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Southend's Volunteer Lifeboat Crews Respond To Three Calls Today

Southend on sea's RNLI lifeboat crew were paged at 07.18hrs and launched the inshore lifeboat ILB1 from the inshore boathouse to reports of a 20ft angling boat on fire south of the pier.

The volunteer lifeboat crew made best speed to the area in the inshore lifeboat, whilst a second crew made their way to the pierhead boathouse to launch the larger Atlantic 85 lifeboat to assist.

The inshore lifeboat crew arrived on scene and on further investigation found that a seized engine was the cause of the smoke and steam.

With both anglers ok and the vessel still seaworthy, they were towed back from the edge of the shipping lane by the Atlantic 85 lifeboat, to more protected waters just inside the leg of the pier where the vessel was put at anchor.

The two men were happy to stay aboard and wait for another angling boat to tow them back to their mooring.

Southend lifeboats returned to station.

Later at 14.20hrs lifeboat crews launched both the search and rescue hovercraft and the inshore lifeboat from the inshore boathouse, to reports of 4 people and a dog being cut off by the flood tide on the south bank of The Ray at Chalkwell.

Arriving on scene the lifeboat crews discovered the persons had made it safely ashore unaided.

The hovercraft returned to station.

The inshore lifeboat was then tasked to a jetski moored alongside The Prince of Wales jetty, Marine Parade, Southend.

The vessel was giving cause for concern as a possible pollution risk as she was being swamped by the waves.

The owners returned to the jetski and were able to deal with the issue shortly after the inshore lifeboat arrived on scene.

With all now ok, the inshore lifeboat returned to station.

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available at the RNL [Press Centre](#).

For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to www.southendlifeboat.org

Key facts about the RNL: The RNL 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 RNL 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 RNL is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNL was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 140,000 lives.

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