



2015 Annual Report

Lifesaving
Society -
BC & Yukon
Branch



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a distinct privilege to have the opportunity to report on our success over the course of the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with such a skilled and dedicated group of volunteers that make up your Executive Committee and ensure that we position ourselves effectively to achieve our mission of reducing drowning and raising awareness of the drowning problem. Your Executive Committee has been ably assisted by our Branch staff, in particular the stellar ongoing contributions of Dale Miller, our Executive Director. I would be remiss in not publicly noting the sterling contributions of Wendy Schultenkamper who moved on in November after many years as our Education Director. Looking forward, I trust you will join me in welcoming and supporting Heidi Ogilvie as our new Branch President. I believe that her skills, leadership, and creative insight will

serve our Branch well as we continue to meet our mission and prepare to host the world in Vancouver at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in October of next year.

The goals and object of the Society are advanced by a wide number of volunteers whose efforts span the full spectrum from research on drowning, to leadership development in committees and in lifesaving sport. As a Society we are fortunate to have such a depth of experience matched to passion on the part of all our volunteers and contributors. Without the ongoing efforts of these volunteers there is no doubt that many more of our fellow citizens would be exposed to the tragedy of the drowning problem. I wish I could thank each of you personally for the contributions you make to the Lifesaving Society and to our society in BC and the Yukon – please accept these written thanks as a modest acknowledgement of your invaluable service.

A few highlights of the year include reference to the 102nd annual Honour, Rescue and Bravery Awards where, along with Her Honour Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, we recognized individuals for their acts of bravery in the conduct of water rescue in often harrowing circumstance. We also recognized the long service of volunteers who ensure that our Society continues to be Canada's Lifeguarding Experts, leading the effort against drowning and accidental injury in and around water.

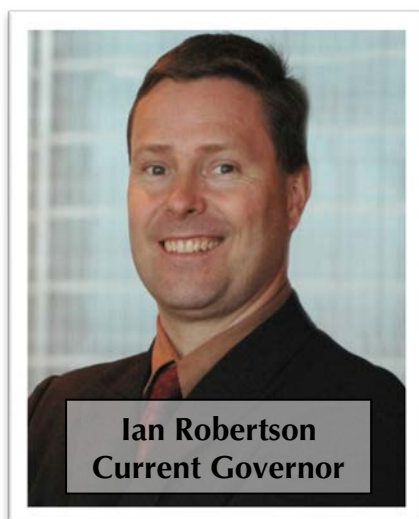
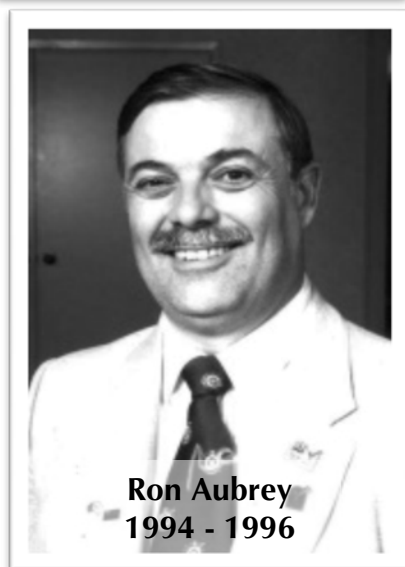
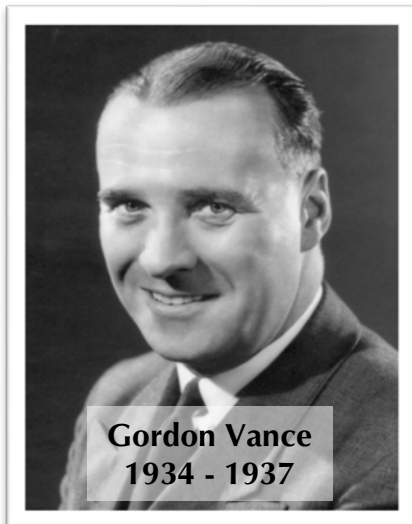
A key success of the past year was the commencement of the Public Access Lifering project. This project seeks to place suitable lifering rescue devices at unsupervised and higher risk areas across BC and the Yukon. This project encourages all to be empowered to act as lifesavers when the need arises. Additionally, the Canadian Drowning Prevention Plan was announced and the national project manager embedded in our Branch to co-ordinate this national, multi-faceted approach to drowning prevention across the country. These initiatives continue to ensure that our Branch stays at the forefront of the national conversation and position us to leverage our collective skills to ensure the success of our drowning prevention mandate.

Looking forward to this year and to 2017, I am pleased to report on the ongoing progress of planning for the 2017 World Conference on Drowning Prevention. This biennial conference, run under the auspices of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS), will bring to Vancouver national lifesaving societies, researchers, experts, governmental and non-governmental organizations to present and discuss the newest research and thinking in drowning prevention, lifesaving sport, and related fields.

