

MARCH 1983

- 5th. Flt Lt Andy Kirkup. Flt Lt Andy Miller. Sgt Terry Williamson.
Two rather grateful windsurfers off Withernsea who chose to take up the sport in a strong west wind. Next stop could well have been Norway for them until Terry got stroppy and lifted them up. They were deposited on the beach with HM Coastguard (few sharp words?) and lucky enough to have their sail-boards recovered by said HM Coastguard inflatable!!!!!!
- 6th. Sqn Ldr Jeff Whitehead. Flt Lt Mark Hewitt. Flt Sgt Warwick Laken.
This happy crew were drum winching off Hornsea when a vessel on Channel 'O' reported that they had just picked up a chap out of the water near Bridlington and he, the chap picked up, said that his father in law was still in the water in the area where their fishing dinghy had capsized. Reactions were somewhat rapid - the friendly yellow bird was there in less than five, but to no avail as the other person picked up had already drowned. He was 'worked on' without success on the way to Hull R.I.
- 14th. Sqn Ldr Jeff Whitehead. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. Master ALM Gordon Davies.
Less than five minutes to get airborne at 4 in the afternoon when up on 'O' came Humber Coastguard with reports of a helicopter crashing by the Fish Dock in Hull. Despite the rapid response, on arrival the crew found very little but bits and pieces in the water. The Captain of the helicopter had been picked up by a boat - the other two were later found still strapped in their seats by divers. It appears the helicopter was filming for Yorkshire TV and literally flew backwards into the mast of a coaster.
- 30th. Flt Lt John Sutherland. Flt Lt Andy Miller. Flt Sgt Warwick Laken.
A rather sad tale of an old lady who had just lost her husband, and who left a suicide note on the Flamborough Cliffs. Search made, nothing found.

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Two saved
by 'copter

TWO windsurfers who got into difficulties off Withernsea this afternoon were rescued by an RAF helicopter from Leconfield. They had been seen to fire red flares.

The men, who were about a mile offshore, were landed safely on the beach.

Angler dies after boat capsizes

A MAN died after his small fishing boat capsized off Bridlington yesterday. His son-in-law was saved after being pulled from the sea aboard a fishing boat.

Mr. Leslie Gray, 50, of Sewerby Crescent, Bridlington, was pulled from the sea by a helicopter from RAF Leconfield but was found to be dead on arrival at Hull Royal Infirmary.

His son-in-law, Ian Moorhouse, 25, of

Owthorne Walk, Bridlington, was pulled to safety aboard the Bridlington fishing boat, Callarius.

Both men are believed to have left Fraisthorpe a few miles south of Bridlington, on a fishing trip.

Mr. Moorhouse was detained last night in Lloyd Hospital, Bridlington, suffering from hypothermia.

He was spotted clinging to the boat by the owner of the Callarius, Mr. David Pockney.

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

He said: "We pulled him on board and he told us there was somebody else in the water."

"The Humber coast-guard told us to stand-by until a helicopter from Leconfield arrived to search for the other man."

A BOY drowned yesterday in spite of attempts by a policeman and his father to save him.

Richard Rouse, 17, of Waveney Road, Longhill Estate, Hull, fell into a

land drain near his home yesterday afternoon.

His father, Mr. Leslie Rouse and PC Eddie Kershaw of the Tower Grange station in Hull, jumped into the Holderness drain after the alarm had been raised.

Neither were able to find the boy. His body was found later by officers of the police underwater search unit and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.

Police said last night that there were no suspicious circumstances.

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- 7 FEB 1983

Mountain team
find body

Mountain rescue teams searching for a missing fell walker found a frozen body yesterday.

Men from the RAF using a helicopter were also involved in the search on the slopes of Ingleborough, North Yorkshire, for missing accountant John Blakey, aged 35, of Liverpool, who became separated from a companion after they set out to scale the 2,300-foot peak.

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Rt LT ANDY MILLER
F SGT STEVE LYNCH

Angler dies in boating tragedy

A FORMER policeman was drowned, but his son-in-law was rescued when their small boat capsized off Bridlington yesterday, throwing them into the choppy water.

