



2022 Annual Report
Lifesaving Society
BC & Yukon Branch





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.

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President's Message



Anita Chevalier, President

In my first and only year as president of the BC & Yukon Branch, I can report that it has been a wonderfully busy and successful year. It has been an honour to serve with such a close-knit group of individuals who have a passion for furthering the prevention of drowning and water related injuries.

I am pleased to announce that at the time of writing, we have been drowning free for 136 days. Although there were 26 drowning deaths last year in BC and the Yukon, the number was down significantly from 44 drownings the year before, and 42 drownings in 2020. As the numbers trend downward, there is confidence we can one day achieve our goal of zero drownings through education and water safety skills.

Swim to Survive is one of those programs that teaches people how to survive an accidental fall into water. This past year, during the Drowning Prevention week held in July, there were several Swim to Survive events throughout the province where many volunteers shared their time and skills with others in efforts to uphold the Lifesaving Society's mission and to share the love of playing in and on the water while being safe. Lifesaving Sport in BC has seen a resurgence in participation at national level competitions. Across the country, lifesaving sport has suffered over the past few years due to Covid restrictions creating a trickle-down effect on events and participation. Congratulations to our BC athletes who competed in both the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships and Surf Lifesaving Championships, bringing home medals and personal bests in the youth category.

Notably, our Branch has successfully integrated the Swim for Life Program into BC and the Yukon with the Swim Transition program, transferring and certifying 4,891 Lifesaving Swim Instructors in preparation for the exit of the Red Cross from swim lessons. We thank the team who worked tirelessly to ensure this seamless transition happen. We also thank the Red Cross for their endorsement of the Lifesaving Society to carry on the very important task of developing the life saving skill of learning to swim.

This past year has also marked a major transition for the role of executive director. Dale Miller has been with the organization for 30 years and announced his retirement in September. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish Dale the best in his retirement and thank him for his wonderful leadership, bringing the Society into a good position over the years, both financially and visibly across the country. The Board of Directors are pleased to welcome Lenea Grace as the new executive director, who comes to the Society with a wealth of knowledge and experience in recreation and aquatics.

I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers that donate their time and energy to creating such an impactful Society. Additionally, I would especially like to thank Nicole Liddell for her dedication and service across the board as Governor and Jeff Holland on becoming President of the Branch for the next year.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Anita Chevalier
2022 President

Branch Presidents & Governors



Nicole Liddell, Branch Governor

Branch Governors

Alfred H.J. Swencisky	Dates Unconfirmed
Major-General John M. Rockingham	1990 - 1998
George A. Brown	1988 - 1994
Peter Legge	1995 - 1997
Jon MacKinnon	1997 - 2008
Ian Robertson	2008 - 2017
Nicole Liddell	2017 - Present

Branch Presidents

Frederick William Burrows	1923 - 1925	Margaret Jean Lathwell	1972 - 1976
William Reid Owen	1925 - 1926	Nestor Nick Korchinsky	1976 - 1980
Frederick William Burrows	1926 - 1930	Dan E. Moon	1980 - 1982
Alfred H. J. Swencisky	1930 - 1932	Doreen Drysdale	1982 - 1987
Lestock Charles Reid	1932 - 1933	Ellen Lloyd	1987 - 1992
George Alexander Burrows	1933 - 1934	Julia Oulton	1992 - 1994
Gordon Vance	1934 - 1937	Ron Aubrey	1994 - 1996
Thomas M. Galloway	1937 - 1938	Tony Toriglia	1996 - 1998
Lestock Charles Reid	1938 - 1940	Heather Straight	1998 - 2000
John Lawrence Lugin	1940 - 1942	Nicole Liddell	2000 - 2002
Rollie S. Henderson	1942 - 1945	Ian Robertson	2002 - 2004
Gordon Vance	1945 - 1946	Dan Galazka	2004 - 2006
Edward Frank Forsyth	1946 - 1947	Sean Healy	2006 - 2008
George Alexander Burrows	1947 - 1948	Craig Amundsen	2008 - 2010
John Thomas Kelly	1948 - 1957	Len Manuel	2010 - 2012
H. Douglas Whittle	1957 - 1966	Dalyce Brandt	2012 - 2014
George Alexander Burrows	1966 - 1968	Michael Lawless	2014 - 2016
R. Gordon Edmonds	1968 - 1969	Heidi Ogilvie	2016 - 2018
James Bertram Snelgrove	1969 - 1970	Peter Fox	2018 - 2020
Maxwell E. Gordon	1970 - 1972	Jeffrey Holland	2020 - 2022
		Anita Chevalier	2022

Executive Director Report



Dale Miller, Executive Director

The year of 2022 began with the surprise announcement of the Canadian Red Cross deciding to wind down their provision of swim lessons and lifeguard training across Canada. After more than a year of negotiations to ensure a smooth transition, the announcement endorsed Lifesaving Society Canada as the preferred successor. This kicked off a flurry of activity to transition instructors, trainers and Affiliates to be ready for the December 31, 2022 end to Red Cross aquatic involvement.

