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Early Call For Southend's RNLI Lifeboat Crews.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat at 0800hrs from the inshore lifeboat station to a kayaker located three quarters of a mile from shore, and three quarters of a mile east of Southend pier.

The lifeboat crew arrived on scene within a few minutes, to find the male occupant suffering exhaustion, but otherwise ok and unable to get back to shore against the northerly winds and the ebbing tide.

The casualty and the kayak were ferried safely back to the inshore boathouse to be met by Southend Coastguard unit.

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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 over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 140 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. 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 137,000 lives.

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