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Southend Volunteer Lifeboat Crew Assist Injured Woman On Pier

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew were just mustering at noon, as part of their summer weekend duties on this sunny Saturday, when they were alerted by members of the public walking on the pier to an 82yr old lady who had fell and sustained injuries.

The lifeboat crew immediately made their way down the pier by lifeboat buggy to the location at the second shelter.

On scene the crew members treated the casualty, who had a suspected broken arm and collar bone, administered entonox for pain relief and carefully transferred her to the lifeboat buggy.

The lifeboat crew transported the casualty back down the pier to be met by an ambulance.

Later in the afternoon the lifeboat crew launched from the pier to reports from another vessel of a 5ft skiff drifting in the vicinity of the South Shoebury marker buoy.

The lifeboat crew located the skiff and pulled it aboard the lifeboat, and searched the area for persons in the water, with nothing found.

The lifeboat was then tasked to take over the tow of an angling boat with a fouled propeller from Sheerness inshore lifeboat.

Southend lifeboat arrived on scene and a member of its crew entered the water and cut the rope around the propeller and freed it up.

The angling vessel was then able to make her own way back to her mooring off of Thorpe Bay under the watchful eye of the lifeboat crew.

With all ok, Southend lifeboat returned to station.

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