Despite the shock (and great disappointment from many) of the change, all those involved pulled together to make the transition as seamless as possible. Not having previously offered swim lessons, BC & Yukon and Quebec Branches faced the biggest challenge, but with great support from the Ontario Branch and national office, the change has now been accomplished. Big bouquets go out to BC & Yukon Branch staff, trainers, instructors and volunteers for making it happen and to our Affiliates, 98% of whom have trusted the Lifesaving Society to now also provide them with the Swim for Life program.

With the pandemic not quite in the rear-view mirror, the 2022 AGM and awards ceremony were again held virtually and very well-received by all involved. The AGM saw the induction of new President, Anita Chevalier, as well as the introduction of a new Treasurer in Ben Jones. The award ceremony again showcased the strong volunteer involvement that keeps the Branch going with the highlight being the presentation of the President's Plaque to Denise Yoreff for her extensive and integral expertise in guiding the swim transition process.

After much consultation and planning, summer 2022 saw the first Swim for Life lessons being offered in BC & Yukon with Langley City being the first to provide them at their Al Anderson Memorial Pool in May. Reviews were positive and the transition began its roll-out. May also saw the start of the Society's third safe and successful summer of providing lifeguard services at Buntzen and Hayward Lakes with some great lifeguards and supervisors helping thousands of visitors to the BC Hydro recreation areas have a safe day on the beach and in the water.

The summer's public education campaign was greatly assisted by Taxi Advertising's work on the "You're Not a Fish" public safety announcements aired through July and August. That was followed up with a Global TV and CKNW radio spot encouraging safety around the water and making the public aware of the change in swim lesson provider as well as promoting what a great job being a lifeguard/instructor can be.

With my September announcement of retirement at the end of February 2023, the transition began culminating in the hiring of Lenea Grace as my able successor. With her extensive experience in not-for-profit management, the Branch is now well on its way to moving to the next level of growth and success.

Executive Director Report

And in closing (for the final time), I wish to express my deep gratitude for the incredible experience and the opportunity to work for 30 years with the most dedicated staff and volunteers I could imagine. You have all helped to build a stronger organization while delivering on the important mission of saving lives. There is still much work to be done and I am confident that the Branch will continue to flourish and grow. I wish you all the best in helping to make that happen and wish you great health and happiness!

Thank you!

Dale Miller

1993 - 2023 Executive Director

Education Report



Kyle Kronebusch & Kimiko Hirakida,
Education Managers

2022 was an exciting and busy year for the Education Manager team. In June, Kyle made the move down to the Greater Vancouver area from Prince George and Kimiko started as Swim and First Aid Program Manager (along with her dogs Cody and Steven, who are now regulars in the Branch office).

With the Canadian Red Cross taking its final bow in the world of swimming and water safety, we had the honour of converting BC & Yukon's Water Safety Instructors (WSI) and Water Safety Instructor Trainers (WSIT) over to our Swim for Life program. It is with great pride that we report 4,891 WSIs transferred over (the highest number in the country) and 259 WSITs who joined our team of Trainers.

We had a full year of Leadership training and are pleased to report that we have:

- 52 new National Lifeguard Instructors
- 32 new Trainers
- 63 recertified First Aid Instructors
- 19 new Apprenticeship Supervisors for First Aid and National Lifeguard
- 8 new National Trainers

With the staffing impact of COVID-19 hopefully behind us, Kyle and Kimiko focused on providing support to Affiliates to deliver lifesaving, National Lifeguard and Instructor training to address the staff shortages in the province and territory. As of December 31, 2022, our Affiliates certified:

- 4,626 candidates in Bronze Medallion
- 3,651 candidates in Bronze Cross/Assistant Lifeguard
- 2,153 candidates in National Lifeguard Pool
- 1,716 candidates recertified their National Lifeguard Pool
- 238 candidates certified in National Lifeguard Waterpark
- 73 candidates certified in National Lifeguard Waterfront
- 3,529 candidates newly certified as Lifesaving Society Swim Instructors

Education Report

Thank you for the support of our dedicated Affiliates and Instructors in the delivery of our programs to address the need for newly trained Assistant Lifeguards, Lifeguards and Swim Instructors. Our certification numbers continue to climb higher!

In 2022, we also saw the launch of the revised National Lifeguard (NL) program. The new NL program supports competencies as a single lifeguard and as a leader of a lifeguard team. Our program continues to be revised every five years to ensure we are offering the best, research-based lifeguarding program in Canada (and the world).

