

MAY

- 6 PIERCE, PRENTICE, AINSLIE. Scarborough ILB took off two from stranded yacht. Helo transferred them to hospital.
- 7 PAISH, DEDMEN, ALLEN. Start of black weekend when youth showing off at Scarborough Esplanade at Castle fell into sea and drowned.
- 7 PIERCE, PRENTICE, AINSLIE. Second standby call out to report of overturned boat at Flamborough wreckage found and identified by Eric doing a walkabout at cliff base.
- 7 PAISH, DEDMEN, ALLEN. Continued search for survivors at Flamborough. 'NORTH WIND' capsized and whilst transferring one survivor to lifeboat Dave Allen injured. Another survivor strop lifted to cliff top. Here endeth second standby for a while.
- 7 PIERCE, PRENTICE, AINSLIE. Called to Flamborough when Dave Allen injured. Lifted tow crew from cliff base and also Coastguards to cliff top.
- 7 PAISH, DEDMEN, BARNES. Barney 'press ganged' to make up crew, search continued at Flamborough, nothing found, watched 'NORTH WIND' smash up and sink.
- 8 PAISH, DEDMEN, BARNES. First light search along cliff base at low tide. Nothing found. Losses yesterday totalled eight with four survivors.
- 10 PAISH, RULE, BARNES. Leconfield strike breakers dispatched to pick up 2 Humberside firemen wicheo onto coal carrying ship 'CLAUS LUHRS' which had a hold fire. Ship eventually unloaded cargo at Grimsby without any pickets present!
- 10 SUTHERLAND, PRENTICE, WILLIAMSON. CB radio report of boat sinking 10 miles off Skipsea. Someone didn't have his 'ears on' nothing - false alarm.
- 11 PAISH, RULE, BARNES. FV 'SEA LOVER' decided that it dedn't any more and came ashore at Theddlethorpe sans diesel sans rudder sans anchor sans ideas occupant ashore - now renaming boat 'MUD SKIPPER'!
- 16 LONGDEN, DEDMEN, WILLIAMSON. Lowestoft trawler 'RAE ELIZABETH' 50 miles off Flamborough. Fallen crewman stretcher winched flown to Hull RI.
- 22 PIERCE, HEWITT, SCOTT. Training winchman sent on false alarm to Mablethorpe for a missing boy in rubber dinghy.

Crewmen clear up

CREWMEN from the German coaster Claus Luhrs were clearing up today after bringing in a load of smouldering coal brickettes up the River Humber.

A fire in the vessel's Number Two hold was discovered yesterday morning when she was at the Bull anchorage in the Humber Estuary.

Fire officers were flown out to the ship by helicopter from RAF Leconfield and the ship was escorted to Barrow Clay Pits by the Humber's latest fire-fighting tug, the Lady Susan.

The fire is thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion which is not unusual when coal is kept in a confined space.

The Claus Luhrs was met at the South Bank wharf by four Humberside fire engines.

A spokesman for the Brigade said: "The section of the cargo which had been on fire was unloaded on to the quayside and extinguished by officers.

Damping-down continued during the afternoon until 5.40pm.

The fire engines had been sent to the Clay Pits from

Immingham, Barton and West Hull.

While the coal brickettes were being unloaded, lorries were already queuing up to take the domestic fuel to customers all over the country.

Dockers at Hull, Grimsby, and Immingham had earlier agreed to unload the coal in an emergency but they said it would remain on the docks for the duration of the miners' strike.

The decision was then made to take the coal to its original destination escorted by Humber Tugs' Lady Susan.

Crews saved in sea dramas

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

TEN PEOPLE, including four children, were rescued in two incidents off the Yorkshire coast at the weekend.

An RAF helicopter from Leconfield took Mr. Len Parkin, of the Post office, Eastfield, Scarborough, to Scarborough Hospital after his yacht, Liz Audi, went aground on rocks at Burniston yesterday.

He went home later. His son also went to hospital suffering from shock and cold.

