



BRAVERY AWARD

GOLD

Presented to

Ryan Hansen

From 11 to the 13 April 2022, days of heavy rain across KwaZulu-Natal led to deadly floods. Particularly hard-hit were areas in and around Durban. At least 435 people died across the province, with an unknown number of people still missing as of 13 April 2022. Several thousand homes were damaged or destroyed. Critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication and electrical systems, were impacted by the flooding, and this damage greatly hampered rescue, recovery and relief efforts.

Ryan Hansen from Yamaha Durban is being recognised for his courage and determination on 11 April 2022 when he and members of the NSRI Station 5, along with the national and local emergency services, rendered aid and assistance in multiple flood-related incidents. These incidents occurred along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland due to heavy rainfall, resulting in devastating floods in Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Ryan's personal actions in which, using a company RIB, he proceeded to Peters Road in Springfield Park where he rescued 20 people trapped in the flooded conditions, at times navigating over submerged vehicles below the surface, until 04:00 the following morning. After a brief rest, he then proceeded to Isipingo where, using a hastily repaired ruptured sponson, accompanied by a fellow Yamaha staff member, he navigated 2 kilometres down the flooded highway to rescue several batches of trapped people from a cross bridge to collection points along the highway whereupon they were led to safety. Finally, when the flooding had begun to subside sufficiently for vehicular traffic, he used his Land Cruiser to continue to ferry people to safety.

Ryan Hansen's personal bravery that day, going to the aid of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, without concern for his own safety, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Bravery Award Gold.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Velloza'.

Jonathan Velloza
Chairman: Board of Directors



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Date