In closing, it is clear that the past year has been a significant success due to the ongoing active contribution of our membership. On a personal note, it has been a distinct privilege to have had the opportunity to act as the President of this Branch; a Branch comprised of hard-working, dedicated and passionate volunteers all striving to reduce drowning and water-related injuries. I have had the good fortune of working with the exceptional group of individuals that are the Executive Committee (Board) and who, in dedicating their time and talent to our Branch, truly made my time as your President memorable and enjoyable. I look forward to continuing to work with you and supporting you in achieving the mission of our Society.

Michael J. Lawless, Branch President

BRANCH PRESIDENTS



<i>Frederick William Burrows</i>	1923 - 1925
<i>William Reid Owen</i>	1925 - 1926
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<i>Alfred H. J. Swencisky</i>	1930 - 1932
<i>Lestock Charles Reid</i>	1932 - 1933
<i>George Alexander Burrows</i>	1933 - 1934
<i>Gordon Vance</i>	1934 - 1937
<i>Thomas M. Galloway</i>	1937 - 1938
<i>Lestock Charles Reid</i>	1938 - 1940
<i>John Lawrence Lugin</i>	1940 - 1942
<i>Rollie S. Henderson</i>	1942 - 1945
<i>Gordon Vance</i>	1945 - 1946
<i>Edward Frank Forsyth</i>	1946 - 1947
<i>George Alexander Burrows</i>	1947 - 1948
<i>John Thomas Kelly</i>	1948 - 1957
<i>H. Douglas Whittle</i>	1957 - 1966
<i>George Alexander Burrows</i>	1966 - 1968
<i>R. Gordon Edmonds</i>	1968 - 1969
<i>James Bertram Snelgrove</i>	1969 - 1970
<i>Maxwell E. Gordon</i>	1970 - 1972
<i>Margaret Jean Lathwell</i>	1972 - 1976
<i>Nestor Nick Korchinsky</i>	1976 - 1980
<i>Dan E. Moon</i>	1980 - 1982
<i>Doreen Drysdale</i>	1982 - 1987
<i>Ellen Lloyd</i>	1987 - 1992
<i>Julia Oulton</i>	1992 - 1994
<i>Ron Aubrey</i>	1994 - 1996
<i>Tony Toriglia</i>	1996 - 1998
<i>Heather Straight</i>	1998 - 2000
<i>Nicole Liddell</i>	2000 - 2002
<i>Ian Robertson</i>	2002 - 2004
<i>Dan Galazka</i>	2004 - 2006
<i>Sean Healy</i>	2006 - 2008
<i>Craig Amundsen</i>	2008 - 2010
<i>Len Manuel</i>	2010 - 2012
<i>Dalyce Brandt</i>	2012 - 2014
<i>Michael Lawless</i>	2014 - 2016

BRANCH GOVERNORS

<i>Alfred H.J. Swencisky</i>	Dates unconfirmed
<i>Major-General John M. Rockingham</i>	1980 - 1983
<i>George A. Brown</i>	1988 - 1994
<i>Peter Legge</i>	1995 - 1997
<i>Jon MacKinnon</i>	1997 - 2008
<i>Ian Robertson</i>	2008 - present



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

It was year of change and renewal for this Branch in 2015. Early in the year, a new project was kick started with an unexpected donation from the BCGEU. In April we received \$8,000 and a letter asking simply that we use the funds to reduce drownings in BC & the Yukon. That provided seed money to establish the Public Access Liferings (PAL) project. The donation was in memory of the four young people who drowned in Slocan Lake in the spring of 2014, so six liferings were placed in their home towns and near the location of their drownings. It is a project we hope will grow to help save lives around the water.

Having been a primary contributor to the Coroner's Child Death Review Panel on Drowning in 2014, the Branch supported a number of initiatives implemented in 2015 to begin to address the high incidence of drowning in the youth demographic. A workshop was held in March that included passionate and emotional input from friends and family of youth who have recently drowned. School presentations from peers, phone-based education and public access liferings were some of the suggested strategies to result from the discussion.

To that end, one more approach initiated in 2015 was the Swim to Survive+ program. As an extension of the Swim to Survive program, it teaches personal responsibility and self-rescue skills to youth. Grants are now available for this program that will help save young lives.

Late in the year we saw two key staff members leave us. After 15 years of amazing service to the Society, Kathy Fedyk left our employ in mid-November. In addition to the many projects she contributed to, the highlight was the passion and enthusiasm Kathy and her husband Chris put into combing the archives to produce an excellent historical video for our 2011 Centennial year.

In late November, Education Director Wendy Schultenkamper headed east after 8 years of highly committed service to the Society. In her time with us, Wendy contributed much to all aspects of our work. Many of her farewell messages described her with words such as mentor, guide, inspirational, admired and passionate. Wendy was all that and much more.

We are excited to welcome Brooke Cherfils of Creston to the Education Director position and Alvin Cheung of Burnaby to the part-time position of First Aid Program Coordinator. We look forward to them continuing the strong support of our programs and public education initiatives.

November was a busy month with several delegates from this Branch attending the 2015 World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Penang, Malaysia. Along with myself, board member Tony Toriglia, Michael Miller and search & rescue specialist Dave Jephson as a speaker, we were very pleased to have Quinn Yu of Victoria represent us as a young delegate at the conference. He attended the Emerging Leaders workshop and took in much knowledge from the conference.