Mr Leslie Gray (49), of 37, Sewerby Crescent, Bridlington, had set off with his son-in-law, Mr Ian Moorhouse (24), of 23, Owthorne Walk, Bridlington, to go fishing in their red fibreglass boat.

The figure of Mr Moorhouse was spotted clinging to the upturned boat a mile and a half off the resort by Skipper David Pockley as he returned to the harbour after a day's fishing in his coble, Callarias.

Helped by crew members, Mr Mike Potter and Mr Tony Lloyd, the skipper pulled Mr Moorhouse on board and then made an emergency call to alert coastguards at Bridlington.

"He kept asking us to look for his father-in-law who had been in the boat with him," said Mr Pockley, of St. Wilfred's Road, Bridlington. "We circled around the area but all we could see was debris from the boat. There was no sign of anyone else."

WINCHED UP

Rescue services asked Mr Pockley to remain at the

scene with his rescued passenger still on board, until a helicopter from RAF Leconfield, which had been taking part in exercises off Hornsea arrived at the scene and spotted Mr Gray in the water. He was winched into the helicopter and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary, but found to be dead on arrival.

Mr Potter, of 1, Clarke Crescent, Bempton, said he recognised the rescued man as soon as they pulled him from the water, as a former schoolfriend.

"He had been in the water about 20 minutes, and was very agitated when we took him aboard. He kept asking us to find his father-in-law," said Mr Potter, who had been a pupil at Headlands School, Bridlington, at the same time as Mr Moorhouse.

When the Callarias arrived back in harbour, a waiting coastguard vehicle took Mr Moorhouse to Lloyd Hospital, Bridlington, where he was detained overnight and treated for hypothermia.

Falklands fund pay-out

THE 135 Falklands war widows will soon get their final shares of the South Atlantic Fund — an average of between £30,000 and £50,000 each, fund secretary Captain Tony Lambourn, RN, said



Survivor Ian Moorhouse (left) helped ashore after the tragedy.

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Man dies after dinghy capsizes

A former Humberside police officer died yesterday after his dinghy capsized off Fraisthorpe, south of Bridlington.

But his son-in-law was picked up from the water by a fishing coble.

Mr Leslie Harry Gray (49), of 37 Sewerby Crescent, Bridlington, was pulled out of the sea by

an RAF helicopter from Leconfield, but was dead on arrival at Hull Royal Infirmary.

Mr Ian Moorhouse (24), of 23 Owthorne Walk, Bridlington, his son-in-law, was pulled to safety by the coble Callarias, which took him ashore. He was taken to Lloyd Hospital suffering from hypothermia.

His condition was described today as comfortable, and he is expected to be released tomorrow.

The men are believed to have left Fraisthorpe on a fishing trip, and it is thought that the dinghy was on its way to shore when it was swamped and overturned by a large wave.

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CLIFF SEARCH FOR MAN

Police, coastguards, and an RAF helicopter crew were today searching Flamborough cliffs for a Leeds man thought to be suffering from a bout of depression.

The man's Triumph Dolomite was found on the cliff-top at North Landing. A cloth cap similar to his was later found on a beach nearby.

The man is Richard Butters (43), of Woodlesford.

The alarm was raised last night. Police, coastguards, and a helicopter searched the cliff-top and beach below until late, then called off the search until 7 o'clock this morning.

Today, the search, led by Chief-Inspector Bob Kirke, of Bridlington, was stepped up.

A massive search was going on today off Flamborough Head and the Humber coast for a Yorkshire man who phoned police to say he was going to kill himself.

Police, coastguards, cliff rescue teams, fishermen and a helicopter from RAF Leconfield were all taking part in the hunt for Mr. Richard Butters, 43, of Lynwood Crescent, Woodlesford, near Leeds.

The drama began at 7.20 last night when Bridlington police received a 999 call from Mr. Butters, who is said to have been suffering from depression.

He said he was going to commit suicide and his car would be found at the North Landing at Flamborough.

CLOTH CAP

His Triumph Dolomite was found abandoned in the car park there and the search got underway.

A cloth cap was recovered from the sea off East Scarr, North Landing, similar to one in Mr. Butters' possession.

