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## **Southend Inshore Lifeboat Launched To Kitesurfers In Trouble.**

**Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat from the inshore boathouse at 12.33hrs to reports from a member of public via Thames Coastguard of two kite surfers in difficulty off of East Beach, Shoeburyness.**

The lifeboat crew made best speed to the area in the blustery winds and choppy seas, to find on arrival at the scene one kitesurfer on The Boom, with the second having made it safely ashore.

The casualty was ok, did not require any medical attention and was ferried safely ashore with his kite by the lifeboat crew, with his board unfortunately having drifted into the MOD restricted area.

Lifeboat crew and kitesurfer were be met by Southend Coastguard unit at the East Beach Slipway.

With all ok, Southend inshore lifeboat returned to station.

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