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## **Early Call To Angling Boat With Electrical Problems For Southend's Lifeboat Crews**

**Southend on sea's RNLI Lifeboat Station volunteer crews launched the Atlantic 85 lifeboat from the pierhead boathouse at 07.10hrs to an angling boat with electrical problems, at the West Nore Sands marker bouy, on the south of the river by the Yantlet Flats.**

The lifeboat crew arrived on scene to find three anglers, all ok, unable to be restart the vessels engine, due to electrical failure.

The angling boat was towed back across the river and left moored at anchor just east of the pierhead due to the lack of water at the moorings at Thorpe Bay.

The three anglers were happy to stay aboard to wait for the flood tide, with the lifeboat station just a few hundred yards away keeping a watchful eye on them, whilst preparing for their open day.

Southend lifeboat returned to the angling boat to resume the tow, following an open day demonstration and with now enough water at the Thorpe Bay mooring.

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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

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