Mr. Butters was last seen by his wife, Eileen, when she left for work at 8 a.m. yesterday. Just over an hour later he phoned her to say he was going out in his car and taking his camera.

The couple have a 20-year-old son living with them.

SEARCHED ON AN
INSTRUMENT FLYING TRAINING SORTIE!

Copter wreck hunt goes on

By GEOFF FORD

THREE ships and a team of police and coastguards were scouring the Humber and its shoreline today in an effort to locate the wreckage and occupants of the helicopter which plunged into the river after crashing into the mast of a ship off Hull Corporation Pier.

The pilot, Capt. Mark Thimble, of Devon, dived under the water to look for his passengers before allowing himself to be pulled from the river by a deckhand on the Humber Pilot launch Gertrude.

He was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary with head injuries after the crash yesterday and was today said to be satisfactory.

The passengers, a two-man Yorkshire Television film crew, went down with the helicopter and are believed to be trapped inside. They are director David St. David-Smith (39) from Kirkstall, Leeds, and cameraman Graham Baker (38), from Harrogate. Both are married with children, and were working on a documentary for Clegg's People at the time.

At first light today coastguards from Cleethorpes and Donna Nook began a foot patrol along the Humber Bank from the bridge towards the sea.

They were joined by police from the Humberside and British Transport forces, and a helicopter from RAF Leconfield was expected to scour the estuary at low tide this afternoon.

Three Associated British Ports survey launches, including one from Grimsby, joined other shipping in the search for the wreckage, and both police and civilian diving teams were standing by.

Copter hits ship — TV men missing

A HELICOPTER which hit a ship's mast yesterday while carrying a Yorkshire TV crew was being blown backwards at the time, said eyewitnesses.

Two men were still missing as darkness fell, but the pilot was rescued after the crash, which sent the helicopter into the River Humber, off Hull Pier. Capt. Mark Trumble, of South Devon, is in Hull Royal Infirmary with severe shock and slight head and arm injuries. His condition is "satisfactory".

The two missing men were named later as cameraman Graham Barker, from Hampsthwaite, near Harrogate, Yorks, and David St David Smith, a director of filming, from Leeds.

Ship repairer Mr Malcolm MacDonald, said the pilot appeared unaware that a coaster was approaching from behind. The helicopter collided with the ship's mast, the tail fell off and the aircraft crashed into the river alongside the coaster, he said.

Mr Roy Campbell, a Humber pilot, said he saw a cameraman sitting in the open doorway with his legs outside.

The only person to leave the wreckage was the pilot, who was picked up immediately by the Humber pilot launch.

A team of divers were called in to search for the missing men and to recover the wreckage of the £200,000 Squirrel helicopter. The craft is owned by Colt Aviation, of Staverton, Glos, part of the Japanese Colt cars company.

The company's chief helicopter pilot, Capt. Robert Kellie, said: "There will be an inquiry, so we cannot comment about the circumstances of the accident."

The helicopter, one of a fleet of four, was often used for TV filming.

The film was to be used in a local documentary called Clegg's People, dealing with land erosion on the North-east coast.

The ship involved in the collision, the East German coaster, Zuszow, joined the search for the two missing men. Other ships and a helicopter from RAF Leconfield took part.

The search for the two missing men will be resumed today.

YTV crew in air crash

A HELICOPTER which collided with a ship's mast yesterday while carrying a YTV crew was being blown backwards at the time, according to eyewitnesses.

Two men were still missing as darkness fell, but the pilot was rescued after the crash, which sent the helicopter into the River Humber, off Hull Pier.

Captain Mark Trumble of South Devon, was in Hull Royal Infirmary with severe shock and slight head and arm injuries. His condition was satisfactory.

Malcolm MacDonald, of Hull, a ship repairer, said the pilot appeared unaware that a coaster was approaching from behind.

As the helicopter collided with the ship's mast, the tail fell off and the aircraft crashed into the river alongside the coaster, he said.

A TV spokesman said: "We do not yet know which of our staff was on board the helicopter when it crashed."

"Captain Trumble had worked for us many times before. Three years ago he escaped unhurt with a cameraman when his helicopter crashed in Morecambe Bay."

