

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

For immediate release

## **Southend's RNLI Hovercraft Launched To People Cut Off At Mulberry Harbour.**

**Southend on sea's RNLI search and rescue hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse at 17.40hrs this hot and sunny afternoon, to reports from Dover Coastguard of persons being cut off by the flood tide at The Mulberry Harbour.**

The volunteer lifeboat crew made best speed to the area, locating a family of four who were trying to make their way back to shore against the incoming tide. The four, all ok, were taken aboard the hovercraft and ferried safely back ashore to the Shoebury Common Slipway, where they were handed over to the Southend Coastguard Team and given safety advice. With all now ok and no further persons to be found in difficulty, Southend hovercraft returned to station for a wash down and refuel, ready for service.

### **RNLI media contacts**

- Denis Freeman - Southend Lifeboat Station Volunteer Lifeboat Press Officer.  
Tel- 07710406661, [sue-den-adwalk@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sue-den-adwalk@blueyonder.co.uk)
- Tim Ash, RNLI Public Relations Manager (London/South East/East)  
0207 6207426 / 07785 296252 / [tim\\_ash@rnli.org.uk](mailto:tim_ash@rnli.org.uk)
- Sophie Coller-Neilsen, Press Officer (London/South East/East)
- Tel- 0207 6207416 / 07824416615
- For enquiries outside normal business hours, contact the RNLI duty press officer on 01202 336789

### **RNLI online:**

For more information on the RNLI, please visit [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk). News releases and other media resources, including [RSS feeds](#), downloadable photos and video, are available at the RNLI [Press Centre](#).

For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to [www.southendlifeboat.org](http://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.

Visit the RNLi's official [YouTube channel](#) for more films and follow our rescue stories on [Twitter](#).

A charity registered in England and Wales (209603) and Scotland (SC037736).  
Charity number CHY 2678 in the Republic of Ireland.