

"IT WAS TOUCH AND GO..."
 BUT FOUR SURFERS MADE IT HOME SAFELY, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT



WHERE: Te Anauarau Bay, Little Barrier Island
WHEN: 18 July 2014
INCIDENT REPORT: Four surfers rescued from sinking vessel by Coastguard Kawau



The lifesaving Coastguard Kawau crew

An early morning surfing trip went awry for four friends – but Coastguard Kawau brought them all home safely.

The four surfers were on board their catamaran when it developed a crack in the hull. The water started rushing in; they started bailing but were having trouble keeping up, and made a 5.30am distress call to the Coastguard operations centre.

Coastguard volunteers were paged and soon arrived on the scene near Te Anauarau Bay. Three of the passengers were transferred onto the Coastguard rescue vessel *Kawau Rescue*, where one was given first aid treatment for a hand injury. The others were treated for severe seasickness.

The catamaran's skipper and Coastguard volunteers stayed on board and worked to stop the flow of water. Coastguard duty officer Mark Leevers said it was "touch and go out there" as they battled to keep the vessel afloat. Working together, they managed to tow the vessel back to Omaha.

"The fact they had the right gear (lifejackets and extra flotation devices) including reliable forms of communication meant they were able to call for help and we were able to respond immediately," Mark Leevers said.

Thanks to your support our volunteers can be 'rescue ready' at any time – prepared for anything!

"THE COASTGUARD VOLUNTEERS ARE AMAZING!"
 I NEARLY LOST MY FAMILY THAT NIGHT..."



Coastguard Whangamata

Our volunteers were there when it mattered – thanks to you!

For Christine and Brett Henderson, a perfect day out on the water almost ended in tragedy. Her boys, Beau and Ryan, headed out on the family boat with two friends. They planned to set some cray pots and stay overnight on Mayor Island.

They were never far from Christine's mind and like any mum she wanted to be sure they were safe and enjoying themselves. She sent them a lighthearted text message, but was chilled by the reply. It said simply "OMG, we've hit a rock."

A deep swell had washed the boat onto a jagged outcrop, tearing a hole in the hull. It started taking on a lot of water and the four friends jumped overboard, into seas cold enough to take your breath away. Very soon the boat sank completely, taking with it all of their gear. They started to swim slowly towards land, in shock and battling the pitch black conditions and icy water.

Just twenty four minutes after the group abandoned their boat, Coastguard Whangamata arrived in their rescue vessel *GJ Gardner Ranger*. They hauled the four friends onto the deck of the rescue vessel and brought them safely home.

"It was fantastic that they came to rescue us, we could have been facing a very long cold night on the rocks," said Beau. Christine told us, "the Coastguard volunteers were amazing. I could have lost my family that night."

Our volunteers are there when it matters, thanks to your support. Thank you for being a lifesaver!

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2014 **SUMMER**

THANK YOU FOR SAVING LIVES!



TYLER TO THE RESCUE!



Who would steal something from a Coastguard crew?

Five year old Tyler Dale, from Auckland, was dismayed when he heard that Coastguard Mana's outboard motor had been stolen from Mana Marina.

He knew they'd be unable to help people in danger. So he asked his dad if he could send them the contents of his coin jar. Together, Tyler and his dad sent a donation to help the Mana crew perform rescues again.

When Tyler's donation arrived, Coastguard Mana's Acting President Mark Presling was blown away by Tyler's big heart. Mark wrote to Tyler and sent him some pictures of the crew. And then he did something amazing; Mark contacted Tyler's local unit, Coastguard Howick, and arranged an experience Tyler will remember for the rest of this life – a trip out on board *Howick Rescue 1*.

The great news is that Coastguard Mana's stolen outboard eventually turned up, and their rescue vessel *CRV Pelorus* will once again be patrolling the local coastline.

Thank you Tyler, and all Coastguard supporters!

YOUR DONATIONS MEAN COASTGUARD CAN ANSWER MORE THAN 1200 CALLS FOR HELP EACH SUMMER. THANK YOU!