The film the crew was working on was to be used in an episode of Clegg's People, dealing with land erosion.

The ship involved in the collision, the East German coaster, Zuszow, joined the search for the two missing men. Other ships and a helicopter from RAF Leconfield took part.

The helicopter was owned by Colt Aviation Ltd, of Staverton, Gloucestershire, part of the Japanese Colt cars company, and the company's chief helicopter pilot, Capt Robert Kellie, said: "There will be an inquiry, so we cannot comment about the circumstances of the accident."

It was one of a fleet of four, and was often used for TV filming.

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'Copter crashes

ONE MAN was taken to hospital and two more were missing last night after a helicopter and a ship collided in the Humber Estuary.

The helicopter was being used in filming a regional TV documentary about the erosion of Spurn Point.

A Humberside Police spokesman said the helicopter pilot had been taken to Hull Royal Infirmary for treatment suffering from shock and other injuries.

A coastguard said the helicopter crashed into the foremast of the Polish vessel, Zussow.

A search and rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield was sent to assist in the recovery.

Mr Roy Campbell, a Humber pilot, said he saw a cameraman sitting in the open doorway of the helicopter with his legs outside.

The helicopter collided with the ship's mast, the tail fell off and the aircraft crashed into the river.

A team of divers was called in to search for the missing men and to recover the wreckage of the £200,000 Squirrel helicopter.

The 'copter is owned by Colt Aviation Ltd, of Staverton, Glos, part of the Japanese Colt cars company. It was one of a fleet of four.

The condition of the helicopter pilot, Mr Mark Trumble, was said to be "satisfactory".

TV crew men feared dead after helicopter crashes

By IAN KEY

TWO television crew men were feared dead last night after the helicopter they were filming from hit a ship and plunged into an estuary.

The pilot was rescued and was recovering in hospital last night as an RAF helicopter, other ships and divers continued to search for the missing men.

The accident happened in the Humber estuary off Hull while the TV men, a cameraman and director from Yorkshire TV, who were not named, were shooting ships manoeuvring on the river.

The £200,000 Squirrel helicopter was flying backwards when it clipped the mast of the 299-ton East German cargo ship Zussow and crashed into the fast-flowing tide.

The Humber pilot launch immedi-

ately went to the wreckage and picked up the pilot, Captain Mark Trumble. He was taken to hospital with head injuries and last night his condition was said to be satisfactory.

Witnesses said Captain Trumble dived several times in an attempt to save his passengers before he was pulled out.

Ship repairer Malcolm MacDonald, 37, said: 'The helicopter was hovering over the ships and began moving backwards, apparently unaware a ship was coming up behind.'

'We could see an accident was inevitable, but there was nothing we could do. The helicopter struck the mast of the ship, the tail fell off and

the aircraft toppled sideways and crashed into the river. It was all over in seconds.'

The helicopter, owned by the Gloucestershire-based Colt Aviation Company, was on hire to Yorkshire TV for filming a programme in their regional series Clegg's People.

The episode was to be about the Humber Estuary, its tides, dangers and shipping.

The company said a film crew of seven was involved in yesterday's shooting and they could not say which two were on board the helicopter.

Captain Trumble, from South Devon, has worked for YTV on many occasions and survived a crash three years ago while working for them. He and a cameraman escaped unhurt when their helicopter crashed in Morecambe Bay.

Two missing in copter plunge

TWO MEN were missing late this afternoon after a civilian helicopter plunged into the Humber.

The machine crashed into the river off Sammy's Point, close to the junction of the River Hull and the Humber close to the old Hull ferry terminal.

The Humber pilot cutter Gertrude was among the first vessels on the scene and it is believed she picked up one survivor.

An RAF rescue helicopter from Leconfield later flew the man to Hull Royal Infirmary.

It is believed the helicopter struck the mast of a small cargo vessel while flying low across the river before plunging into the water.

Filming work

The Leconfield helicopter later joined other small vessels in searching a mile-long section of the river upstream in the direction of the Humber Bridge.

It is understood the helicopter may have been engaged on filming work at the time of the crash, shortly before 4 pm.

