

The logo for Coastguard Howick is positioned at the top right of the page. It features a stylized white and blue chevron shape pointing to the right, with the word "COASTGUARD" in white capital letters on a red background within the chevron. Below the chevron, the word "HOWICK" is written in smaller white capital letters on a red background. The entire logo is set against a red background that extends across the top of the page.

COASTGUARD

HOWICK

Citation for the Rutherford Trophy For Meritorious Act

Incident: # 2027 and 2028

Wednesday May 4th 2010

The Crew of Howick Rescue 1

Alan Martin (Skipper) - Ian Gibson - Mike Cole - Craig Houkamau - Jim Follows - Greg Noble

1715hrs After a simple jump start and having returned to shed, completed the post op checks the crew was about to leave for home and dinner when they were alerted to a distress call on channel 16 from a boat in trouble at the bottom end of Waiheke. 1745hrs: After what seemed like age the boat was re-launched with a bolstered crew, destination unclear but somewhere in the bottom end of Waiheke. In difficult conditions and with speed reduced to 20 knots they eventually arrived at Hooks Bay. 1820hrs where a big sea is rolling in and there is a boat on the rocks and three people in fear of their life's. 1830hrs Pulling the boat form the rocks and handing over to Maraetai is the first task and then returning to pluck the last person off the rocks. 1845hrs A second call then comes in with three more people in the water at mussel farm in Waiheke Channel. Leaving Maraetai to tidy up the crew set off in bad conditions, 1900hrs after directions from a small tinny fishing, the victims are located clinging to a buoy in the farm. 1820hrs En-route to Cowes Bay with the 3 victims they collect the informants in the tinny who have now run out of fuel. 2003hrs Returning to Howick via Kawakawa Bay and Pine Harbour they arrived back a little tired and very hungry at 2125 hrs.

President: Ian Gibson

14 September 2010