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## **THE FINEST HOURS - HISTORICAL DISASTER DRAMA FILM DIRECTED BY CRAIG GILLESPIE**

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Directed by : Craig GILLESPIE

Produced by : Dorothy AUFIERO & James WHITAKER

Screenplay by : Eric JOHNSON, Scott SILVER, Paul TAMASY

Based on : 'The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue' by Michael J. TOUGIAS & Casey SHERMAN

Starring : Chris PINE, Casey AFFLECK, Ben FOSTER, Holliday GRAINGER, Joh, ORTIZ, Eric BANA

SYNOPSIS :

Bernard Webber, a crewman at the Coast Guard station in Chatham, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, has fallen in love with a local girl, Miriam Pentinen. The two plan to marry on April 16, but as per Coast Guard regulations, Bernie must seek permission from the station's commander, Daniel Cluff. On the day he is due to ask permission, Bernie is dispatched to pilot his lifeboat, CG 36500, to rescue the oil tanker, SS Pendleton, which broke in half off the Chatham coast after getting caught in a nor'easter.

Bernard Webber manages to rescue 32 crewmen. Relying on his knowledge of the coast in place of his compass, he turns CG 36500 toward home. Two months later, 'Bernie' and Miriam are married; they stay together for 58 years until Bernie's death in 2009. Webber and his crew receive the Gold Lifesaving Medal.

IN OUR OPINION, WHY YOU SHOULD SEE THE FILM :

As a well-crafted disaster drama, it is a perfectly entertaining film. A good version of the 1950's rescue mission, in which a four-man band of Coast Guard troops went above and beyond the call of duty, steering out into impossible sea conditions to reach a crippled oil tanker.

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