We learned a lot from the Malaysia conference that will assist us in planning for the 2017 edition at the Westin Bayshore, October 17 to 19. And although those are the dates of the core conference, many other organizations will be holding their national and international meetings around that time to merge with the conference, including our provincial aquatics conference, Ripple Effects. Make sure to take the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend an international conference locally that is based on our worthy mission of drowning prevention.

Exciting times are ahead and we look to your continued support of the work we do to make 2016 a banner year for renewal and progress.

Dale Miller, Executive Director



PROGRAM AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT

The biggest change for programs in 2015 was not so much related to programs but to who was responsible for them. In November 2015 Wendy Schultenkamper left her position of Education Director after eight years to explore new opportunities in Toronto.

Wendy was instrumental in developing and launching the revised National Lifeguard program. She also revamped both the National Lifeguard Instructor and First Aid Instructor programs. She was able to provide structure to the AED Quality Assurance Program (QAP) which allowed it to grow to over 30 facilities. In her time she handled 4 recertification cycles including the 2015 National Lifeguard Instructor and Lifesaving Instructor recertification clinics. Beyond that Wendy had an exceptional relationship with Branch affiliates and became the 'go to' person for a lot of them.

Although Wendy is a tough act to follow, we are very excited to welcome Brooke Cherfils to fill the position of Education Director and Alvin Cheung in the new position of First Aid Program Coordinator. Brooke is an Instructor Trainer for Lifesaving, National Lifeguard and First Aid. She brings an extensive background in pool operation and programming that will provide knowledgeable and enthusiastic support to Affiliates.

Alvin is a National Lifeguard and First Aid Instructor as well as being a Lifesaving Instructor Trainer. He has extensive experience as a lifeguard supervisor and instructor with the City of Burnaby. He also has a background in medicine that provides a high level of expertise to the first aid program. We look forward to seeing what both Brooke and Alvin can bring to our programs both in increased quantity and quality.

One of Brooke and Alvin's first responsibilities will be to launch the new Leadership programs. Leadership revisions started in 2014 and continue toward a late 2016 launch. Once completed, there will be an award guide and instructor resource to support the new program. The first task will be to develop a new Lifesaving Instructor course which Brooke and the Leadership Committee will be finalizing, piloting and launching in 2016.

In 2015 we saw an overall increase in Bronze program participation with the largest increase in Bronze Star, an important gateway program for future program growth.

Last year we also saw the start of a new recertification cycle for Lifesaving Instructors, Instructor Trainers and National Lifeguard Instructors. There were 942 Lifesaving Instructors and 206 National Lifeguard Instructors recertifications. We generally see a drop in the second year of a recert cycle but additional instructors will be able to recertify in 2016 as they approach their expiry date. First Aid Instructors recertify every 3 years and will have a new recertification cycle starting in 2017.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our co-workers at the Branch Office, our Affiliates and the tireless efforts of Society Committee members and volunteers who have played a part in making this another successful year.

Wendy Schultenkamper, Education Director

David Rose, Program Coordinator

PUBLIC ACCESS LIFERING (PAL) PROJECT

Thanks to a generous donation from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) in April, the Lifesaving Society was able to initiate the Public Access Lifering (PAL) project. The donation was made in memory of the four young people who drowned in Slocan Lake in May 2014 and came with the simple request to "help reduce the risk of similar tragedies occurring in BC and the Yukon in the years ahead." The donation allowed for the purchase and installation of six PAL units, three placed on Slocan Lake beaches, two at the Millennium Ponds in Castlegar and one in Gibsons.

The PAL project is one more strategy to prevention drownings in BC and the Yukon. Communities have the opportunity to place PAL units on unsupervised public beaches. The sturdy weatherproof units are meant to allow members of the public to access a throwing assist in the event of a water-related emergency.

Having observed the success of such a project in other countries, most notably Ireland, and having observed the number of drowning incidents locally where the availability of such a lifesaving device could have saved a life, it is a logical project for the Lifesaving Society to support and promote. Local advocates are responsible for the \$1200 to fund the purchase of a unit and for the on-going checking and maintenance of it.



Chrissy and Stuart Kyle unveil Public Access Lifering at Armour's Beach in Gibsons in memory of their son Kyle who drowned in Slocan Lake in May 2014.



The circular label on the front of the unit provides instructions on its use as well as an opportunity to recognize the donor and memorialize a victim whose drowning may have been the cause for funding. As with any installation of such equipment in a public area, there is the potential for vandalism and theft, so warnings of prosecution are also contained on the label.

With adequate funding, the Lifesaving Society sees the potential to have many PAL units installed over the next several years. A program to track their use and effectiveness will provide input to other communities considering installations on their local waterfronts.

To learn more about the PAL project and order units to make your community safer, contact David Rose at the Branch Office (ph: 604-299-5450 or e-mail: davidr@lifesaving.bc.ca)

WATERWISE BOAT SAFETY TEAM

The WaterWise Boat Safety Team was initiated in the BC & Yukon Branch in 1999. Over the past 16 years the Team saw many transformations culminating in the most successful season in history in 2015 with Sienna Joyce and Madisen (Maddy) Steinwand leading the way.

