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## **Two Calls For Southend Lifeboat**

**Southend on sea's RNLI Atlantic 75 lifeboat was launched from the pierhead boathouse at 13.00hrs to reports of three people being cut off by the tide in Hadleigh Ray.**

The volunteer crew arrived on scene and initially there were no persons found. The lifeboat crew talked to three kayakers in the area and it was then confirmed that these were the reported persons.

With the three safe and well, safety advice was given and Southend Lifeboat returned to station.

Later at 15.00hrs the lifeboat was launched to Chalkwell beach to reports of three sets of clothing found on the beach by Chalkwell Lifeguards.

The lifeboat crew searched the beach and around the moorings but with nothing found. Thames Coastguard called off the search, stood the lifeboat down and it returned to station for a wash down and refuel.

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