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## **Two Calls For Southend Lifeboat Crews**

**Southend on sea's RNLI inshore lifeboat ILB2 was launched from the pierhead boathouse at 12.45hrs to reports of a swimmer in difficulty near The Arches Cafes at Westcliff.**

With volunteer crews already on station as part of their summer weekend duties, the inshore lifeboat ILB2 was launched immediately to the location.

On arrival at the scene a short while later, the crew found that the swimmer had managed to make it safely ashore on his own and was ok.

The inshore lifeboat returned to the pierhead lifeboat station.

Later in the afternoon with the Southend Atlantic 85 lifeboat out on exercise, the crew were tasked by Dover Coastguard at 14.30hrs to a 35ft motor cruiser, with 2 persons aboard, that had suffered engine problems just east of the pier, approx. 500yds from the shore.

Southend lifeboat arrived on scene and set up a tow line, taking the vessel back upriver to Leigh Marina.

With the vessel safely back on its mooring, Southend lifeboat returned to the pierhead boathouse for a wash down and refuel.

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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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