The Team's objective is to provide outreach education on safe boating through school presentations, community events, boat launch visits and media profile. In a tightly scheduled 6 week period last May and June, the Team provided their WaterWise Wisdom presentation to over 5600 school children, nearly doubling the contact from the previous year.

Adding to that, Sienna and Maddy's enthusiasm sparked new initiatives such as:

- widening the Wisdom audience to include 500 children at summer camps
- widening the scope of information to general water safety
- using every facet of social media to create new followers and increased interest in the topic of boating safety
- starting a "Caught You Wearing It" social media campaign encouraging boaters to win safety equipment by sending pictures of themselves boating while wearing their lifejacket or PFD
- increasing media exposure including Sienna providing an interview in French for CBC



Their positive energy, big smiles and strong passion for their 'job' were infectious and their commitment to boating safety was clearly evident each day they arrived for work. The Team's hard work was also evident to others across the country as they were worthy recipients of the 2015 Ontario Power Generation's Best Boating Safety Initiative award! It was presented to them at the CASBA awards dinner in Toronto in January 2016.

Sienna is training to be a registered nurse and hopes to return to the Team this summer while Maddy's schooling to become a teacher will run through the summer preventing her from returning as a Team member, much to her disappointment.



NATIONAL LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Sean Chambers, Chris Cordova, Alyson Dewey, Gordon Macdonnell, Lauralee March, Michael Miller, Alison Stevens, Karen Hillmann (chair)

Regional Representatives: Troy Bingham, Jonathan Goertzen, Debbie Heywood, Jessica MacDaniel, Jerry Michael, Melina Sweezey

Staff Representatives: Wendy Schultenkamper, David Rose

March 2016 ends the current two year term of the present NL Committee. During the past two years as Committee Chair, I have seen tremendous support and dedication from an amazing group of loyal committee members who volunteer their time and efforts through monthly meetings, group projects and discussions or debates. I would like to thank the committee members as well as the Branch Office for their continued support, input on various NL topics, feedback and, to top things off, pride in the National Lifeguard program.

In 2015, the Committee and Branch office worked on the following projects and resources:

- An updated lifeguarding simulations and public relations scenarios list for NL Instructors
- A Waterfront/Surf Candidate Workbook, Waterfront dry/wet time guidelines and a Waterfront/Surf assignment
- Review of existing NL Pool/Waterpark Candidate Workbook, NL Precert/Recert guide and NL assignments and quizzes in preparation for the 2015 NL Instructor Recert Clinic
- Preparation for the 2015 NL Instructor Recert Clinic along with a new NL Instructor Recert Guide. A pilot was held with update clinics Spring and Fall
- Continuation of looking at various information bulletins
- Review methods of increasing numbers for NL Instructor courses

National Lifeguard programs and numbers for 2015:

- 6 new instructors starting the process of completing their certification. Thanks to the Instructor Trainers providing these courses.
- 99 NL recert conductors recertified and 9 new recert conductors joined their ranks. Welcome to these instructors and recert conductors.
- NL Instructors certified many participants in courses: 1568 in Pool Option, 382 in Waterpark and 60 in Waterfront. Participants recertifying included 2309 in Pool Option, 354 in Waterpark and 100 in Waterfront.

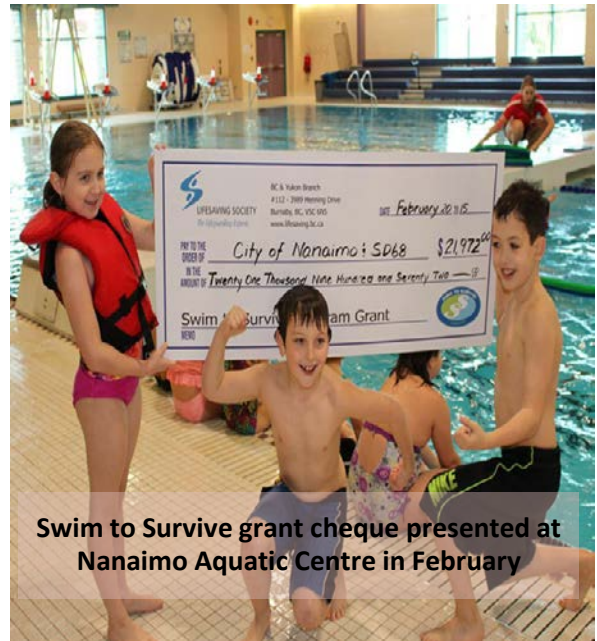
The NL Committee exists to represent NL Instructors. If you have any questions, input or ideas, don't hesitate to ask or use the Facebook page where many great discussions come up. Upon request, any current NL Instructor is welcome to attend a committee meeting. The Committee actively participates in all aspects of the NL program to provide quality and consistency.

