

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE

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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 018/ 2010

FEMALE DIVER WITH POSSIBLE BENDS

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sat 22nd May 11.27hr	12:20hr	Inshore Lifeboat	Sunny, slight haze.	SE Force 2/3	Slight	Good

At 11:27hr on **Saturday 22nd May, 2010**, **Humber Coastguard** requested the launch of the **Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat**, to go to the assistance of a female diver aboard a commercial charter RIB (rigid inflatable boat) "Farne Discovery", which had launched from Beadnell. The dive party had been diving off Longstone Island, when the female diver had made a rapid ascent, missing some decompressions stops. There were now concerns for her condition aboard the boat, that she could be suffering from decompression sickness (Bends) which can be life threatening. She was being given oxygen aboard the boat. Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat launched, and the crew assisted the diver with additional oxygen, and fired an orange smoke flare to guide the helicopter from RAF Boulmer, which had also been tasked. The diver was airlifted by the helicopter, and flown directly to the nearest decompression chamber at Hull. Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented, "This was a quite common diving occurrence, and the emergency services response went very smoothly, enabling the ill diver to get the correct treatment as quickly as possible. Hopefully she will make a full recovery." Once the diver was safely aboard the helicopter, the Lifeboat returned to station, and the "Farne Discovery" continued its diving activities.

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