

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - **RNLI NEWS RELEASE**

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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 34 & 35 / 2010

DIVER MISSING IN BEADNELL BAY FROM DIVE BOAT

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Fri 23 rd July 2010 22.55hr	00:15hr	Both Lifeboats	Fine	S Force 2	Calm	Good

At 22.52hr on Friday 23rd July, 2010, Humber Coastguard contacted the Seahouses Lifeboat Operations Manager, and requested the launch of **Seahouses Lifeboat**, to a report of a missing diver in Beadnell Bay, from an inflatable dive boat "Rees One". The dive boat was reported to have three adults and two children aboard (including the missing diver). Both Lifeboat Crews were paged for immediate launch and were quickly on the scene. It was then reported that the missing diver had been located and recovered by the dive boat, but all radio communications had then been lost. Both lifeboats were requested to continue to confirm that everyone was actually safe, and that no medical assistance was required. Local shore based Coastguards from Seahouses were also mobilised.

On arrival at Beadnell, the dive boat was located, and all persons were accounted for and safe. No lights had been displayed on this boat, and the only means of locating their diver in the dark was by voice ! It appears the diver did not have any light or strobe lamp for him to use to attract attention. Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented "***I am concerned that anyone should take a boat out in the dark without proper lights, and then engage in night diving without proper safety equipment. It seems irresponsible, reckless and dangerous. I understand that our crews expressed their concerns to the boat occupants, and I asked Humber Coastguard if their shore based Coastguards could also give these people some appropriate safety advice. This time they were lucky, next time could be very different***".
Ends.

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