

Positive: successful rescue of surfer on the open sea

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The crew of a small pilot boat at sea spotted a surfer in distress.

What happened?

The skipper of the boat approached the area and using the vessel's megaphone communicated with the surfer who acknowledged that he was in distress. The MOB ramp was then deployed so that the surfer could safely board the boat. After the surfer was safely aboard, the pilot boat informed the local authorities and the company, and went to port where the local authorities arrived to receive the surfer.

The crew quickly identified the distressed seafarer and acted promptly, demonstrating excellent vigilance and responsiveness.



Recommendations

- **Maintain Vigilant Watch:** Ensure crew members are always alert and attentive to their surroundings to quickly spot any signs of distress or emergency situations at sea.
- **Regular Emergency Drills:** Conduct frequent training and emergency drills to prepare the crew for various scenarios, enhancing their readiness and response time.
- **Equip with Proper Safety Gear:** Ensure all vessels are equipped with essential safety equipment, including life jackets, lifeboats, flares, and communication devices, and regularly check their functionality.
- **Establish Clear Communication Protocols:** Develop and maintain clear communication protocols for emergencies, ensuring all crew members know how to relay information swiftly and effectively.
- **Stay Updated on Weather Conditions:** Continuously monitor weather reports and sea conditions to avoid dangerous situations, and make informed decisions about navigation and rescue operations.
- **Collaborate with Other Vessels and Authorities:** Establish communication

channels with nearby vessels and maritime authorities to coordinate efforts and share information during rescue operations.

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