

***Torrey Pines***

***Gliderport:***

***OUT of CONTROL***

***Bob Kuczewski***

***April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

***Pursuant to the  
Brown Act, I  
officially request  
that City TV show  
ALL of my slides.***

# ***Torrey Pines Web Site***



www.flytorrey.com



## FAQs / Is hang gliding or paragliding safer?

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# August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Paragliders collide in mid air over Torrey Pines



By News 8's Steve Price

SAN DIEGO, Calif (CBS 8) - A student paraglider slammed into the side of a cliff above black's beach Sunday afternoon following a mid air collision with another student paraglider.

Witnesses say the two were heading straight toward each other when one paraglider hit the other paraglider's chute, causing it to collapse.

The paraglider lost control and went straight down. He was conscious at the scene, but complained of injuries to his shoulder, knee and ribs.

Rescuers lowered themselves about 50 feet down the cliff to reach the victim. While there, they determined it would have been too tough on the victim to lower him about 100 feet to the beach below, so instead, they packaged him up on a back board and flew him off the cliff by helicopter.

He was taken to Scripps La Jolla for treatment. The other paraglider landed safely. Authorities are calling it an accident and doubt there will be any criminal charges.

<http://www.cbs8.com/story/12945862/paragliders-collide-in-mid-air-over-torrey-pines>



***July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011***



## **Paraglider hurt after collision at Torrey Pines Gliderport**

SAN DIEGO (CBS 8) - In La Jolla, two paragliders crashed into each other, sending one of them to the hospital.

It happened around 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Torrey Pines Gliderport.



San Diego lifeguards say a paraglider was coming in for a landing when another collided into them.

Witnesses say one paraglider fell about 40 feet and landed shoulder first on the ground. The other paraglider was able to land safely.

The cause of the collision is under investigation.

<http://www.cbs8.com/story/15138240/paraglider-hurt-after-collision-at-torrey>



***August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011***

## **Paraglider Hurt In Torrey Pines-Area Crash**



Medical crews rescued a paraglider pilot who crashed on a cliff in the Torrey Pines area.

According to dispatchers, the incident happened shortly before 2 p.m. near the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Authorities said a wind gust caused the glider's wing to fold, which then led to the paraglider being dropped from the sky. Dispatchers said the paraglider crashed about 200 feet down a nearby cliff.

"He was extremely high. He was trying to maneuver a turn and lost wind out of his sail [he] came straight down on his back on the Cliffside," said San Diego lifeguard Jason Yager, who witnessed the incident.

Yager said the paraglider lost the wind out of his sail, and after the fall he quickly responded.

"I spoke with the patient and he spoke with me. He was in and out of consciousness extremely surprised he was able to talk with me after his fall," said Yager.

Yager told 10News the paraglider was a foreign tourist and that his injuries were traumatic.

The unidentified man was airlifted to Scripps La Jolla Hospital and his condition remains unknown.



**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## ***Woman dies in Torrey Pines paraglider crash***

**UT**  
**San Diego**

SAN DIEGO — A South Carolina woman piloting a paraglider died Saturday as suspended on the cliffs of Torrey Pines, according to San Diego lifeguards.

She was identified by the county Medical Examiner's Office as Pamela Hargett, 52, of Inman.

Her boyfriend, also paragliding, saw Hargett hit the cliffs and called 911 just after noon. Lifeguards rappelled down the cliffs above Black's Beach so the woman could be lifted off by helicopter, San Diego Lifeguard Lt. Nick Lerma said.

Once atop the cliffs, the woman could not be revived and was pronounced dead.

The rescue took place about a quarter-mile south of the Torrey Pines Gliderport, a renowned launch point for paragliders and hang gliders looking to ride ocean updrafts.



<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/may/12/woman-dies-torrey-pines-glider-crash/>



# ***December 24<sup>th</sup> 2012***

## ***Paraglider rescued at Torrey Pines, airlifted to La Jolla hospital***

A 58-year-old paraglider crashed and was trapped on cliffs about 20 to 30 feet down from the bluff top Torrey Pines Gliderport before being rescued Dec. 24.

"A call came in at 2 p.m. of a man stranded on the cliffs," San Diego Fire-Rescue spokesman Lee Swanson said. "A helicopter extricated him from the cliffs about 3:05 p.m. and flew him to Scripps La Jolla Hospital."

Swanson said the rescue effort also involved lifeguards and one fire engine.

San Diego Lifeguard Lt. Andy Lerum said the male paraglider got stranded after a botched takeoff.

"He ran into some trouble trying to abort the takeoff but it was too late," Lerum said. "He got pushed down into a hard landing on the cliff."

Lerum said the paraglider complained of back pain and had difficulty moving before being airlifted from the cliff.

—City News Service





**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**

# **Paraglider rescued from cliffs near Torrey Pines Gliderport**



SAN DIEGO (CNS) - A man paragliding in the Torrey Pines area crashed onto a coastal bluff Wednesday, winding up injured and stranded on the precipice until emergency crews came to his rescue.

The accident near Torrey Pines Gliderport was reported about 5 p.m., San Diego lifeguard Lt. Nick Lerma said.

Emergency crews climbed down to the 26-year-old victim, who was conscious but apparently had suffered an ankle injury and possible head or neck trauma, and loaded him into a transport apparatus. An emergency-services helicopter then hoisted him off the bluff and flew him to Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla.

The rescue took about a half-hour.

The unidentified man's impact into the sea bluff was forceful enough to crack the safety helmet he was wearing, Lerma said.



