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Lifeboat Launched To Catamaran After It Collides With The Pier.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the Atlantic 75 lifeboat from the pierhead boathouse on this sunny Sunday at 17.55hrs to a catamaran that had hit the pier.

The crew launched the lifeboat and were on scene within a minute or so, finding that the catamaran with two persons aboard, both ok, had become stuck against the pier due to the wind and ebbing tide.

A crew member checked the vessel for damage before fixing a tow line and the lifeboat pulling the vessel free.

With the ebbing tide the boat was unable to be taken all the way back to Smallgains Creek, Canvey, so assistance was given by our friends at Thames Estuary Yacht Club on Western Esplanade, who took the catamaran and sailors under their wing. Southend Lifeboat returned to station.

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