Three girls in their yacht were taken off the had a listing boat on the

Bridlington boat capsizes in search for another missing vessel

Seven die in double fishing tragedy

By MICHAEL STATHERS, ALAN WHITEHOUSE and ROBERT SCHOFIELD

SEVEN men were feared dead last night in the worst fishing tragedy on the Yorkshire coast for more than a decade.

The victims came from two fishing cobs.

The second had set out to help in the search for the first when it was flipped over by a succession of big waves just off shore at Flamborough Head.

The double tragedy began early yesterday when a Bridlington-based fishing coble, the Carol Sandra, set out to check crab pots off Flamborough Head. She was carrying three crewmen and a passenger.

The alarm was raised when holidaymakers walking along the clifftops reported a smell of diesel fuel to coastguards. They also thought they had seen the upturned hull of a boat.

Lifeboats from Filey, Flamborough and Bridlington were turned out. So was an RAF helicopter from Leconfield. And a small fleet of fishing boats also joined in the search.

One of these boats, the North Wind, came close inshore to investigate pieces of wreckage. She got into difficulties and was overturned.

A second RAF helicopter managed to winch two of the seven men aboard to safety.

Two others also reached safety.

The remaining three were thought to have scrambled ashore, but a helicopter search of the cliffs later failed to find any trace of them.

Humberside Police confirmed last night that all seven people unaccounted for are officially missing, presumed dead.

The four men now thought to be lost from the Carol Sandra were later named as Mr. Guy Brigham, aged 62, of Woodcock Road, Flamborough, the boat's owner; his son, Mr. Peter Brigham, 29, a crewman, Mr. Robert George Gray, 19, of North Marine Road, Flamborough, and a passenger, Mr. Barrie Shilton, of St. Margaret's Road, Horsforth, Leeds.

Mr. Shilton was on holiday with his wife, Joan, at their weekend holiday cottage at Flamborough.

Exactly what happened to the Carol Sandra may never be known. But last night rescue workers were speculating that she had been overcome by a large wave while hauling in her crab pots.

The secretary of the Flamborough lifeboat, Mr. George Bayes, said: "There was a heavy swell running at the time, and it may be that they snagged their gear and were just pushed over by the sea."

And one fishing boat skipper added: "The Carol Sandra did not have time to make a radio call, so we do not know exactly where she went down. We are finding wreckage all over the place."

"Often there are freak waves in this area and one could have caught her before the crew had time to ask for help."

The Brigham family were too upset to speak about the tragedy last night.

The parents of Mr. Gray said they were still clinging to a hope that he is still alive. His father, Mr. William Gray, a retired detective, who settled in the area 11 years ago, said: "We are still praying he will turn up alive. We cannot believe this has happened."

"We heard the maroon go off at lunchtime, and went down to the clifftop to see what was happening. We never thought it would be Robert."

His mother, Joyce, added: "Robert left the house at 4 a.m. This was the only job he could get, but he was happy doing it."

The second disaster was witnessed by sightseers on the clifftops around Flamborough Head. One of them, Mr. Martin Bush, of Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, described what happened.

He said: "I had taken a colleague from Germany on a sightseeing trip. We saw the boat coming further and further inshore. It was zig-zagging as though it was fighting against the current. It got close to the cliffs, and people were running around on deck."

"A large wave rolled it almost completely over. We saw one man thrown overboard. The boat righted itself and almost immediately a second wave threw it over completely. A helicopter arrived and we saw people hoisted aboard it. We thought the others had managed to scramble to the beach."

The North Wind, with a

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Double fishing tragedy

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two-man crew, was carrying five anglers from Doncaster on a sea-fishing trip. Among the four rescued were the boat's owner, Mr. Palmer Cockerill, and his son, David John Cockerill, both of Roseberry Avenue, Bridlington.

The other survivors from the North Wind were Mr. Alan Sutcliffe, of Limes Terrace, Skellow, Doncaster, and Mr. Roger Mokryj, of Longham Avenue, Kirk Sandal, Doncaster.

The Doncaster men were workmates at the East Midlands Gas Board and went on regular fishing trips together.