Minutes earlier a blue-and-silver helicopter had been seen flying over the Humber Bridge in the direction of Hull.

A diving team was called early this evening to look for the wreckage of the machine.

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TV crew feared dead in air crash

One man was taken to hospital and two were believed missing after a helicopter chartered by Yorkshire Television and a ship collided in the Humber Estuary yesterday.

The helicopter was being used in filming the programme Clegg's People. Witnesses said it was blown backwards into the ship's mast.

A Humberside police spokesman said Capt. Mark Trumble, of South Devon, the helicopter pilot, had been taken to Hull Royal Infirmary suffering from severe shock, but he could not immediately confirm that a body had been recovered.

A coastguard said the helicopter crashed into the foremast of the Polish vessel, Zussow. A rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield was sent to the scene.

A Yorkshire Television spokesman confirmed later that the crashed helicopter was on hire for filming a documentary about the erosion of Spurn Point. He said it as likely to have been carrying pilot, a cameraman and the director but was unable to name those missing.

TWO TV MEN MISSING AFTER COPTER CRASHES

Collides with ship's mast during filming

A helicopter which collided with a ship's mast yesterday while carrying members of a television team, was being blown backwards at the time, said eye-witnesses.

Two men were still missing as darkness fell, but the pilot was rescued after the crash, which sent the helicopter into the River Humber, off Hull Pier. The aircraft was on charter to Yorkshire Television.

Captain Mark Trumble, of South Devon, is in Hull Royal Infirmary with severe shock and slight head and arm injuries. His condition is "satisfactory."

Missing are cameraman Graham Baker, from Hampsthwaite, near Harrogate, and David Smith, a film director, from Morris Lane, Kirkstall, Leeds.

Mr Malcolm MacDonald, of Stockley Close, Hull, a ship repairer, said the helicopter collided with the mast of the East German coaster Zuszow.

The tail of the 'copter fell off and the aircraft crashed into the river alongside the coaster, he said.

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The spokesman went on to say that Mr. Barker was one of the company's leading cameramen and had worked on several award-winning programmes.

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Divers called in

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The craft is owned by Colt Aviation Ltd., of Staverton, Gloucestershire, part of the Japanese Colt cars company.

The company's chief helicopter pilot, Capt. Robert Kellie, said: "There will be an inquiry, so we cannot comment about the circumstances of the accident."

The helicopter, one of a fleet of four, was often used for TV filming.