**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**





# October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014



INJURED PARAGLIDER RESCUED OF



**BREAKING NEWS**

**PARAGLIDER RESCUED AFTER CRASHING INTO CLIFFS  
MAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH BACK AND HIP PAIN**



6:01 79°



**PARAGLIDER INJURED  
PARAGLIDER RESCUED AFTER CRASHING INTO LA JOLLA CLIFFS**



10:04 78°

MEGA MILLIONS 03-20-34-58-67 (06)

# April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015



<http://fox5sandiego.com/2015/04/02>

**SAN DIEGO – A person was injured in a paragliding accident Thursday in Torrey Pines.**

The accident occurred around 5 p.m. below the Torrey Pines Gliderport, according to San Diego Fire Department.

<http://www.sandiego6.com>

By Jason LiVecchi

Story Published: Apr 2, 2015 at 5:50 PM PDT

Story Updated: Apr 2, 2015 at 5:50 PM PDT

San Diego - Firefighters and lifeguards responded to the 2800 block of Torrey Pines Scenic Drive for a cliff rescue. Early reports indicate a paraglider crashed at the sight. The accident happened around 5:00 PM with one person transported from the scene on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance. No word on the condition of the patient..



# September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015



POSTED: 11:25 PM, Sep 21, 2015



***March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

## Paraglider hospitalized after crashing into cliff at Torrey Pines

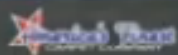
*Posted: Mar 20, 2016 4:27 PM PDT*

*Updated: Mar 21, 2016 9:26 AM PDT*

Video Report By Dominic Garcia, Reporter



**TOP STORY  
AT 6:30**



**MAN HOSPITALIZED AFTER GLIDER CRASH AT TORREY PINES**

STUDENTS IN SPAIN CRASHES ALONG HIGHWAY, KILLING 13, INJURING 34 OTHERS

6:30

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*April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016*





# March 25th, 2017

**TIMES**  
of SAN DIEGO

## Lifeguards Rescue Hang Glider Pilot Stranded on Black's Beach Cliff

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A hang glider pilot who became stranded on a cliff overlooking Black's Beach was rescued Saturday afternoon by San Diego lifeguards.

San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel responded at about 1 p.m. to the Saddleback area near the intersection of Torrey Pines Scenic Drive and Torrey Pines Road below the glider port, according to SDFD officials.



The glider pilot was not injured. The pilot became stuck on a bluff about 20 feet above the beach. Lifeguards worked on the rescue, safely lowering the pilot to the beach below.

-- City News Service

# January 16th, 2018

## The San Diego Union-Tribune



News / Public Safety

### Crews rescue man hurt while paragliding in Torrey Pines



Firefighters and lifeguards rescued a man who apparently crashed his paraglider into a cliff. (Courtesy of San Diego Fire-Rescue)



By **Karen Kucher** • Contact Reporter

JANUARY 16, 2018, 3:00 PM

**S**an Diego lifeguards and firefighters rescued a paraglider who apparently crashed into a cliff along the beach below the San Diego Gliderport Tuesday, a fire official said.

Someone called 911 around 11:15 a.m. to report seeing a paraglider crash into the cliff. Rescue workers subsequently located a man in his 20s on the beach, said San Diego Fire-Rescue spokeswoman Monica Muñoz.



Rescuers were using ropes to pull an injured man up the cliffs to the San Diego Gliderport in Torrey Pines. (Courtesy of San Diego Fire-Rescue)

The man was found just north of an area known as Hully Gully and rescuers used ropes to pull him up the cliff on a stretcher, she said. He was taken to a hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries.

Muñoz said it was a “difficult rescue.”



# ***March 9th, 2018***



## **Paraglider rescued from below Torrey Pines Glider Port**

POSTED 1:41 PM, MARCH 9, 2018, BY [BOB PONTING](#) AND [SHARON CHEN](#), UPDATED AT 08:18PM, MARCH 9, 2018



SAN DIEGO – Lifeguards Friday used a helicopter to pluck an injured paraglider from a steep cliff face below the Torrey Pines Glider Port.

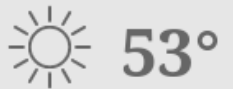


# ***March 9th, 2019***



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## 2 dead in paraglider crash at Torrey Pines

By **Pauline Repard and David Hernandez** • Contact Reporters

MARCH 9, 2019, 8:10 PM | LA JOLLA

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# ***Dead Pilot Ratings***

Post subject: RE: Two pilots dead at Torrey Pines

Author: [Steve Rohrbaugh](#)

▢Posted: Wed Mar 13, 2019 21:56 UTC

Pilot 1 was signed off on his P3 2/24/19

Prior ratings issued: P1: 6/21/18; P2: 7/21/18

Pilot 2 was signed off on P1: 2/5/19

joined USHPA on 2/1/19

# ***Brand New P3 & P1***



***Claim to Require:***

***P3 and at least 50 hours***

***But they have a***

***P1***

***flying solo???***

# ***Recommended Operating Limitations for Beginner Pilots:***

***It is highly recommended  
that all flights be made under  
the direct supervision of a  
USHPA Certified Basic or  
Advanced Paragliding  
Instructor.***



***WHO WAS THE  
INSTRUCTOR  
IN CHARGE?***

***Torrey Pines***

***Gliderport is***

***OUT OF***

***CONTROL!!***

***What  
are ya  
gonna  
do  
about  
it?***

