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## **Southend Lifeboat Launched To Four Persons On Sailing Yacht With Engine Failure.**

**Southend on sea's RNLI Atlantic 75 Lifeboat was launched from the pierhead boathouse at 17.00hrs to a 35ft Bavaria sailing yacht suffering engine failure and having difficulties in the windy conditions.**

The volunteer lifeboat crew made good speed to the area of the Sea Reach Three marker buoy, approx. two and a half miles south east of the pier, where they located the vessel with two adults and two children aboard, all ok.

With the vessel making very little headway back upriver, due to the conditions, a tow was established and the lifeboat took the yacht safely back to Smallgains Creek, Canvey Island.

With the vessel safely moored up, Southend lifeboat crews returned to station to wash down and refuel, ready for service.

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