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Southend RNLI Lifeboat Launched To Capsized Canoeist.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the Atlantic 85 lifeboat from the pierhead boathouse at 14.00hrs to a capsized canoeist, East of the pierhead.

The lifeboat crew located the man and his canoe a short distance from the pierhead boathouse.

The casualty was suffering from hypothermia, having capsized, not being able to get back into his canoe and then drifting for a while with the ebbing tide.

The lifeboat crew ferried the canoeist safely back ashore and into the inshore boathouse where he was checked over by crew, warmed up and handed over to paramedics.

With paramedics satisfied he required no further medical treatment, he was taken home by a member of the lifeboat crew.

Southend lifeboat returned to the pierhead boathouse for a wash down and refuel.

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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 over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 140 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. 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 137,000 lives.

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