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Southend Lifeboat Launched To Motor Cruiser

Southend on sea's RNLI Atlantic 75 lifeboat was launched from the pierhead boathouse at 12.30hrs to a 42ft motor cruiser that had ran aground at Leigh.

The volunteer crew arrived on scene to find the vessel, with four persons aboard, all fit and well, stuck on the mud and unable to be towed off due to the ebbing tide. The lifeboat crew set the vessels anchor and with the occupants happy to wait for the next tide, returned to station.

Later at 21.44hrs whilst out on an evening exercise, Thames Coastguard tasked the lifeboat to the same vessel, which had refloated but fouled its propeller in a mooring line.

On arrival two members of the lifeboat crew entered the water to attempt to free up the vessels propeller, but with no success. The vessels owner was happy to wait for low water and free up the vessel himself.

The lifeboat crew ferried the mother and two children back to the pier where they assisted in booking a local hotel for the night.

A member of crew transported the family safely to their hotel.

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