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WHERE: Lachlan Ridge, Hawkes Bay
WHEN: 28 April 2014
INCIDENT REPORT: Two men on stricken yacht towed home safely by Coastguard Hawkes Bay



On Monday 28 April, Coastguard Hawkes Bay volunteers spent the best part of the day rescuing two experienced sailors from their stricken yacht.

Richard Hirst and his crewman ran into trouble a long way from home.

“Our sails were ripped and the motor had blown,” said Richard Hirst, skipper of *Moving Free*. Our volunteers used their navigational training to predict where the yacht was likely to be found, and set off at 8am aboard *Celia Knowles Rescue*.

The rescue vessel is named after the late Celia Knowles, a Napier resident and keen sea-farer who left money to her local Coastguard unit in her will.

It was a long, slow trip back due to the choppy conditions, but Richard, crewmate and yacht were brought safely back to Napier harbour.

“It was quite gusty out there, and pretty mean at times,” said Richard Hirst. “I’m really thankful to the Coastguard crew, they’re all volunteers and I know they put many hours into their training, and to come so far to get us was really above and beyond.”

Thank you for giving our volunteers the skills and training they need to go the extra mile!

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“I WAS LOSING A LOT OF BLOOD”



» Read how your support helped us rescue Tony Hymers

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MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY!



» Thanks for supporting our 2014 MayDay Appeal, which helps train our brave volunteers. Read more inside!

“THE WAY THEY LOOKED AFTER ME WAS JUST FANTASTIC”



WHERE: Tasman Sea, off the West Coast
WHEN: 10 March 2014
INCIDENT REPORT: Coastguard West Coast rescued Tony Hymers after an accident on board a trawler



Your donations help us respond to medical emergencies on the water. Tony Hymers told us how Coastguard West Coast came to his rescue.

“I cannot praise the guys on the rescue boat enough for the way they handled the situation that cold night in March, and for the way they looked after me which was just fantastic.”

“I severed the end of my finger in a trawl winch while hauling the net, and was looking at a 14 hour trip to Greymouth hospital on the trawler.

“Contact was made with the Coastguard guys and a rendezvous set up to transfer me to Ivan Talley Rescue.

Our volunteers were able to provide him with medical attention straight away.

“Initially they were going to take me to Greymouth but about 15 minutes into the trip our destination was changed to Westport as I was losing a lot of blood.”

The Coastguard crew took Tony all the way back to Westport and helped him into a waiting ambulance.

“Please pass on my deepest thank you to the great team of guys for an awesome job done!”

Without your donations, we couldn't help people like Tony. Thank you!

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FROM THE HELM

PATRICK HOLMES
CEO, Coastguard New Zealand



It's cold out there!
When incidents happen over the winter, our volunteers have to deal with tough, energy-sapping conditions.

That's why your year-round support is so important to us – it means we can prepare for the worst and be ready to respond, no matter where and when our fellow New Zealanders get into trouble on the water.

I hope this newsletter conveys a sense of what your donations help us achieve – and thanks for your fantastic support! We couldn't save lives without you.

If you'd like to get in touch please do contact me; I love talking to our wonderful supporters.

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YOUR DONATIONS HELP US REUNITE FAMILIES!

INCIDENT LOG BOOK



WHERE: Patea, South Taranaki
WHEN: 23 April 2014
INCIDENT REPORT: Father and daughter saved by Coastguard South Taranaki after capsizing near river mouth



A sudden capsizing almost meant tragedy for a father and daughter, who were saved by Coastguard South Taranaki in April.

The pair were thrown into the rough water at the mouth of the Patea river and had to survive in the water for an hour until the Coastguard crew reached them. They'd drifted over a kilometre in the strong current.

Senior Sergeant Thomas McIntyre said that if the pair hadn't been wearing lifejackets, **"it was highly likely they would have drowned."**

They were airlifted to Hawera hospital and treated for mild hypothermia, eventually making a full recovery.

Your support helps us preserve one of the most important things we have: family. Thank you for being a vital part of our organisation.

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TWO TRIPS TO SAVE FOUR CREWMEN

Just a few days before the incident above, Coastguard South Taranaki rescued another four men.

Their boat had broken down after being hit by a wave in rough seas. Coastguard volunteers had to make two journeys, rescuing three of the crew members first, before going back to rescue the last crew member and the damaged boat. It's a treacherous coastline – but thanks to our supporters, Coastguard volunteers know what to do.

AWARDS FOR COASTGUARD VOLUNTEERS

In May, Coastguard volunteers Nicola Hockley, Chris Astall, and Rachel Mackenzie each received Certificates of Achievement for producing first-class training material for Coastguard volunteers across the country.

Every year, the NZ Search and Rescue Council formally award admirable individuals and organisations for their contributions to search and rescue in New Zealand. The trio have worked extremely hard to improve rescue drills, courses and study material.

Your donations help us ensure our volunteers are trained and ready for anything – thank you.



PHOTO: NZSAR / PAUL FISHER

COMMUNITY DIGS DEEP FOR COASTGUARD LAKE MACKENZIE



A new base for Coastguard Mackenzie Lakes was “built from the ground up,” according to Coastguard volunteer Dean Madden.

There was a desperate need for a new building at the Lake Mackenzie location, as both Coastguard and Land Search and Rescue lacked anywhere to store equipment or coordinate search and rescue missions.

The new building, which was opened in March, has already been used for search and rescue missions and was funded by the generous local community, and in particular Meridian’s Waitaki Community Fund and Transpower.

READY FOR THE WORST



Being prepared is all about practice, and each year many Coastguard volunteers give up their time to take part in large-scale simulated emergencies.

Coastguard Queenstown took part in a recent exercise simulating a ditched aircraft in Lake Wakatipu. Also taking part were the local emergency services, and the New Zealand Red Cross. It all helps our volunteers to be drilled and ready to put their lives on hold to save others.

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY!

Coastguard's MayDay Appeal helps us raise funds for volunteer training. This year we've raised over \$90,000, which is fantastic! Thank you.

It takes time, dedication and money to train a Coastguard volunteer. We teach ordinary New Zealanders essential skills like handling a rescue vessel in heavy seas, finding survivors in poor visibility, and leading search and rescue missions.

MayDay is also a great opportunity for our wonderful Ambassadors to remind New Zealand that our rescue crews are all volunteers. You might have seen The Blues and Sir Graham Henry on *Breakfast* or heard Grant Dalton and Dean Barker talk to Duncan Garner and Marcus Lush on RadioLIVE. You might also have seen our Coastguard crews fundraising – shaking buckets or sizzling sausages!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our MayDay Appeal this year. We couldn't hope to save lives at sea without you!

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Don McGlashan - Coastguard supporter and member

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