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Southend's RNLI Inshore Lifeboat Launched To Lost Yachtsman And His Dog.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews launched the inshore lifeboat, ILB1, at 19.20hrs from the inshore boathouse this cold and windy Sunday evening, to reports of a 25ft sailing yacht in difficulties off shore at Western Esplanade, Southend.

The lifeboat crew located the vessel with one man and his dog aboard, who had lost his way whilst sailing in the River Medway, Kent. The lifeboat crew assisted him to Alexander Yacht Clubs Jetty, on the falling tide, where he was happy to be left until he could make his way on the next tide the following morning.

The lifeboat crew were again paged the early hours of Monday at 05.20hrs to the vessel who was again having problems making way. The inshore lifeboat crew towed the vessel out to The Sea Reach 4 marker buoy, near to Southend Pier Head, where they had arranged to be met by Sheerness RNLI all weather lifeboat, who took over the tow back to The River Medway. A second Southend lifeboat crew had made their way down to the pierhead to make ready the Atlantic 75 lifeboat as back up in the adverse winds, but were not required and were stood down.

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