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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 020-021/2008

DIVE BOAT WITH SEIZED ENGINE NEAR FARNE ISLANDS, 6 PERSONS ON BOARD

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
12.34hr	13.15hr	Both Lifeboats	Gusty breeze	F5/6 SSE	Choppy/rough in tide	Good

At **12.34pm** on **Sunday 17th August 2008**, Humber Coastguard paged Seahouses Lifeboat, reporting that the Dive RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) "**Cardrews**" with six persons on board, had suffered a seized engine near the Farne Islands, and was requesting assistance. Sea conditions were quite choppy and rough in the tidal flow area around the Islands. It was decided to launch both Seahouses Lifeboats, and the Inshore Lifeboat "Peter Downes" located the boat and went alongside at 12.47pm, and the All Weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling" reached the vessel at 12.50pm. Five of the divers were taken aboard the All Weather Lifeboat, and the RIB was taken in tow to Seahouses, in the lee of the land to keep out of the rougher water. Two of the divers were suffering from sea sickness. On reaching Seahouses, the RIB was trailered away for repair by its crew. The divers are believed to be from the Oldham area of Manchester,

Seahouses Lifeboats then proceeded to the Annual Beadnell Regatta for a pre arranged publicity visit.



Photo shows the RIB under tow by Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat, being shadowed by the Inshore Lifeboat "Peter Downes" with the Farne Islands in the background.

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