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## **Southend's RNLI Lifeboats Respond To Mayday Call From Angling Boat**

**Southend on sea's RNLI inshore lifeboat was launched at approx. 16.40hrs from the inshore boathouse to reports via coastguard of a "Mayday" call from a 25ft angling boat with four persons aboard, suffering engine failure and taking on water, near to the West Leigh Middle marker buoy.**

The first volunteer crew made best speed in the D-Class inshore lifeboat to the location, approx. three miles west of the pier, near to Canvey Island. A second crew quickly made their way to the pierhead boathouse for an immediate launch of the larger Atlantic 85 lifeboat, which carries a salvage pump for this type of incident.

The inshore lifeboat arrived on scene and assessed the situation, making sure the four on board were ok, shortly followed by the Atlantic 85 lifeboat.

The salvage pump was immediately put to use, pumping the water out and stabilising the vessel.

Southend lifeboat took the casualty vessel under tow, escorted by the inshore lifeboat, back to Smallgains Creek, Canvey Island where she was placed on a mud berth for examination.

The four persons were put safely ashore and did not require any medical attention.

Southend's two lifeboats returned to station with the crews pleased with their quick response and the final outcome that could have otherwise seen a sunken boat and looking for four people in the water, thus dealing with a far different situation.

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