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For immediate release

Southend's Inshore Lifeboat launched to assist sailor aground in his dinghy.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat to assist a lone sailor, whose tender had run aground.

The crew were at the inshore boathouse this morning, preparing a float for the Leigh Lights procession when they were tasked at 10.45hrs to a small tender, with one occupant, which was aground on the bank south of 2-Tree slipway. Although the boat was fitted with a small outboard engine, this was not powerful enough to cope with the blustery conditions and the ebb tide. On scene, the crew attached a line and were able to drag the dinghy into deeper water and tow it back to the slipway where the crew assisted the sailor with stowing the craft on its trailer.

With all secure, Southend lifeboat returned to station.

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