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## **Southend's RNLI Hovercraft Launched To People At Mulberry Harbour**

**Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the search and rescue hovercraft at 19.25hrs this evening, to reports from Thames Coastguard of a group of people in danger of being cut off by the incoming tide near The Mulberry Harbour.**

The hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse and made best speed to the area, finding that the majority of people had managed to make their way back to shore.

The hovercraft picked up two remaining people waist deep in water approx. half a mile offshore and ferried them safely back to Shoebury Common Slipway to be met by Southend Coastguard unit who gave them safety advice.

Southend hovercraft returned to station for a refuel and wash down.

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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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