FROM THE HELM

PATRICK HOLMES
 CEO, Coastguard New Zealand



Kiwis enjoy time on the water at this time of year, and this is a busy time for our rescue crews.

Safer Boating Week, which was held in Spring, was a timely reminder to pay tribute to our dedicated volunteers who brought 7,334 people home safely last year – thanks to your help.

Coastguard volunteers answer more than 660 calls for help each Spring, and a staggering 1200+ each Summer. Your support ensures we are always there to respond in times of need.

Please do have a safe and happy Summer.



Royal New Zealand Coastguard Inc is the charity saving lives at sea. Our 2,326 volunteers provide New Zealand's primary maritime rescue service.

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HELPING ON AND OFF THE WATER

Coastguard sponsor ASB is committed to saving lives and is offering free lifesaving workshops at ASB branches over the summer. The St John workshops will show how to use a heart defibrillator and provide CPR. See www.asb.co.nz/stjohn



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RECOGNISING THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SAVE LIVES AT SEA

Our annual National Awards are a small way to give something back to our outstanding Coastguard people.

Heather McDonald from Coastguard's Sumner Lifeboat was recognised for 23 years of dedication to saving lives at sea. Heather received both the Hutchwilco Coastguard Volunteer of the Year Award and the Century Yuasa Coastguard Rescue Vessel Volunteer of the Year Award.

As well as being on call for local marine incidents, Heather gives up her weekends to pass on her knowledge and skills to fellow volunteers across the South Island. She is a true team player and very deserving of her twin awards. Congratulations Heather!



Heather McDonald
Hutchwilco Coastguard Volunteer of the Year and Century Yuasa Coastguard Rescue Vessel Volunteer of the Year.



Winners of the Mitre 10 Coastguard Rescue of the Year, for rescuing two stranded fishermen from the teeth of Cyclone Lusi: Coastguard Mana

"The volunteers battled rain, cold winds and Cyclone Lusi to save two fishermen"
Peter Feely, Coastguard Mana



Coastguard Unit Support Volunteer of the Year: Geoff Wilkie, Coastguard Northern Region Communications



Coastguard Lake Taupo were named Coastguard Unit of the Year; Don Scott (middle) also received the Coastguard Communications and Incident Management Volunteer of the Year Award



Coastguard Wajuku – winners of the Community Relations Activity of the Year



Gordon McKay, Coastguard Canterbury Air Patrol: the Coastguard Air Patrol Volunteer of the Year

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS!



We couldn't do what we do without your support. Your donations help us save lives.

Donations help us stay 'Rescue Ready' at a crucial time for Coastguard volunteers. It is never too late to help – a donation form is printed opposite. Thank you!

SUMMER LOTTERY



Over the summer, many Coastguard units sell tickets for Coastguard's Summer Lottery. If you see a display over the summer be sure to say hello and buy a ticket!



"Dear Coastguard volunteers on rescues, well done, you do a splendid job and I, for one, am in awe of your many successful rescues. But please – take care out there – you are greatly needed."

E.R.

Why do YOU support Coastguard? Let us know! info@coastguard.co.nz or call (09) 489 1510



ENTER OUR SUMMER WORDSEARCH COMPETITION!



- Summer
- Beach
- Sand
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- Togs
- Swimming
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- Rugby

Enter our wordsearch competition to win one of three FCO Gift cards, each worth \$30.

Find all the words in the list, circle them and return the form below to enter (you do not need to donate to enter!). Words may be listed vertically, diagonally, horizontally or backwards. Entries must be received by 20 February 2015. Only correct entries will be entered into the draw, and three lucky winners will be drawn at random.

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- I'd like to enter the Summer wordsearch competition.
- I'd like to make a donation to save lives this summer.
- I would like to give:**
 - \$20 each month as part of Team Rescue, which can provide year-round support for Coastguard volunteers. (Please choose credit card option below).
 - A single gift of \$45, which can replenish bandages and first aid gear.
 - A single gift of \$135, which can help service a Coastguard rescue vessel.
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