Joined search

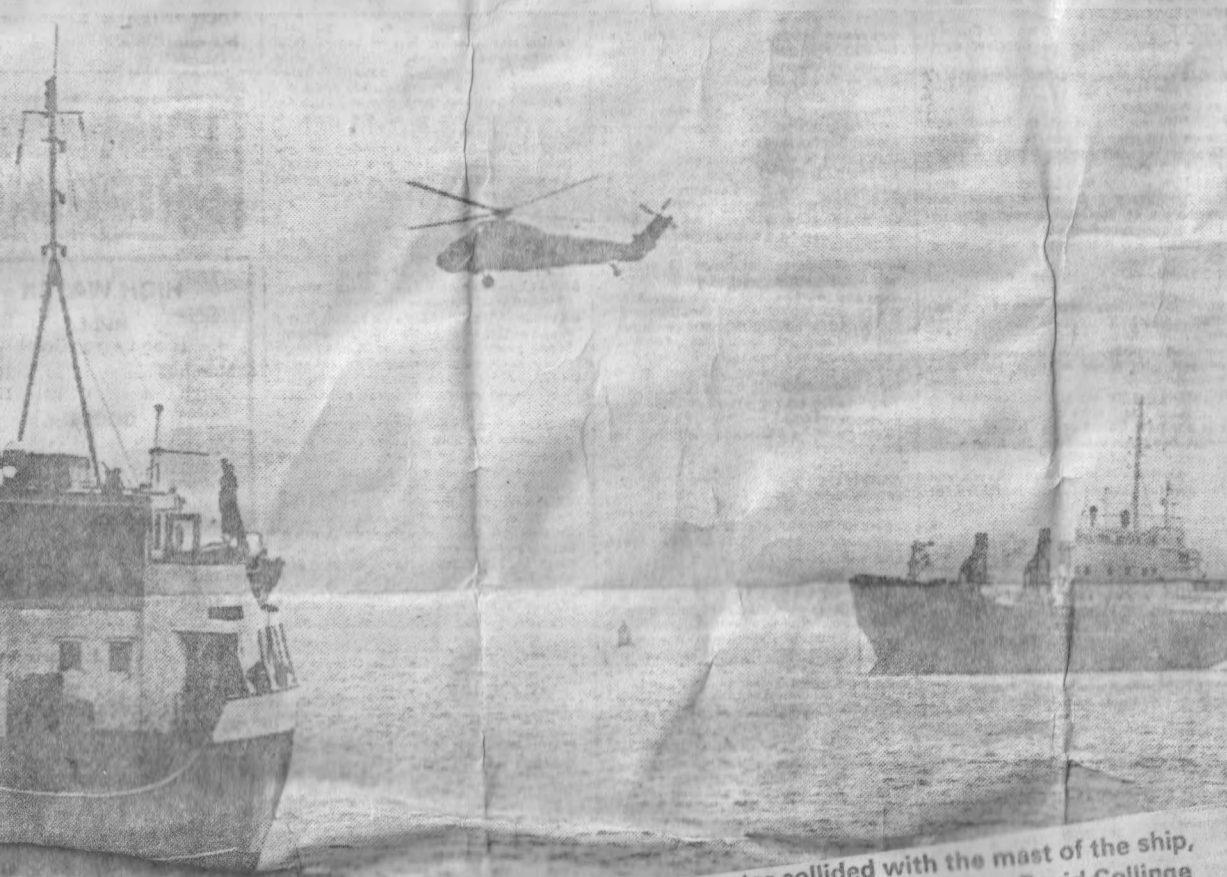
The Zuszow, the ship involved, joined the search for Mr. Barker and Mr. Smith. Other ships and a helicopter from R.A.F. Leconfield took part.

A Yorkshire Television spokesman confirmed later that the crashed helicopter was on hire to YTV for filming a documentary about the erosion of Spurn Point for the regional television programme "Clegg's People."

The spokesman said, "Captain Trumble had worked for us

Helicopter crash: Life-jacket recovered

MASSIVE RIVER HUNT GOES ON



TEAMS looking for two men missing from the TV film helicopter which crashed into the River Humber off Hull last night found a life-jacket and a door from the aircraft this afternoon.

The door, which was the first substantial piece of wreckage from the crashed helicopter was recovered off Immingham by a search vessel.

The life-jacket was found further upstream nearer to the scene of yesterday's accident off Corporation Pier, Hull.

Coastguards and British Transport Police continued searching along the banks and on the river this afternoon for signs of the two missing men or other wreckage.

The vessel "Guardian" found the door floating on the surface, several miles downstream from the crash spot, at Immingham Bell Mouth.

By CHRIS LOGAN

More transport police were looking for the men around Blacktoft Jetty near Goole.

Difficult task

Insp. David Mabbott, at the incident room set up at the transport police offices at Albert Dock, said: "With the spring tide, anything in the river could be washed up and down any number of times. It's a very difficult task and it's impossible to say whether we will have any luck."

Workmen today began repairing the 20ft. steel mast of the Zussow, almost broken in two by the impact of the helicopter.

The 300-ton vessel was on her way to Flixborough from Hartlepool when the accident happened. The ship was waiting off Hull for the Trent Pilot to take over from his Humber colleague.

After the rescue and search operations got under way, the Zussow carried on to Flixborough and the loading of a steel coil cargo destined for Sweden began this morning. She is expected to sail tomorrow morning.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade's accident investigation branch said two officials were on their way to Hull today.

The spokesman added that an inquiry could be held fairly soon if it was thought the helicopter was mechanically at fault.

Any other cause of the crash would lead to a much longer investigation.

The Hull tug Euroman has been called in to help in the operation to salvage a helicopter which ditched in the sea 70 miles off Aberdeen last week.

The tug is owned by United Towing, of Hull.