I give my utmost thanks to each of the Committee Members as well as the Branch office for their dedicated time and support as well as commitment in what each member brings to aquatics and the NL program as well as teaching and mentoring in general. Each person always goes the extra mile to help out with projects and deadlines and this help is appreciated ever so much. It has been a great two years as the NL Committee Chair and I couldn't have done it without all of you.

Karen Hillmann, National Lifeguard Committee Chair



Shipper Ken MacLean & Annabelle brave cold water for January Polar Bear Swim



Swim to Survive grant cheque presented at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre in February



President Michael Lawless presents plaque to Past President Dalyce Brandt



National Lifeguard banner presented to Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner at opening of Guildford Recreation Centre in May



Rock 101's Willy and crew bring goodies to staff in May



Dale accepts flag from ILS President Graham Ford in Malaysia



LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee members: Pete Chen, Kaitlin Larson, Elaine Leong, Dan Minster, Ailsa Pella, Krista Sabatino, Veronica Grusnick (vice-chair), Sven Bellamy (chair)

Staff Representative: Wendy Schultenkamper

Greetings from the Leadership Committee!

We have focussed our attention this year on building upon the great work that was done by the previous committee in regards to the bronze lesson plans and candidate workbooks. We are currently in the process of also developing a workbook that can be used with combined Medallion and Cross courses. The theme that we have been working around is 'back to the basics' paying particular attention to how candidates are learning and assimilating the Ladder of Risk and Rescuer's Checklist into the other recognize-assess-act lifesaving skills and procedures they encounter throughout the Canadian Swim Patrol and Bronze programs. The result of this ladder-checklist focus is the development of several teaching aids to help candidates remember these key lifesaving tools. The new resources will be available to instructors as flash cards, handouts, posters, activities and videos.

In addition to this, the committee has been developing resources that will help instructors and candidates simulate victim types—a critical key in learning to recognize swimmers in distress!

Looking forward to the coming year, the committee will be gearing up to deliver the next LSI recertification cycle, which will not only include the newly developed resources, but also put in place the ground work to launch the new national Lifesaving Instructor Program.

As the committee has been moving forward on all these projects, we have been keeping in mind several guiding thoughts. Primarily looking at how affiliates are running the programs, especially the smaller outlying communities throughout the Branch that draw on a smaller client base. The committee has been relying heavily on our members from Vancouver Island and the Interior to provide valuable feedback as to how the committee and Branch office can better support smaller communities.

As Leadership Committee Chair, I would like to extend a very warm thank you for all the work that the committee has put in so far, and for all of the great work that is done by the Branch office staff that keeps our lifesaving mission moving forward. Thank you!

Lifesaving/Leadership Programs by the Numbers

1,010 participants certified in Bronze Star
3,877 participants certified in Bronze Medallion
3,275 participants certified in Bronze Cross
438 new Lifesaving Instructors
11 new Lifesaving Instructor Trainers

Sven Bellamy, Leadership Committee Chair

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 was another busy year for the Competition Committee.

This past summer the City of Surrey hosted us for the Barnsley Branch Lifeguard Championship at their brand new aquatic facility, the Guildford Recreation Centre. We had a wonderful event with new and challenging simulations and events. We were also able to pilot the national Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) event. This was to serve two purposes; to prepare our Branch to host Nationals this spring, and to see if this is an event we want to move to in the future.



Speaking of Nationals, preparations are well under way for the 2016 Canadian Lifeguard Emergency Response Championship (CLERC) event which we will be hosting. The event will again be in Surrey hosted by the Guildford Recreation Centre. Volunteers, judges and officials are still needed so contact the Lifesaving Society office to volunteer and sign up.

The Committee finished updating the Competition mark sheets this fall. We are now pleased to share the current set of mark sheets available for any event coordinator creating a simulation at a future competition. These sheets have been simplified (for ease of creation), they have been standardized (within events and across events) and we have added detailed treatments into the sheet template (so scoring is consistent). The mark sheets should be available on the Lifesaving Society website shortly.

The Committee also has a working draft for the new Competition Manual. It is still a work in progress, but the committee is doing its best to get it into use ASAP. This new manual will provide the framework and specifics for all our Branch competitions and will be a reference for regional competitions. This new manual will also help to bridge the gaps that currently exist between the Branch and National levels of competition.

The Committee continues to look for teams and facilities interested in participating and/or hosting either the Schon Cup or the Perks Cup. These Branch Championships usually don't run due to either low registration or no host facility. Talk to your team mates and your home pools and let's see if we can get these exciting events running again.

As always the Competition Committee is looking for keen new recruits to join our ranks. If you are passionate about competition within and beyond our Branch please contact someone on the Committee. As always if you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can always connect with someone on the Competition Committee or by sending an email to guardcomps@lifesaving.bc.ca.

