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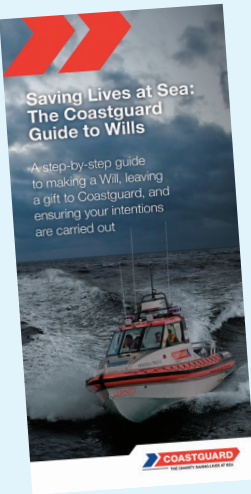
Heading out on the water is a way of life for one in three of us. Kiwis own almost one million recreational vessels – motor boats, yachts, kayaks, canoes, jetskis, paddleboards and craft of all shapes and sizes.

Coastguard volunteers are there for when things don't quite go to plan. Your donations help fund training courses, operational support, safety equipment, medical supplies and rescue vessels for our 60 'wet' units, three air patrols, and two communications teams.



Together, you and over 2,200 Coastguard volunteers are saving lives at sea. Thank you so much for your brilliant support.

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You're supporting the team of volunteers on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You're supporting the charity saving lives at sea. Thank you!

Who we are

2,240 Dedicated volunteers	2,646 Rescues carried out
6,828 People brought home safely	302,453 Hours dedicated to saving lives



Thank you so much for helping our heroes save lives at sea!

Patrick Holmes Chief Executive Officer
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Spring Newsletter 2015

IT TAKES A GREAT TEAM TO SAVE LIVES AT SEA

Pete Kara combines a full-time job with a lead role at Coastguard Nelson, his local Coastguard unit. Pete told us what Coastguard means to him – and the key role you play in our lifesaving service.



Pete Kara is truly a man for all seasons. He works full-time in emergency management for his local District Health Board – a challenging job that would be plenty for most of us. But Pete has also been a Coastguard volunteer for almost ten years.

Pete says that he "doesn't like being bored. I love action and being out and about in the water. It feels great to be part of something that gives back to the community, and helps provide safer waters for New Zealanders. It's also a lot of fun."

"There's a fantastic culture at Coastguard, as well as a great feeling of camaraderie and being part of a team. We all share the same passion."

Pete has seen many incidents in his time as a Coastguard volunteer – bleak situations where everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. But 99% of the time, Coastguard volunteers are able to save the day.

"It can get a bit hairy out there, for sure," says Pete. "The wind can gust through Tasman Bay, which makes it popular for yachting but also unpredictable – the sea can start getting pretty rough, pretty quickly."

"One of our crew's recent rescues was that of the couple on board the Tarapunga. They were rescued near Pepin Island, and many of the crew – and other local agencies, Police, the Harbourmaster and a commercial fishing vessel - were involved."

"Ten foot flames were leaping from the boat when our CRV arrived but fortunately Carol and Gary had sensibly abandoned ship. We fought the fire, they were picked up and brought back to Port Nelson, in pretty good spirits. It was a happy outcome but it could easily have ended in disaster."

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Pete puts hours of hard work into serving as a Coastguard volunteer

“Successful rescues like that make all of the hours we put into managing our unit, training, maintaining our rescue vessel and keeping our volunteers skilled and motivated worthwhile.”

“Our unit, like others, from time to time get called to assist where a fatality has occurred, and working with Police it is sometimes up to us to return the deceased to land. While this is a difficult and emotional task, I believe our training and team work has helped our volunteers to not only cope but to carry out the task professionally, and with respect and dignity. It is also this same training that keeps our unit safe and able to do what we do.”

“Coastguard works like a well-oiled machine that kicks into action every time a distress call is made. It really is 110 per cent a team effort.”

But Pete believes the unit's volunteers will have to step up even more in the future.

“It's no longer enough to have the odd crew training to keep us up to date, run sausage sizzles to raise money and meet once a month. We're asking more of our volunteers all the time – asking them to contribute in management and support positions, not just on board our vessels.”

“Having experienced volunteers in the right roles gives us a much greater situational awareness, it means we can function well and meet all of our legal obligations.”

In just a few short months, Pete will receive special recognition from Coastguard for ten years of volunteer service. He'll be presented with a ten-year Coastguard pin and a certificate for long service – awards which, like many things at Coastguard, are funded by public donations.

