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Southend's Lifeboat Crew Launched To Motor Cruiser With Fuel Shortage

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat at 18.40hrs to assist a 36ft motor cruiser that had ran out of fuel a short distance from the pier.

The lifeboat crew supplied an emergency 10lts of diesel to the motor cruiser and recommended to the vessels crew that they should move to the inside of the pier away from other vessels and anchor up, whilst then making their own arrangements for additional supplies of fuel.

Further supplies of diesel arrived at the pier entrance a while later and were ferried up the pier by the duty inshore lifeboat crew in the lifeboat buggy.

Assistance was given by the Barge Match safety boat's crew who kindly volunteered to take the supplies to the motor cruiser, freeing up the inshore lifeboat to return to station.

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For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to 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 maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 140,000 lives.

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