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## **Southend RNLI Lifeboats Launched To Sailor Fallen Overboard.**

**Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews launched the inshore lifeboat at 12.50hrs from the inshore boathouse to reports of a person in difficulty in the water at Leigh.**

The volunteer crew made best speed to the area, whilst a second crew made their way to the pierhead boathouse to launch the Atlantic 85 lifeboat to assist. The inshore lifeboat arrived on scene, approx. half a mile offshore, opposite the Wilton, in Leigh, to find the man who had fallen from a 25ft sailing cruiser, had just made it back on board the vessel after spending a short time in the water. The lifeboat crew checked the man was ok, he had a change of clothes, could get warm and was happy to be left with his fellow sailor to continue their passage into Island Yacht Club, Canvey. The Atlantic 85 lifeboat was stood down on route as it was not required and the inshore lifeboat returned to station.

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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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