

Waves by Jon Divens & Fernando Viso

Waves is a Family Movie following **Magdalena (Lena)**, a Galapagos Penguin, on her journey to compete and excel in the male dominated sport and tradition of body surfing.

The hero picked up her love from surfing as a baby from her **Aunt Gracie**, before she was swept out by the strong undercurrent, never to be seen again. This tragedy unfortunately convinced her father **Franco** to forbid his daughter from ever entering the ocean, forcing her to hone her surfing in secret as she grew up. The encouragement of **Sunny**, a carefree Sea Turtle contestant, and her inability to take her mundane life anymore pushes Lena to do the unthinkable. Compete in the Galapagos Open.

The **Wisemen (Thomas, Java, & Paco)** have been tasked with keeping the traditions of the Open alive, just like their predecessors for hundreds of years before them. Lena knows these are the men she needs to impress, and sneaks into the reserved training facility, dominating the waves for all to see. Thomas is irate a girl has desecrated the sacred training grounds, but her talent is undeniable. Even the cocky current and former champs, **Don Juana Del Iguana** (Marine Iguana) & **King Kobe** (Seal), know they are going to get a run for their money. Thomas searches high and low for ancient scripture depicting the rules barring girls from participating, yet to no avail. After a two to one vote the decision is made--- Let the girl surf!

While training Lena must save King Kobe's handsome son **Bodie** from three terrifying **Sharks** after he is sucked out by the undercurrent. The two strike up a beautiful bond, even if he is the competition. The buzz grows as the competition nears, and whispers of excitement about Lena's participation eventually make its way to Franco's ear, sending him into a frenzy. He books it to the beach and confronts her about her lying. Franco tells her to quit surfing and come home, or don't ever bother coming back. Set in her quest to bring pride to Aunt Gracie and her family, Lena apologizes to her father and tells him she won't be coming home.

The day of the competition arrives and the finals are dwindled down to Lena, Bodie, Sunny, and Don Juana. A giant storm comes in and monstrous waves leave Bodie with a broken fin, and Don Juana cowering in fear on rock in the ocean. Thomas wants to call the competition, but Lena doesn't give him the opportunity. She jumps into the water and attacks the intimidating waves. She uses the dangerous undercurrent and pulls off the most magnificent move anyone has ever seen, yet when she sticks her landing she knocks Don Juana off his rock and into the undercurrent.

From a cliffside Franco watches his daughter go after Don Juana, prompting him to jump in after her. He ends up at the end of the current in the deep ocean with his daughter and Don Juana, surrounded by the Sharks ready to eat them. Just as the jaws of death are about to clamp down on them, Sunny comes spinning out of the current knocking one of the shark's teeth out. He is quickly followed by a hoard of penguins and seals, including King Kobe, coming to the rescue. The animals pelt the Sharks over and over until they swim away in pain and agony.

Being as Sunny was the only finalist that completed his routine, he is crowned the champion of the Galapagos Open. Though Lena, establishes herself as the island's top surfer, and more importantly brought honor to her family and her Aunt Gracie's memory.