



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 17/2003

DIVER WITH BENDS SYMPTOMS AT BEADNELL CAR PARK.

Date: Sunday 06/07/03 **Callout time:** 12.02pm **Launch time:** Immediate
Wind speed: 3/4 **Wind direction:** SW **Sea state:** Moderate, 1.5m swells
Weather: Cloudy **Visibility:** Good **Casualty:** Diver
Recovery Time: 3.10pm **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN.423
Location: Car park, Beadnell. **Lifeboat:** Inshore Lifeboat / Landrover.
Crew: *Ian Clayton, Ian Fisher, Mick Hoyle, Paul Tennent.*
Launchers: N/A

Details: At 12.02pm on Sunday, 6th July 2003, Humber Coastguard received a report that a diver was suffering symptoms of the "Bends", at Beadnell Car Park. Initial reports were a little confused, and it was not clear whether the diver was ashore or coming ashore there. The Coastguards requested that Seahouses Lifeboat Crew attend the scene with oxygen for the diver. Meanwhile a helicopter from RAF Boulmer had been alerted to airlift the diver to hospital at Hull, being the nearest decompression chamber. The Lifeboat crew attended the scene with the Station Landrover, and took the Inshore Lifeboat by road as a precautionary measure in case the diver was not ashore. On reaching the carpark, the diver was located, and the crew administered oxygen till the arrival of the helicopter. The Lifeboat crew, working with the Local Coastguards, marked the landing site on the beach and transported the diver to the beach, where they handed him into the care of the Helicopter crew, for the flight to Hull.(Nearest decompression chamber).

The casualty was a 51 yr old male, believed to be from the Plymouth area.

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