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Southend's Search and Rescue Hovercraft Launched To Kitesurfer

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the search and rescue hovercraft at 17.53hrs from the inshore boathouse, to reports of a kite surfer in difficulty half a mile offshore at Shoebury Common.

The hovercraft crew located the kitesurfer who was ok and did not require any medical attention and ferried him and his equipment safely ashore to Shoebury Common Slipway.

Southend hovercraft returned to station.

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