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LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 10/2003

DISABLED DIVEBOAT OFF KNIVESTONE, AT FARNE ISLANDS.

Date: Saturday 07/06/03 **Callout time:** 4.35pm **Launch time:** 4.40pm
Wind speed: 2/3 **Wind direction:** SSW **Sea state:** Slight/Moderate
Weather: Clear **Visibility:** Clear/Bright **Casualty:** Broken down
diveboat.

Recovery Time: 6.00pm **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN.325

Location: Off KNIVESTONE, Farne Islands.

Lifeboat: All Weather Mersey "**Grace Darling**"

Crew: *Michael Douglas(Cox), Eric Stanwix(2nd Mech), Ian Fisher, David Fordy, Zeddy Annison, and Neil Calvert.*

Launchers: *Scott Priestley (Tractor), Sandie Straughan, Ian Clayton and Graeme Whillis.*

Details: At 4.35pm on Saturday, 07th June 2003, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance from the 5 1/2 metre Diving RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) "**VOLANTE**", which had suffered engine failure off the Knivestone, at the Farne Islands, and had five divers aboard, some of whom were still in the water. The Coastguard requested immediate launch of the Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat.

The Lifeboat reached the casualty at 5.02pm, and one of the divers who was a mechanic, was able to effect a repair so that the boat could return to Beadnell. They declined the offer of a tow or escort by the Lifeboat, which then returned to station.

The divers are believed to be from the Derbyshire area.

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