr 15.50hr	16:24hr	Both Lifeboats	Part cloudy, fine.	NNE Force 3	Slight	Very Good

At 15.49hr on **Saturday 3rd April 2010**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager, and informed him that a Dive RIB off Beadnell, had reported that a member of their dive party had collapsed and was unconscious. CPR was being given, and they were making all speed to the shore, requesting urgent medical assistance. It was not known if other divers were still in the water at this stage. The LOM directed that both Seahouses Lifeboats be paged for immediate launch.

On arrival of the Lifeboats at the scene, the dive RIB had reached the shore where ambulance personnel and local coastguards were carrying out resuscitation procedures, and it was confirmed that all the divers were safely ashore. An RAF Seaking from RAF Boulmer had also arrived on scene, The casualty was airlifted without delay and flown directly to Wansbeck Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. It is not believed at this stage, that his death was connected to any diving related activity, and police are now conducting enquiries on behalf of the Coroner.

Once the casualty, a 57yr old male from West Yorkshire, had been airlifted, both lifeboats were stood down and returned to station. ***The Station would like to extend their deepest condolences to his family and colleagues.***

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Photo shows crew looking on as helicopter winches the diver aboard.



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