

# MARCH 1ST

## Rescuers find crippled speedboat

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The rescue operation was launched after a water skier being towed by the speedboat swam about a mile to the shore at Mablethorpe to raise the alarm.

And when the man, Mr Colin Gough (32), of Mexborough, near Sheffield, was found alive and unhurt, his first request was for a cigarette!

The incident began about tea-time yesterday when the 15ft. speedboat, Lightning, broke down a mile off the beach at Mablethorpe.

It had been towing Mr Dave Ferrell (26), also of Mexborough, who then swam ashore.

He said today: "I lost the tow rope and Colin drifted about 500 yards away from me. There was no chance of me getting to him so I swam for the beach.

"It took me over half an hour and, if the tide had not been coming in, I don't think I could have made it."

The Humber Lifeboat was called out and later joined by the Skegness inshore lifeboat, RAF helicopters from Leconfield and Coltishall, and several fishing vessels, as coastguards and police combed the shoreline.

The Humber lifeboat continued to search throughout the night despite patches of fog, and the helicopters began to look again when dawn came. Eventually the lifeboatmen spotted the drifting speedboat but Mr Gough was well and did not need to be airlifted. His vessel was taken in tow and later landed at Grimsby.

## Hunt for man adrift in boat

LIFEBOATS and rescue helicopters searched the North Sea off Mablethorpe, Lincs., last night for a drifting speedboat with a man on board.

The alarm was raised when the man's companion swam about three miles to shore and alerted coastguards after the boat, which had been launched from Mablethorpe, got into difficulties.

Humber lifeboat and the inshore lifeboat from Skegness were joined by other small boats, and RAF helicopters from Leconfield and Coltishall when the alarm was raised at tea-time.

The search was still going on when darkness fell.

The boat did not have lights, and fog patches and a Force Eight gale made the search difficult.

## Ordeal in speedboat

A MAN whose crippled speedboat was blown out to sea by gale force winds off the East Lincolnshire coast was found alive today after a massive 15-hour air-sea search.

The rescue operation involving two lifeboats, two helicopters, and a small fleet of fishing vessels began after a water-skier being towed by the speedboat swam about a mile to the shore at Mablethorpe to raise the alarm.

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Dave Ferrell (26), also of Mexborough, who then swam ashore.

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### Shoreline

"It took me over half-an-hour and, if the tide had not been coming in, I don't think I could have made it."

Mr. Ferrell said he saw Mr. Gough trying to repair the engine before he disappeared from view.

The Humber lifeboat was called out and later joined by the Skegness inshore lifeboat. Sea King helicopters from RAF Leconfield and RAF Coltishall, and several fishing vessels during the 15-hour search. Coastguards and police combed the shoreline.

When night fell, the helicopters continued to search for a while, eventually going back to base for the night at around 11 pm.

The Humber lifeboat continued to search in the darkness despite patches of fog, and the helicopters began to look again when dawn came. Eventually the lifeboatmen spotted the drifting speedboat, but Mr. Gough was well and did not need to be airlifted. His vessel was taken in tow and later landed at Grimsby.

Mr. Ferrell and three other men, Mr. Gough's brother Carl (22), Mr. Brian Whittington (22) of Swinton, Yorkshire, and Mr. Peter Holmes (34), of Mexborough, who had accompanied Mr. Gough on the water-skiing expedition, waited all night with coastguards and Mablethorpe lifeboatmen while the search went on.

As soon as Mr. Gough was found, Mr. Ferrell said: "We are delighted. It has been a

FLT LT SNOWDEN

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MALM AINSIE

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FLT LT KIRKUP

FLT LT MILLER

MALM AINSLIE

STANDING  
BYSTATION LECONFIELDREG NO XW 293 MAKE JET PROVOSTDATE 31st MARCH 1982 TIME 1020 hrsTHE ABOVE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN REPORTED  
FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

1. NOT REGISTERED ON UNIT



2. PARKED IN NO PARKING AREA



3. NOT DISPLAYING VEHICLE TAG



4. CAUSING OBSTRUCTION



5. NO VALID TAX DISPLAYED



6. PARKED IN A RESTRICTED AREA



7. OTHER REASON LISTED BELOW

FAILING TO CONFORM WITH THE ROAD TRAFFICACT 1972 SECTION 122

THE OWNER IS TO REPORT TO

THE ☒ GUARDROOM

SIGNED

G Smith  
GUARDROOM STAFF

RANK

Sgt.

G SMITH PROVOST SGT.

MAYDAY CALL FROM JET PROVOST NORTH OF BRIFFIELD  
JET PROVOST LANDED SAFELY AT LECONFIELD!!!

YES ON OUR RUNWAY!!