

# **SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE***

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# **UNCONSCIOUS DIVER ABOARD CHARTER VESSEL, URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUESTED**

<b>DATE/TIME LAUNCHED</b>	<b>RETURNED TO STATION</b>	<b>LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED</b>	<b>WEATHER</b>	<b>WIND</b>	<b>SEA STATE</b>	<b>VISIBILITY</b>
Sat 28th August 2010 13. 24hr	14.25hr	Both Lifeboats	Cloudy, showers	NNW Force 2	Calm	Good

At 13.19hr on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**, Humber Coastguard requested the urgent launch of both Seahouses Lifeboats, to go to the assistance of the Seahouses based Charter Boat "Ocean Express", which had reported a diver unconscious aboard the vessel at the Knivestone, off Longstone Island at the Farnes. Both Lifeboats were launched without delay, and further information was received that two doctors (divers) were attempting to resuscitate the diver. His condition was very serious. An RAF Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was also scrambled. The Lifeboats were quickly alongside the casualty vessel, and 11 divers were transferred to the vessel "Glad Tidings 7", while the doctors were working on the ill diver. The Lifeboat crew provided additional oxygen and also treated the ill diver's 12yr old son, who was starting to suffer from shock, having been diving with his father. The ill diver and his son were transferred to the helicopter, on its arrival, after being stabilised aboard the charter boat. They were flown directly to Wansbeck Hospital for medical assessment. The Helicopter then refuelled at Boulmer, and returned to Wansbeck Hospital and flew the casualties to the decompression chamber at Hull for further treatment. The Diver is believed to be from the West Yorkshire area, possibly Huddersfield. The RNLI have no further information at this time about their identity. The 11 divers transferred to the "Glad Tidings 7", were then transferred to the All Weather lifeboat and brought back to Seahouses, where they were all met by local Coastguard Rescue personnel.

Both Lifeboats then returned to station.

Ends.

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