



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 19/2002

TWO MISSING DIVERS OFF FARNE ISLANDS.

Date: Sunday 08/09/02 **Callout time:** 3:25pm **Launch time:** 3:31pm
Wind speed: 2/3 **Wind direction:** SE **Sea state:** Moderate
Weather: Cloudy **Visibility:** Good **Casualty:** Divers
Recovery Time: 4.35pm **Coastguard Incident No:** H.814
Location: Off Farne Islands

Crew: *Mersey Lifeboat* : Michael Douglas (Cox), Graeme Whillis, Eric Stanwix, Paul Tennent, Mick Hoyle.

Inshore Lifeboat : David Fordy, Gary Annison.

Launcher/tractor: Scott Priestley

Details: The 5 metre dive rib "Felix" reported that two divers were overdue/missing, from a dive near the Farne Islands, and requested assistance. Both Lifeboats were requested to launch by Humber Coastguard, to carry out a search. Other local boats in the area also assisted, and the Seahouses passenger vessel Glad Tidings sighted the divers in the water. The Lifeboats were directed towards the casualties, who were reunited with their dive boat, and both Lifeboats returned to station.

Both the missing divers were well and required no medical attention, and returned safely to Beadnell.

Ends.