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## **Southend's Lifeboat Crew Launched To 6 Cut off by the tide.**

**Southend on Sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboats twice on this blustery Sunday.**

The first call came at 09.20hrs when 6 people were reported stranded on the mudbank south of the Hadleigh Ray. The inshore lifeboat ILB2 was launched from the pierhead boathouse and proceeded to the area but, with no visible signs of human life, it was assumed that everyone had made the shore safely.

Later, as the RNLI volunteer crew were about to proceed home following their summer weekend duties on station, they were tasked to a 32ft catamaran with engine failure just inshore from the Mulberry Harbour off Thorpe Bay. The inshore lifeboat ILB1 was launched, on the falling tide, from the inshore boathouse and were quickly on scene. There the crew found that the casualty vessel was just taking the ground but were able to drag it into deeper water and tow it to a visitor's mooring at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club. They left the lone yachtsman on board, to walk ashore when the tide had receded, and to make arrangements for engine repairs to be carried out before returning to his home berth at Island Yacht Club at Canvey. The inshore lifeboat returned to the boathouse for a wash down and refuel before the crews headed home.

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For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to [www.southendlifeboat.org](http://www.southendlifeboat.org)

**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 237 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland with 4,700 lifeboat crew and has more than 1,300 lifeguards on over 220 beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. 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 140,000 lives.

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