



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 29/2003

DIVERS WITH BENDS SYMPTOMS BROUGHT TO SEAHOUSES ABOARD CHARTER BOAT.

Date: Saturday 6/09/03 **Callout time:** 1.45pm **Launch time:** N/A.
Wind speed: 2 **Wind direction:** SW **Sea state:** Light, 0.5m swells
Weather: Bright and Clear **Visibility:** Excellent **Casualty:** Two Divers
Recovery Time: N/A **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN 717
Location: Seahouses Harbour. **Lifeboat:** Station Landrover.
Landrover: *John Hanvey, Eric Stanwix and Sandie Straughan.*

Details: At 1.45pm on Saturday 6th September, 2003, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance from the Seahouses Charter Boat "Three Sisters", which had two divers aboard with symptoms of the bends, having surfaced and missed one of their decompression stops. The Coastguards requested the assistance of the Seahouses Lifeboat, as the casualties urgently required oxygen. It was decided to despatch the Station Landrover, which is fully equipped with Oxygen Therapy equipment, because of the number of diving incidents in this area. Crew were paged, and drove to the harbour to meet the "Three Sisters" as it entered the harbour, where the casualties were given oxygen, and then transported to the helicopter landing site at St Aidan's, Seahouses. A Rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer then transported the divers to the Hyperbaric Unit (Decompression Unit) at Hull for treatment.

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