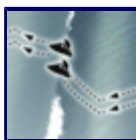


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DESPERATE RACE FOR SURVIVAL / RIDING FOR THEIR LIVES: Two patrollers on Jet Skis at Maverick's reef turned around to see dead waves crashing toward them. They had just seconds to figure out alive.

Shawn Alladio (left) and Jonathan "JC" Cahill take to the surf on a Jet Sk the Pillar Point break, where the annual Maverick's surfing contest takes portrait session with The Chronicle. Chronicle photo by Michael Macor



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