



Lifeline

Aquatic News for British Columbia & the Yukon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Children's Festival

Vancouver
May 11- 18

BCRPA Symposium

Whistler
May 27, 28, 29

National Drowning Prevention Week

July 18 – 26

Barnsley Championship

Kamloops
August 21, 22

NLSI Courses

Kamloops
Oct 9, 10, 11, 12
Langley
Nov 21, 22, 28, 29

Find-a-Member

Now award-holders can check and print out their certification record on-line with the new **Find-a-Member** service. Using the personalized alphanumeric code in the bottom right hand corner of certification cards, an award-holder can access a history of their Lifesaving Society certifications. Go to our website to try it out or contact the Branch for more information.

Barnsley

Announcement

The 2009 Barnsley Championship will be held in Kamloops on August 21 and 22. For more information please contact David at the Branch office. Hope to see you all in Kamloops!

NLS Full Course Prerequisites



As of May 1, 2009, Standard First Aid (SFA) **must be current within two years** of the NLS full course (the previous policy was "current within one year" of the NLS course). Here are some tips for checking the SFA prerequisite: Emergency First Aid and Occupational First Aid Level 1 are **NOT** equivalent to SFA; high school students in BC receive Emergency First Aid in school, not SFA. Occupational First Aid Level 2 & 3 meets the SFA prerequisite, but not the CPR-C prerequisite. Candidates must show a separate CPR-C card. If you have any questions on prerequisites, refer to your Program Guide or contact *Wendy* at the Branch office.



BOAT Program Update

The BOAT program has seen an increase in participation this year as the September 15 deadline approaches requiring all recreational boaters to have a PCO card. To support the increase in participation we have created an at-home assignment for current LSIs who hold a PCO card to become BOAT instructors. We have also revamped the BOAT Starter Kit for facilities who want to proctor exams. For more information go to our website or contact *David* at the Branch office.

Langara Recreation Program

Langara College in Vancouver, BC is now recruiting students for the September 2009 term of the two-year **Recreation Leadership Diploma Program**. This program could be of interest to grade 12 graduates wishing to pursue a career in the field. If you would like further information on the program please feel free to contact *Vince Kreiser* at the College 604.323.5276 or visit their website at: www.langara.bc.ca/recreation.

Canadian Swim Patrol



The Canadian Swim Patrol program has been revised in order to provide for a more logical flow between learn to swim programs and the Bronze family. The revised CSP allows for affiliates to better integrate

CSP into learn-to-swim programs allowing for additional programming opportunities. It also better prepares candidates for Bronze Star, provides better support for JLC and lifesaving sport as well as providing more course choice for individuals looking to develop lifesaving skills. A copy of the new Award Guide will be sent to all facilities in the next Affiliate mail out.

Competition

The first competition of the season is fast approaching (May 30 at Gordon Head in Saanich) and we just wanted to remind competition organizers that the Sanction Form can be downloaded from the website. If you want your competition to be a Regional competition or a sanctioned competition you must complete the form and submit it with supporting documentation two weeks prior to your competition. For more information please contact *David* at the Branch office.



National Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) is July 18-26. This is a great week to host a drowning prevention event. Look for an Activity Guide in the next Affiliate mail out (early May) and on the website.

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