Pete knows full well that Coastguard wouldn't exist without public support. “Without our supporters it just wouldn't be possible to run a rescue service. We always need funding for rescue vessels, clothing, rescue gear and training. As volunteers, we can only do so much – the rest is down to the brilliant support we get from the community.”

Without you, Pete and the crew could not save lives at sea. Thank you so much for your brilliant support.

Coastguard Nelson was formed in 1975. The volunteers patrol a large, Africa-shaped area covering Tasman and Golden Bays, from D'Urville Island in the east to Farewell Spit in the west. They are the furthest north of the South Island's 17 Coastguard units.

March 2014: A husband and wife abandoned their burning launch, adrift in Tasman Bay. Pete Kara's Coastguard Nelson crew responded to their Mayday call.

Carol Ardem was the first to see the smoke. Her husband Gary went below deck to investigate and saw, to his horror, that their engine was on fire. He yelled out, telling Carol to get up on deck. He then put out a Mayday call.

As the smoke thickened, Gary scrambled around for their cat, Sylvie. “I didn't want her to be hurt, so I went back and got her.” He grabbed a cowering Sylvie from underneath a bunk bed and got out of the burning cabin.

The crew from Coastguard Nelson – many of whom were doing their day jobs at the time – raced to the wharf, launched their rescue vessel into the bay and were on the scene in minutes.

Gary, Carol and Sylvie had abandoned the burning ship and were rowing away in their small dinghy. The rescue vessel met them, brought them aboard, and got them back to shore. They were shaken, but safe.

The couple were “overwhelmed” with the rescue effort. The response was lightning fast, Gary said, and the support afterwards was simply amazing.

This incident was one of over 2,600 that our volunteers responded to last year. Their lifesaving efforts just wouldn't be possible without your support.

Thank you.



Saved: Gary and Carol Ardem

YOUR DONATIONS HELP COASTGUARD BE THERE WHEN IT MATTERS



On a chilly June morning, just off Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf, around 25 Coastguard volunteers took part in a ‘TRAINEX’ – a training exercise, designed to simulate a major marine emergency. The exercise is a major undertaking for our volunteer crews, but a vital one. It allows them to practice working together as a large team, cope with the stress and confusion of a major emergency, and make the right calls that will one day save lives.

Without your support, our volunteers could not be ready to save lives at sea. Thank you.



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- Jeremy Richards**

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would receive an extra \$250 a year to save lives at sea. He told us, “every little bit helps, and it was so simple to sign up. I reckon every Vodafone landline customer should get on board!”

Visit coastguard.nz/vodafone or call 0800 438 448 to sign up.

GET BEHIND TEAM COASTGUARD IN THE AUCKLAND MARATHON



After months of training and fundraising, Team Coastguard are making their first appearance in the Auckland Marathon on the 1st of November. They are a dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who have put in the hard yards to raise funds for Coastguard.

We would love you to get behind our runners and give them your support. You can donate to any of our runners on the secure and official website for Auckland Marathon runners and charity teams - www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/TeamCoastguard. Donations are accepted before, during and after the Marathon.

It takes guts and exceptional sacrifice to run this year's Auckland Marathon and every step Team Coastguard take and dollar they raise will provide essential funds to help us continue to save lives at sea.

Visit www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/TeamCoastguard to support the team.



A lifejacket should be an essential part of every boatie's kit

HUTCHWILCO HAS GOT YOUR BACK DURING THE BOATING SEASON!

With Spring well underway, many of you boaties will start to prepare for the long and sunny days ahead. Hutchwilco, one of New Zealand's leading marine safety suppliers, has four easy tips for you to get your lifejackets ready for summer.

Guidelines for lifejacket care

1. To clean, sponge with warm soapy water and dry thoroughly.
2. Don't dry clean or use cleaning solvents.
3. Dry away from direct sunlight or other direct heat sources.
4. When not in use, store in a cool, well ventilated, dry location away from direct sunlight and harmful chemicals (such as battery acid).

If you would like to know more about instructions for general use, PFDs and children's safety, and tips for survival then please visit www.hutchwilco.co.nz