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Southend Lifeboat Rescues Three Men In A Boat.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew were out on exercise in the new Atlantic 85 lifeboat this Saturday afternoon, when they were tasked at 15.00hrs by Thames Coastguard to three persons in a broken down cabin cruiser.

With initial details of their location from the broken down vessel being incorrect, the lifeboat crew set about locating the 24ft cabin cruiser with the direction finding equipment they now have aboard the new lifeboat.

The vessel was located near to The Shoebury Beacon, with the three people on board ok.

A tow line was set up and the cabin cruiser taken safely back to the landing stage in Queenborough, on the River Medway.

With all secure, Southend lifeboat returned to station.

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