

# Time star is burned as boat blows up

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STAGE star Jeff Shankly was recovering yesterday after being badly burned in a massive boat explosion.

Jeff, 39, currently appearing in *Time* in London's West End, was looking over a cruiser he planned to buy when it exploded in flames.

The actor and marina assistant manager Dominic Smulders screamed in agony as their faces were burned in the blast.

But the stunned pair remained on deck as flames started licking around them.

They finally jumped into the water after frantic



*Cassidy . . . worried*

shouts from onlookers at Bray Marina on the Thames at Maidenhead, Berks.

Time co-star David Cassidy was one of the first to phone Wexham Park Hospital in Slough where Jeff was treated.

The injured actor was later released, but will be out of the West End show for two weeks.

Jeff said last night: "The moment we were working, and the next we were thrown in the air."

"The explosion caught us full in the face. I was in a lot of pain."

The cause of the blast remained a mystery last night.