

LifeLiner

Aquatic News for BC & the Yukon



Canadians Clean Up in Bath



September 29: A strong Canadian delegation came home with a myriad of medals from the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championship in Bath, England held September 24 to 29. The Canadian National Team was bolstered by BC reps Gail Findlay-Shirras and Will Walters while Zuzana Benkova and Dan Minster made up the BC contingent on the Development Team.

By the end of the competition, the Canadian National Team had finished third behind South Africa and Australia with a collection of 4 gold medals, 2 silver and 7 bronze. Not to be outdone, the Development Team finished second behind South Africa by winning 2 gold medals, 3 silver and 10 bronze. To see all of the results, [click here](#).

A total of 250 athletes from several Commonwealth countries competed in a variety of events including manikin tows, emergency response and ironguard competition.

The sport of lifesaving contributes to the world-wide drowning prevention mission of the Royal Life Saving Society. In pursuit of this mission, Commonwealth Championships serve more than the needs of the high-performance athlete. They provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their lifesaving knowledge by meeting and interacting with other international delegates as well as a chance to improve personal performance. Delegates benefit by representing the Lifesaving Society at an international competition and gaining valuable expertise they will bring back to their respective Branch.

The Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships are sanctioned by the International Life Saving Federation and the Commonwealth Games Federation. Edmonton will be the host city for the next Championships in 2009. The last time Canada hosted an international lifesaving championship on this scale was Rescue '86 in Vancouver.



Call for Volunteers

Help us investigate BC drownings on Sat, Nov 4 from 10am to 4pm at the Branch office. Contact Kathy at 604.299.5450 or email awards@lifesaving.bc.ca to RSVP or for more info.

Interested in becoming an NLS Instructor or an Instructor-Trainer?

2007 leadership course dates will be released soon. In the meantime, please submit an application form to the Branch Office. Applications and course listings are available on our website.

Swim to Survive

[Click here](#) to read the 2006 Drowning Prevention Day Swim to Survive Challenge campaign report. Stay tuned for more Swim to Survive in 2007!

CPR Update

CPR Revision Update Clinics are taking place throughout the Branch. Be sure to visit the CPR section of our website for the latest information and documents for download.

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