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## **Two Calls For Southend Lifeboat Crews**

**Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew's first call of the day came at 12.40hrs with the inshore lifeboat being launched from the pierhead boathouse to a 16ft dayboat that had run aground off of Canvey Point.**

The lifeboat crew arrived on scene to find the vessel with one male aboard, all ok, stuck fast, high and dry.

With no way of re floating the boat at this time, the lifeboat crew checked it over and helped set the anchor ready for the next tide later in the afternoon, with the owner happy to stay aboard.

The inshore lifeboat returned to the pierhead lifeboat station.

The second call of the day came with pagers being activated at 15.24hrs and the lifeboat crew launching the search and rescue hovercraft from the inshore boathouse to reports of five persons being cut off by the incoming tide at the Mulberry Harbour, Shoebury.

The hovercraft made best speed to the area, located the five people, waist deep in water, who didn't speak english, and ferried them safely ashore to Shoebury Common Slipway and the Southend Coastguard Team.

The hovercraft crew checked that all other members of public were safely walking back to shore before returning to station.

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