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Southend Lifeboat Launches To Two Fishing In A Dinghy.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the Atlantic 75 lifeboat from the pier at 16.20hrs to two fishing from a 3mtr dinghy unable to return to shore.

The lifeboat crew located the two, a father and daughter, who were suffering the effects of the cold wind, but otherwise ok, approx. one mile east of Canvey Point, on the edge of The Ray.

The two fisherman and the dinghy were taken aboard the lifeboat and due to the state of the tide, they were ferried safely back to the pier, where they were transported ashore in the warmth and comfort of the lifeboat buggy, accompanied by a member of the lifeboat crew who is a paramedic and a member of Southend Coastguard.

With the two having been checked over and requiring no medical attention, they were transported by Coastguard back to their car at two Tree Island, Leigh.

The lifeboat ferried the inflatable dinghy back to the inshore lifeboat station to be picked up later.

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