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For immediate release

Southend Lifeboat Crews Launched To Children And Kitesurfer.

Southend on sea's RNLI inshore lifeboat ILB2 was launched from the pierhead boathouse at 13.10hrs this hot and sunny Sunday afternoon to reports of three children, waist deep in water and in difficulty near to the paddling pool at Westcliff.

With volunteer crews continuing their summer weekend duties on station, the inshore lifeboat ILB2 was quickly launched to the location.

On arrival at the scene a short while later, the lifeboat crew found that the children had managed to get safely back to the beach.

With all ok, the inshore lifeboat returned to the pierhead lifeboat station.

Later in the afternoon the Southend Atlantic 85 lifeboat was tasked to a kitesurfer at The Boom, off of East Beach, Shoebury.

With the lifeboat crew arriving on scene, the kitesurfer was located, he was ok and happy to make his own way ashore under the watchful eye of the lifeboat volunteers. Southend Lifeboat returned to the pierhead boathouse.

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For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to 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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