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## **Lifeboat Crew Launched To Kitesurfer**

**Southend on sea's RNLI inshore D-Class lifeboat was launched from the inshore boathouse at 12.30hrs to reports from Southend NCI of a kitesurfer in difficulties, half a mile offshore at Shoebury Boom, East Beach.**

The volunteer lifeboat crew made best speed and arrived on scene to find the kitesurfer had become entangled in his lines.

The casualty was freed up, taken aboard the inshore lifeboat and ferried safely ashore at East Beach complete with his equipment. He was met by Southend Coastguard Unit and did not require any medical attention.

Southend inshore lifeboat returned to station for a wash down and refuel.

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