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Early start for Southend's Lifeboat Crew.

Southend on Sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew search for missing person after pile of clothes found on the beach.

The search and rescue hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse shortly after 08.00hrs this morning following the discovery of a pile of clothes on the beach near Southend's Sea Life Centre. A search was carried out from the pier to the Halfway House PH but was called off after the owner of the clothes was located in town.

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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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