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Southend's RNLI Lifeboat Launched To Kitesurfers In Trouble.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew had just returned to the inshore boathouse from a morning exercise with the inshore lifeboat, when they were tasked by Thames Coastguard to two kitesurfers in difficulty near The Boom at Shoebury's East Beach.

The lifeboat crew re-launched the inshore lifeboat immediately, made good speed to the area and located the two kitesurfers and one other who had swum out to help. The three and their equipment were taken aboard, they were all ok, requiring no medical attention, and were ferried safely back to East Beach to be met by Southend Coastguard team.

Southend lifeboat returned to station for a wash down and refuel, ready for service.

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Key facts about the RNLI: The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 140 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives.

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