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DIVE BOAT STRIKES ROCK/OBJECT OFF HOLY ISLAND

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Tuesday 21 st Oct 2008 15.42hr	17.15hr	All Weather Lifeboat	Fine	WSW Force 4/5	Choppy	Good

At **3.39pm** on **Tuesday 21st October, 2008**, Humber Coastguard requested Lifeboat assistance to the 6.5m **Dive RIB "Maria"**, which had called for help after striking rocks or an underwater obstruction near Holy Island Haven. The casualty reported that their engine was damaged, their steering was disabled, and there were 8 persons (divers) on board. The RIB had put down its anchor. The Lifeboat crew were paged for immediate launch at 15.41hr, and the Lifeboat launched a few minutes later. At 4.13pm, Seahouses ALB was alongside the casualty, and after attaching a rope and pulling the boat's head into the wind, it was able to lift its anchor. The owner of the RIB [Rigid Inflatable Boat] then accepted a tow from the Lifeboat, and was towed to Seahouses, rather than Holy island as was first suggested by the casualty's owner. The RIB had launched from Beadnell earlier that day. Six of the divers were taken aboard the ALB, leaving two aboard the towed RIB. All were landed safely at Seahouses, and one of the divers was taken to Beadnell by road by one of the shore crew, to collect their vehicle and trailer.

The Lifeboat remained afloat, moored at Seahouses, to carry out their 2 weekly exercise at 1800hr that day.

Ends.