Kim TownSchon, Competition Committee Chair



LIFESAVING SOCIETY CORE PROGRAM STATS

Program	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Canadian Swim Patrol	1640	1,683	1,173	1,211	1,005	1,436
Bronze Star	1010	937	818	1,151	1,243	1,381
Bronze Medallion	3877	3,818	3,704	4,224	4,334	4,507
Bronze Cross	3275	3,265	3,014	3,376	3,626	3,674
TOTAL LIFESAVING	9,802	9,703	8,709	9,962	10,208	10,998
AED	809	895	955	1,359	1,595	1,480
CPR	2,723	2,757	3,301	3,347	4,907	6,377
Aquatic Emergency Care	167	160	152	273	250	310
Health Care Provider	656	707	770	987	654	133
Emergency First Aid	1,657	2,201	1,730	1,812	1,808	1,307
Standard First Aid	2,486	3,211	2,693	3230	2,824	3,040
Worksite First Aid	73	119	169	147	100	138
TOTAL FIRST AID	8,571	10,050	9,770	11,155	12,138	12,785
National Lifeguard	1,568	1,631	1,683	1,796	1,984	2,012
National Lifeguard Recert	2,309	2,405	2,200	2,472	2,575	2,559
NL Waterpark	382	361	331	416	475	481
NL – Waterpark Recert	354	389	350	356	358	426
NL – Waterfront	60	69	60	43	88	50
NL – Waterfront Recert	100	92	96	91	95	93
NL – Surf	0	0	0	0	12	10
NL – Surf Recert	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL National Lifeguard	4,773	4,947	4,720	5,174	5,587	5,631
LS Instructor	438	470	479	534	573	594
LS Instructor Recert	942	510	922	517	1,099	593
NL Instructor Course	6	39	16	29	20	22
LS Instructor Trainer	11	8	6	12	5	21
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	1,497	1,027	1,423	1,092	1,697	1,230
TOTAL CORE PROGRAMS	24,643	25,727	24,622	27,383	29,630	30,644

MANAGEMENT REPORT -

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>For the year ended December 31</i>		2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS	Cash & equivalents	19,644	24,575
	Accounts receivable	77,151	71,205
	Interfund receivables	0	369
	Inventory	60,913	50,090
	Prepaid expenses	35,894	5,737
	Total Assets	193,602	151,976
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Bank indebtedness	5,464	49,565
	Accounts payable	27,525	7,737
	Interfund payable	6,352	5,452
	Deferred revenue	20,000	20,000
	Total Current Liabilities	59,341	82,754
FUNDS BALANCE	Balance at beginning of year	69,222	108,378
	Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	62,333	(38,656)
	Inter fund transfers	2,706	(500)
	Total Liabilities	193,602	151,976
	Balance at end of year	134,261	69,222
RECEIPTS	Administration	83,714	48,435
	Awards	514,982	497,560
	Donations	8,000	0
	Literature sales	275,318	237,548
	Merchandise sales	82,830	72,978
	Outreach funding	35,100	20,000
	Total Receipts	999,944	876,521
DISBURSEMENTS	Accounting and legal	9,935	9,812
	Advertising and promotion	5,312	11,241
	Bad debts	0	0
	Bank charges	9,422	10,604
	Committees and events	64,919	53,013
	Cost of sales and awards	259,222	245,815
	Equipment and repairs	2,067	3,640
	Insurance	15,182	13,528
	Office and miscellaneous	24,648	21,653
	Postage and shipping	23,670	26,646
	Premises	27,010	23,926
	Printing and stationery	2,829	4,836
	Salaries and benefits	438,030	437,818
	Supplies	9,116	9,134
	Technology upgrades	9,676	3,979
	Telephone	5,447	5,212
	Travel and accommodation	31,126	34,320
	Total Disbursements	937,611	915,177
	Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	62,333	(38,656)

AFFILIATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year the Lifesaving Society recognizes facilities that provide our programs. Certificates are issued to facilities certifying the most candidates in each program stream based on population.

2015 Affiliate Award Recipients

Bronze Programs

Over 175,000	Jewish Community Centre, Vancouver (LIT)
100,000 – 175,000	Abbotsford Recreation Centre
50,000 – 100,000	Canada Games Pool, Kamloops
20,000 – 50,000	West Vancouver Aquatic Centre
Less than 20,000	Cowichan Aquatic Centre



Lifesaving Instructor Courses & Recerts

Over 175,000	Jewish Community Centre, Vancouver (LIT)
100,000 – 175,000	Ladner Leisure Centre, Delta
50,000 – 100,000	Four Seasons Leisure Pool, Prince George
20,000 – 50,000	West Vancouver Aquatic Centre
Less than 20,000	Cowichan Aquatic Centre



National Lifeguard Courses and Recerts

Over 175,000	Jewish Community Centre (LIT), Vancouver
100,000 – 175,000	City Centre Aquatic Complex, Coquitlam
50,000 – 100,000	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
20,000 – 50,000	West Vancouver Aquatic Centre
Less than 20,000	Cowichan Aquatic Centre



First Aid Courses & Recerts

Over 175,000	Link2Life, Vancouver
100,000 – 175,000	Life Preservers, North Vancouver
50,000 – 100,000	Four Seasons Leisure Pool, Prince George
20,000 – 50,000	Strathcona Gardens, Campbell River
Less than 20,000	Pacific Alpine Institute, Whistler



Seasonal Pools

Lower Mainland	McPherson Outdoor Pool, Burnaby
Outside LM	Brock Outdoor Pool, Kamloops
Camp	YMCA Camp Elphinstone

