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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 26 & 27 / 2008

DISTRESS CALL FROM DIVE BOAT AT FARNE ISLANDS

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sunday 24th August 2008	16.43hr	Both Lifeboats	Part Cloudy	SSW Force 4	Slight	Good

At **16.44pm** on **Sunday 24th August 2008**, Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager had been monitoring the marine radio channels, when he heard the Dive RIB "Pennine Diver" calling Humber Coastguard repeatedly. The female radio operator was obviously excited and sounded to be panicking. Still monitoring the radio, he made his way immediatly to the Boathouse. Humber CG acknowledged the call, but failed to make communication. Seahouses Boathouse called the casualty and requested their position, and again this was not answered. Then the words "**MAYDAY - MAYDAY - MAYDAY** - Pennine Diver" were heard. The LOM phoned the boathouse, and directed the pagers to be activated for both Lifeboats by crew on station, and he then informed Humber Coastguard. The casualty was believed to be in the vicinity of the Farne Islands. As the Inshore Lifeboat was at the waters edge about to launch and the ALB had been tractored to the top of the slip, Humber Coastguard reported making contact with the vessel, which had other boats alongside. All was now well, the boat had grounded but the engine was still operational and the boat was safe and afloat. No further assistance was required and the casualty was able to proceed unaided. Both Lifeboats were stood down and returned to station. No other information is known about the casualties, other than they launched from Seahouses.

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