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Southend's RNLI Inshore Lifeboat Launched To A Kitesurfer In Difficulty.

Southend on sea's RNLI inshore lifeboat was launched from the inshore boathouse at 10.10hrs to reports of a kitesurfer in difficulty off of Shoebury's East Beach.

The volunteer lifeboat crew arrived on scene at The Boom, off East Beach, to find the kitesurfer had made it safely back ashore.

The lifeboat crew searched and located the drifting kitesurfing equipment, then ferried it back ashore and reunited it with its owner.

With all ok, Southend inshore lifeboat returned to the inshore boathouse.

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Key facts about the RNLI: The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 140 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives.

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