Search and rescue operations at the spot where the TV helicopter collided with the mast of the ship.
Pictures: David Collinge

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Crash pilot suffers loss of memory

CAPT. Mark Trumble, the pilot of the £200,000 Squirrel helicopter which sank in the River Humber, is suffering from a slight loss of memory, it was revealed today.

A spokesman at Hull Royal Infirmary, where Capt. Trumble is detained, said apart from the memory loss he was in a "satisfactory" condition.

The spokesman was unable to comment on the extent of Capt. Trumble's injuries but said a statement would be issued after he was seen by a consultant.

His wife, Mrs Julia Trumble, said today: "My husband is getting better but he has lost his memory."

"I am going up to Hull Royal Infirmary to see him later today. I haven't spoken to him yet because he doesn't know who I am since he lost his memory."

Capt. Trumble, of Ringmere, Kingsbridge,

South Devon, is a freelance helicopter pilot who had worked on many aerial documentaries for Yorkshire Television.

He had a previous escape while working for Yorkshire TV when another helicopter crashed in Morecambe Bay in October, 1979.

In yesterday's incident he was carrying two members of a Yorkshire TV crew who were filming for the "Clegg's People" series.

His passengers, Mr David St. David Smith (38), of Morris Lane, Kirkstall, Leeds, and Mr Graham Barker (38), of Hampsthwaite, Harrogate, are still missing.

Mr Barker was Yorkshire TV's Lincoln-based cameraman for almost eight years before moving to the company's Leeds headquarters about three years ago.

A Yorkshire TV spokesman said: "The whole studio complex was stunned last night when they heard the news."

"These men are both very popular figures. Graham Barker was one of our top

cameramen and had worked on some of our major programmes, including the documentary 'Rampton, the Secret Hospital' which won an EMMY award, the world's top award for documentary films.

"He was also the cameraman on 'Alice, the Fight for Life,' the major asbestos documentary shown last summer and filmed in America.

"He also filmed in China on a film documentary which is due to be shown in three weeks time."

Mr St. David Smith was a former YTV promotions writer who later became a film director, doing a lot of work on the YTV regional news programme Calendar and its rural spin-off Country Calendar.

HULL AREA

The two missing men were part of an eight-strong YTV film team who were in the Hull area to film a documentary about the erosion of Spurn Point for Clegg's People.

The YTV spokesman said it was possible the helicopter was off Sammy's Point filming aspects of the navigation of the Humber when the tragedy occurred.

The YTV spokesman said it was not clear now whether the filming of the remainder of the Cleggs People programme would continue at this stage.

ONE DAY

The helicopter was on charter to Yorkshire TV for one day from Colt Aviation Ltd., which is based at Staverton airport, midway between Cheltenham and Gloucester.

A spokesman for the firm declined to comment on the circumstances of the accident because of the official investigation being carried out.

Colt Aviation Ltd., is a subsidiary of the Japanese Colt Cars company, which is based at Cirencester.

It was originally set up to ferry company executives but later went into charter work.

Washed up

But a Coastguard spokesman said none of the police diving team waiting on board one of the four search ships, will be sent down until the fuselage is found.

The discovery came at about 12.30pm. Other pieces of wreckage which have also been washed up have only been small pieces.

The French made "Squirrel" helicopter has four doors, but the two rear ones were removed for filming purposes.

A Wessex helicopter from RAF Leconfield spent an hour-and-a-half this morning searching the shoreline to the east and west of the crash spot and to the south bank at Immingham but discovered nothing.

The helicopter carrying a Yorkshire Television film crew sunk within seconds of hitting the mast of the East German cargo vessel Zussow, 100 yards of Sammy's Point.

Helicopter pilot, Capt. Mark Trumble, was rescued by the Humber pilot vessel Gertrude and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary. But cameraman Graham Barker and director David St. David Smith were believed to be trapped in the wreckage and swept upstream by the fast tide.

At first light today men began searching the shore of the Humber in the hope of finding the missing men.

The survey launches Wyke, Conservancy and Humber Surveyor were concentrating their quest for wreckage using sonar equipment.



The mast of the Zussow, snapped by the impact.

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