

BOARD COMMENDATION
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TO HONOR THE

Pillar Point Harbor Rescue Team

January 2, 2020 Rescue
Cowell Ranch State Beach

Jacob Walding
Robert Dunn
Brian Duffy
Jeff "Duke" Brouwer

The Pillar Point Harbor Rescue Team is commended for superior actions and bravery.

On January 2, 2020 a distress call was received by the Pillar Point Harbor Patrol of an individual swept out to sea at Cowell Ranch State Beach, Half Moon Bay, California. In response, the Pillar Point Harbor Rescue Team immediately launched with Deputy Harbor Masters Duke Brouwer and Brian Duffy on board the Radon as the waterside Incident Commanders and Rescue Boat, and Deputy Harbor Masters Robert Dunn and Jacob Walding on personal rescue crafts. The Team arrived on scene within 15 minutes of the call. DHM Walding immediately located the individual, lifeless and slipping below the surface, 100 yards from shore in 20 foot breaking surf. DHM Walding immediately dove off the rescue craft and secured the victim in a lifesaving hold, keeping her head above water. Deputy Harbor Master Dunn, then raced in on his rescue craft and secured both DHM Walding and the victim and successfully transported them through the surf to the beach where emergency medical personnel were waiting.

The Team's immediate action, superior coordination, and expert execution prevented the loss of life. The Team performed with honor and humility in extremely dangerous conditions. The initiative and professionalism exhibited by the Pillar Point Harbor Rescue Team is commended and is consistent with the highest standards of the San Mateo County Harbor District.




Virginia Chang Kiraly
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