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Two Calls For Southend's RNLI Search And Rescue Hovercraft

Southend on sea's RNLI search and rescue hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse at 17.20hrs to reports from a member of the public, of a person stuck in the mud near to the pier.

The volunteer crew located the man, who was digging for bait and in no danger and happy to be left looking for worms.

The second call of the evening came in and the hovercraft was launched again at 18.50hrs to reports of an injured teenage boy at barge pier, Shoeburyness.

The lad had apparently fallen whilst climbing security fencing at barge pier and landed heavily on the beach, sustaining a suspected broken arm.

The hovercraft crew arrived on scene to assist paramedics who were already in attendance treating the casualty.

The lad was put on a stretcher and as there was not a safe exit off the beach, was taken on to the hovercraft and ferried safely to Shoebury Common Slipway where he was passed to awaiting ambulance crews.

Southend coastguard teams were also in attendance.

Southend hovercraft returned to station for a wash down and refuel, ready for service

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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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