

There's
a role
for you...



Keen to join the team?

Tell us a bit more about you

You too, can be part of the team saving lives at sea.

Becoming a Coastguard volunteer sees you join a team of men and woman from all walks of life, they're ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing.

Coastguard as a charity depends on its volunteers. They're the heart and spirit of the organisation but it's their commitment that enables us to be there for boaties when they need us the most.

If you're keen to take the next step in registering your interest to become a volunteer, please help us get to know you by answering a few questions below.

1. First things, first. Tell us a bit about what has motivated you to get involved in Coastguard and how you found out about volunteering with us?

2. In a few words describe what you know already about Coastguard and its role in the community?

3. In thinking about volunteering for Coastguard, what area are you hoping to give your time to?

Radio Operator - the voice on the end of the radio in the Operations Room

Air Patrol - manning our search aircraft

Do you have a currently PPL or CPL License?

Yes No

Support Crew - from fundraising to speakers groups, secretaries and helping Units to manage finances as a Treasurer or launching the rescue vessel as a tractor driver.

Wet Crew - part of the team that heads out on the water on of our rescue vessels

What's your experience with the water and boating?

I'm a professional working in the industry

I'm a keen recreational boatie

I haven't really had any previous experience with the water or boating but am keen to learn and gain skills through Coastguard

Please list here any marine qualifications you currently hold

4. Thinking about what you would bring to Coastguard...

What is your profession?

What strengths and skill sets can you bring to Coastguard?

We pride ourselves on giving volunteers the very best training and the right equipment to do the job. However the need to have highly trained wet crew, radio operators and air patrol crew requires you to dedicate time to training to be able to meet requirements. This workload can vary but at times be up to 30 hours a week. The same goes for Support Crew be it meetings, working groups or administration, but it's fair to say that the time demands on shore crew are less.

5. How many hours a week do you think you're in a position to give to Coastguard?

- 0 - 5
- 5 - 10
- 10 - 15
- 15 - 30
- 30+

Coastguard is there for boatie's when they need us the most. This means a 24 hour response to marine emergencies and a non-urgent assistance service offered to Coastguard Members.

To enable our 24 hour, 7 day a week response, volunteers can be requested (dependant on your role) to carry a pager to notify them of the need to respond.

6. With this in mind what is your availability to respond?

- Anytime
- Weekends and evenings only
- I work shifts, but happy to respond when not on shift
- Other

7. In your day-to-day life are you

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed
- Semi-retired
- A home maker
- A student

8. Which of the following best describes your household?

- I'm single/living alone
- Couple with no children
- Couple with children at home
- Couple with children not living at home
- I'm a single parent
- Retired
- Other, please tell us more

Saving lives creates a special camaraderie's that is unique to those that have experienced it. There is no greater sense of team purpose that exists, when the end goal is to save a life. It puts many of the other priorities we have into perspective.

Volunteering with Coastguard is rewarding, fun and provides you with lifelong skills and friends. It does also however require a level of commitment meaning that you may miss a family function, an important date or may need to leave work or home at short notice. There will be some people in your life that are going to miss you, be it your family, your employer or friends when the pager goes off. Their support is important in order for you to succeed in your role.

With this in mind, please take the time to discuss your desire to become a Coastguard Volunteer with them. Then with their support, if you're keen and have what it takes please complete the checklist below and return return the required forms to:

Coastguard Northern Region Recruitment

recruitment@coastguard.org.nz
PO Box 2195, Shortland Street, Auckland
0800 BOATIE (262 843)

Checklist

- I've talked it through with my family/friends and employer and have their support
- I've got the time to commit to Coastguard
- I've completed this Questionnaire
- I've completed the Application Form
- I've filled in the Ministry of Justice Clearance Form
- I've enclosed a copy of my Driver's License