Mr. Sutcliffe was in Bridlington Hospital suffering from exposure and Mr. Mokryj was also being detained overnight. Police in Doncaster were still trying to trace relatives of the three missing men last night.

The whole rescue operation was dogged by bad luck.

Two of the lifeboats in the search had to break off because of a fouled propeller and an engine failure, and a helicopter winchman was hurt after becoming trapped in the winching gear.

The winchman, Master Air Loadmaster David Allen, based at RAF Leconfield, hauled two people from the North Wind to safety.

He was in Hull Royal Infirmary last night with a broken rib and spinal injuries. His condition was said to be good.

One body was recovered before the search was called off until this morning.

The body, recovered from the south side of Flamborough Head, was that of one of the three missing anglers from the North Wind, according to the Coastguard.

"It was a long way from where the boat went over, and had obviously drifted considerably," the spokesman added.

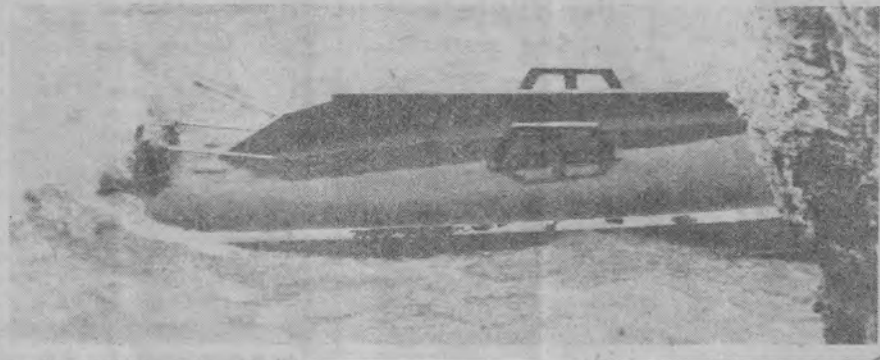
A spokesman for the Coastguard last night held out little hope of finding more survivors.

He said: "Pieces of wreckage have been found close to Flamborough Head. It looks as if the Carol Sandra banged against the bottom of the cliffs and disintegrated.

"It doesn't look as if there is much hope for them. This is undoubtedly



A survivor from the Northwind is winched aboard the RAF helicopter as, below, the wrecked fishing boat lies upturned on the rocks.



a dangerous area. The closer in to the cliffs you go, the more dangerous it gets," he said.

One of the helicopter crew involved in the rescue spoke last night of the difficulties they faced.

Master Navigator, Ron Dedmen said: "It was the stuff of which nightmares are made.

"The cliffs were only 20 yards from the rotor blades and it called for precision handling by the pilot.

"The difficulty was the severity of the swell which was pushing the survivors about rapidly in the water.

"The pilot himself was unable to see the survivors and he relied on the verbal instructions of a second crew member, in this case myself, for his directions.

"The problem was manoeuvring with the cliffs so close. If this incident had happened a mile out to sea we could probably have picked them all up.

"We had to hover between 40 and 50ft. above the survivors because of the swell and the height of the boat in the water. This made the winchman's task difficult."

SCARBOROUGH'S two lifeboats and an RAF rescue helicopter were also called out to search for a youth swept out to sea by a large wave. His body was later recovered by the inshore lifeboat.

Police were last night trying to establish his identity. He is believed to be aged between 16 and 18 with shoulder length dark hair.

A motorist at the town's Marine Drive twice tried to throw him a lifebelt, but both times, the youth was unable to catch it. He is understood to have climbed down a set of rungs in the sea walls when he was swept off by the wave.



HIGH FLIERS: The Mayor of Beverley, Coun. Harry Flynn, and his wife, Marion, yesterday fulfilled an ambition to look down on their town — thanks to Fl.-Lt. John Sutherland.

He took the couple on a 50-minute flight in his RAF Air Sea Rescue Wessex helicopter, based at Leconfield.

They flew at more than 100mph over the Beverley district, including local landmarks such as the Humber Bridge and Beverley Minster.

The Mayor and Mayoress, who chatted to airmen in the crew room before the flight, end their term of office this month.

ANOTHER DAY IN MAY.