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## **Southend Hovercraft Launched To Man In Water**

**Southend on sea's RNLI hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse at 16.25hrs, to reports of a man waist deep in water, giving cause for concern, approximately one mile offshore at East Beach, Shoeburyness.**

The volunteer hovercraft crew made best speed to the area, located the male, aged late twenties and ferried him safely back to East Beach slipway, where they were met by the Southend coastguard team and a police unit. Southend hovercraft returned to station.

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