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For immediate release

Southend Lifeboat assists broken down motor cruiser.

Southend on Sea's RNLI Atlantic 85 lifeboat was diverted from exercise at approx. 13.30hrs today following a request from the coastguard to attend a 30ft motor cruiser broken down in the Ray.

The volunteer crew made best speed from Canvey Island and found the vessel, with one male occupant, unable to make progress due to propulsion problems. The craft was taken in tow, and returned safely to her mooring at Benfleet Motorboat Club.

Later, as the crew were making their way to the shore in the Lifeboat Buggy, they were tasked by the coastguard to 3 persons reported in difficulty in an inflatable dinghy one mile south of Canvey Yacht Club. The crew returned to the offshore boathouse, launched the Atlantic 85 and proceeded to the given location which was not as far off the shore as originally believed. There they found the 3 occupants happily fishing and not in need of assistance so returned the lifeboat to the boathouse for a wash down and refuel before heading home again.

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