



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 6/2003

DIVE BOAT SUFFERS ENGINE FAILURE OFF THE PINNACLES, AT FARNE ISLANDS.

Date: Sunday 04/05/03 **Callout time:** 3.03pm **Launch time:** 3.12pm
Wind speed: 3/4 **Wind direction:** S **Sea state:** 2m Swells
Weather: Clear **Visibility:** Cloudy/Bright **Casualty:** Broken down
Dive RIB.

Recovery Time: 4.15pm **Coastguard Incident No:** H.215

Location: ½ Mile west of the Pinnacles, Frane Islands.

Crew: *All Weather Lifeboat* : Michael Douglas(Cox'n), John Hanvey(Mech), Eric Stanwix, Zeddy Anison, Ian Fisher, Stuart Patterson, Edward Fordy.

Launchers: Scott Priestley (Tractor) Sandy Straughan (Landrover), Ian Malone, Ian Clayton, John Hanvey(snr).

Details: At 3.03pm on Sunday, 4th May 2003, Humber Coastguard received a call from the 7 ½ metre Dive Boat (RIB) "Deep Blue", which was ½ mile west of the Pinnacles, at the Farne Islands. It had 11 divers aboard, and had suffered mechanical failure. They requested assistance, but were not in immediate danger although the sea was rough in places with a very fresh breeze. The Coastguard requested an immediate launch of the Seahouses all weather Lifeboat "Grace Darling", to proceed to the vessel's assistance. The Lifeboat launched at 3.12pm, and was alongside the casualty at 3.28pm. 9 persons from the dive boat were taken aboard the lifeboat, which then took the RIB in tow back to Seahouses where they were landed safely, and met by local Coastguard personnel. None of the casualties required medical assistance, and the vessel was safely recovered from the water for repairs.

"Deep Blue" is a diving RIB operated by the Dive Centre at North Shields, and its crew of 11 divers had been diving at the Farne Islands, prior to suffering engine failure.

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