Individual Affiliates

All courses	Karen Hillmann
First Aid	Erin Challenger
Lifesaving	Shandy Kariatsumari

INSTRUCTOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

2015 Award Recipients

Outstanding Achievement Award

Susan Bullock, Vancouver Island
Megan Pilla, Kootenays
Dan Minster, Metro Vancouver
Amelia Mattson, North
Gary Lefebvre, Thompson/Okanagan

New Lifesaving Instructor Recognition Award

Colton Calderone, Vancouver Island
Austin Ryter, Kootenays
Jarret Carlington, Metro Vancouver
Kimberly Pelzer, North
Alexis Philippot, Thompson/Okanagan
Ashtyn Gibbs, Yukon

New National Lifeguard Instructor Award

Alannah Dobell, Vancouver Island
Sean Lakeman, Metro Vancouver
Teriney Bennett, North

New First Aid Instructor Recognition Award

Alannah Dobell, Vancouver Island
Javan Johnson, Thompson Okanagan



AED AWARDS

The AED Rescue Award is an Affiliate award that recognizes rescuers who have used their Lifesaving Society training under the AED Quality Assurance Program.

The focus of the AED-QAP program includes not only training in effective CPR and on the facility specific AED, but also training in the deployment of the AED to the scene in a timely manner.

Since 2007, the program has grown to include 107 venues that have had a combined total 33 AED deployments, 28 of which were successful.

Research has shown that effective resuscitation and the application of an AED within the first few minutes of a cardiac arrest can dramatically improve survival outcomes. This is evident in our 85% success rate, well above the national average.

2015 Recipients

Penticton Community Centre
Canada Games Pool, Kamloops (2)

DB PERKS SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 Recipients

Matteo Ferraresso, Burnaby
Ryan Wilmink, Vancouver
Sienna Joyce, Port Moody
Wyatt Henry, Kamloops
Timothy Bientjes, Kamloops

2016 marks the 22nd year of the DB Perks/Lifesaving Society scholarships. Since their inception in 1995, \$37,500 has been provided to 75 recipients.

- 2015** Rachel Hennig, Langley
Julie Kaufman, Vancouver
Anna Legault, Victoria
Michelle Lukas, Vancouver
Rebecca Roy, Kamloops
- 2014** Amanda Tuey, Burnaby
Marc Lacroix, Surrey
Cameron Meldrum, Chilliwack
Julia Sharma, Burnaby
Claire Bruce, Prince George
- 2013** Vanessa Butler, Surrey
Melissa Gillespie, Saanichton
Sheena Fulop, Pender Island
Colin Pistawka, Kelowna
- 2012** Noel Lai, Vancouver
Sasha Maleki, Coquitlam
Amanda Penny, Williams Lake
David Slade, Delta
- 2011** Veronica Grusnick, Surrey
Emily Hails, Coldstream
Cailey Hume, Sparwood
Ben Tettamanti, Vancouver
- 2010** Leo Chan, Coquitlam
Christian Gotengco, Vancouver
Brittany Hollett, Kamloops
Brittany Williams, Surrey
- 2009** Natasha Corewyn, Vancouver
Eric Iadarola, Kamloops
Jerry Michael, Victoria
Quinn Yu, Surrey
- 2008** Lisa Flegel, Bella Coola
Jamie Lee McSweeney
John-Jose Nunez
Adam Pospisil, Burnaby
- 2007** Sarah Glenn, Ladysmith
Yvonne Gomez, Victoria
Jessamyn Logan, Saanich
Amanda Lust, Penticton
- 2006** Janet Maxsted, Kelowna
Ashley Rota, Vancouver
Christina Smirl, Sooke
- 2005** Sven Bellamy, Burnaby
Jen Brett, Savona
Lois Moore, Whitehorse
- 2004** Natasha Files, Surrey
Janice Newkirk, Hagensborg
Ryan Radford, Vancouver
- 2003** Candace Brown, New Westminster
Brian Campbell, West Vancouver
Trevor Roy, Kelowna
- 2002** Sarah Canning, North Vancouver
Nicholas Crump, Surrey
Kaitlin Pasqualotto, Trail
- 2001** Christine Anderson, 150 Mile House
Robert Cousins, Port Alice
Kim Town-Schon, Crescent Beach
- 2000** Kelly Holman, Victoria
April Lacheur, Delta
Ryan Radford, Kelowna
- 1999** Jason Blood, Nanaimo
Stephanie Eby, Victoria
James Helliwell, Vancouver
- 1998** Michael Lawless, Victoria
Heather Marshall, Coombs
- 1997** Carmen De Menech, Abbotsford
Carmen Jackson, Victoria
- 1996** Gene Benoit, North Vancouver
Rob Evans, Vancouver
- 1995** Nicole Liddell, Vancouver
Dave Lyon, Burnaby

103RD ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH AWARDS

The Honour and Rescue Awards celebrate the human spirit of giving. The Honour awards praise the dedicated efforts of the Lifesaving Society's volunteers. The Rescue Awards continue the celebration by rewarding people for unselfishness in putting their lives on the line during a water rescue. The selections are made from rescues reported in the news, from individual recommendations and from police reports.

Awards presented at the 103rd Honour and Rescue Awards Ceremony on March 28, 2015:

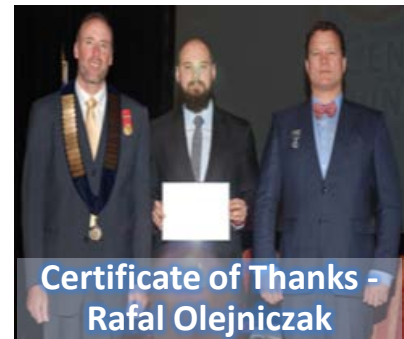
Honour Awards



Certificate of Thanks -
Elaine Leong



Certificate of Thanks -
John MacRitchie



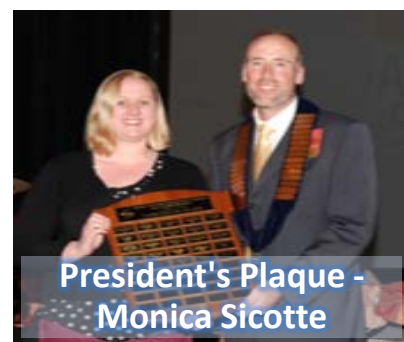
Certificate of Thanks -
Rafal Olejniczak



Certificate of Thanks -
Ailsa Pella



Certificate of Thanks -
Krista Sabatino



President's Plaque -
Monica Sicotte

Not pictured: Certificate of Thanks - Alyson Dewey; Service Medal - Anne Benn; Bar to Service Medal - Dalyce Brandt; Service Cross - Jason Blood, Karen Hillmann, Ryan Radford; Bar to Service Cross - Lori-Ann Drew.

Rescue Awards

Silver Medal for Merit

Norman Abraham
Melvin Alexander
Leonard Aleck
Dale Wells
Janis Choquette
Heather Innes
Juanita Peglar
Cheryl Watson
Matthew Kozak
Kegan Madeira
Loren Muth
Christian O'Gorman
Blain Vandewetering

Silver Medal for Bravery

Abigail Cunningham
Faith Dueck
Lucille Dueck
Gavin England
Dave Haywood
Michael Smyth
Bryn Krestow
Owen Krestow
Robert McDowell
Melissa Thornton
Bill Moore
Scott Thompson

GA Brown Medal

Bryn Krestow
Owen Krestow

Governor's Gold

Gavin England

M.G. Griffiths Award

Bryn Krestow
Owen Krestow
Gary Lefebvre

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us! The Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch shares our drowning prevention message through social media networks such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. We welcome our friends, volunteers & members to like, share, tweet with us. Stay tuned for the latest news & events!



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Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness for New Clear Hard Ice.
No ice is without some risk. Be sure to measure clear hard ice in several places.

Ice Thickness	Recommended Use
3" (7 cm) or less	STAY OFF!
4" (10 cm)	ice fishing, walking, cross country skiing
5" (12 cm)	one vehicle - snowmobile or ATV
8-12" (20-30 cm)	one vehicle - car or small pick-up
12-15" (30-38 cm)	one vehicle - medium truck

REGISTRATION FOR CLERC 2016 IS NOW OPEN

NEW! ADULT LIFE SAVING +

The 3-in-1 Adult Lifesaving Program (ALP) is geared towards adults (19 yrs+). Successful candidates will be certified in Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid/CPR C/AED.

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Mission Statement *To provide lifesaving education which encourages safety in aquatic activity and prepares rescuers to respond to aquatic emergencies.*

BC & Yukon Branch Vision Statement

The BC & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society is an active member of the community dedicated to preventing death and injury in, on, or near the water. We search out opportunities to include everyone as driven by the needs of our community. We endeavour to collaborate with all groups and individuals with like aims. We are a dynamic organization that celebrates growth, flexibility, innovation, excellence and proactive leadership.

THE LIFESAVING SOCIETY IS

- ⚡ The national, non-profit, voluntary organization that has been training swimmers to be Lifesavers, Lifeguards and Instructors in Canada since 1908 and in BC since 1911.
- ⚡ Dedicated to the prevention of incidents and the saving of life in aquatic environments across Canada.
- ⚡ A member of the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth organization and the Canadian representative in the International Life Saving Federation

LIFESAVING SOCIETY AIMS

- ⚡ Promote public awareness and understanding of the responsibility every Canadian assumes when working or playing in an aquatic environment.
- ⚡ Provide educational opportunities for preparing swimmers to be lifesavers and for training highly skilled lifeguards.
- ⚡ Pursue research to enhance and support the continuing development of its programs and to maintain technical excellence.
- ⚡ Provide consultation services for education, recreation and health agencies in communities throughout the country.



BACKYARD POOL SAFETY



Drowning is preventable.
Steps must be taken to make
backyard pools safer for all
families in British Columbia.

- 4-sided fence
- 1.2 m non-climbable fence
- self-closing, self-latching gate
- safety equipment required
- consistent by-law throughout BC

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