A big “thank-you” to our National Trainers and Program/Swim Advisory Group Chairs and members for their support of our education program initiatives in 2022. Our hope is to see 2023 even more productive as our Affiliates launch their Swim for Life programs and implement our new Instructor training model.

[Kyle Kronebusch & Kimiko Hirakida](#)

Education Managers

Aquatic Safety Management Advisory Group Report



Len Manuel,
Safety Services Manager

Objectives

The Safety Services Manager's position was established to complete projects and services in the following areas:

- Complete Aquatic Safety Comprehensive and Topical Audits
- Oversee Contract Management Services
- Promote PAL Equipment Sales
- Staff liaison with Aquatic Safety Management Group
- Develop Aquatic Safety Training and Aquatic Management Training Programs

Aquatic Safety Comprehensive and Topical Audits

The Safety Audit teams completed five Comprehensive and three Topical Audits. The UDATA software system has presented significant challenges converting the data to comply with BC regulations, codes, recommendations, and Society National Standards. Progress is being accomplished and the conversion will be completed in 2023. The audit report format

has been standardized in a professional format. Auditor training recertification course content is being updated to provide training in March 2023.

Aquatic Safety Training (AST), Aquatic Programmer Training (APT), and Aquatic Management Training Programs (AMT)

The Aquatic Management Training course was revised and a pilot offered in December. The response was very positive and the course will be offer again throughout 2023. The course content for the Aquatic Safety Training (AST) was also revised with the pilot to be scheduled for February 2023. A new training program will be developed to assist new Aquatic Programmers to provide them with Safety Management components information and where they can conduct their own research.

Oversee Contract Management Services

Contract Management continued under the direction of the Branch Office. Contracts with BC Hydro to lifeguard two waterfronts has been renewed for the next three years.

Promote PAL Equipment Sales

PAL units were promoted in the waterfront topical audits. Production and shipping cost have been impacted due to the materials costs and international events.

Aquatic Safety Management Advisory Group Report

Staff Liaison with Aquatic Safety Management Group

The Aquatic Safety Management Group members participated in an UDATA orientation webinar. The purpose was to provide training to set up audit materials, populate the UDATA system and produce a draft report for editing. A mock system was set up members to practice and eventually undertake Chief Auditor responsibilities.

In Conclusion

The last year has been challenging to meet the demand for audits. Several of them were originally scheduled just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and re-activated as facilities re-opened. Chief Auditors and Auditors were unable to recertify during the pandemic and will be invited to the recertification training in March. The booth at the BCRPA Conference provided opportunities to discuss details of the Safety Services and provided valuable feedback

Denise Yoreff has been instrumental in providing knowledge and support in completing audits and working to update the UDATA system. Sean Healy has completed several audits and added his expertise to help develop the report format. Both have provided invaluable support.

The coming year will present exciting opportunities to offer the AST, APT, and AMT programs, develop marketing strategies to promote the courses and audits, and provide additional training for Auditors and Chief Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

[Len Manuel](#)

Safety Services Manager

Program Advisory Group Report



Julie Kaufman, Co-Chair

Co-Chairs: Julie Kaufman, Krista Mueller

Members: Alison Stevens, Andy Moutinho, Bryan Lee, Candice TownSchon, Cindy Larson, Dan Marcotte, Emma Jacobsen, Isabel Pakkari, Judi Ambrozaitis-Torrao, Karen Hillmann, Kendal Shepard, Riley Huntley, Sasha Maleki, Veronica Grusnick, Ethan Wheatly, Victoria Voth

Staff Representative: Kyle Kronebusch

The Program Advisory Group is a committed group of volunteer members that actively participates to support program development within all streams of the Lifesaving Society.

Our members had a busy and productive year, with the creation of many new resources for instructors. These resources include:

- Bronze Medal evaluation checklists (now available online)
- Bronze Medal and National Lifeguard videos
- Revisions to the Bronze Medal workbooks
- Single Lifeguard Situation scenarios for NL Pool
- Hand Signal document for National Lifeguard
- National Lifeguard evaluation checklists

We are in the final stages of editing some of these projects and will have them available to instructors as soon as they are finalized. We look forward to instructors being able to use these resources in their courses. In 2023, the new First Aid Committee will take over first aid projects. The Program Advisory Group will continue to work on projects in the lifeguarding and lifesaving streams.

We would like to thank all members for their dedication and work over the past year. Your time and effort have been very much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming new members this Spring!



Krista Mueller, Co-Chair

Julie Kaufman & Krista Mueller

Program Advisory Group Co-chairs

Lifesaving Sport & Competition Committee Report



Chris Cordova, Chair

The pandemic had caused a disruption in Lifesaving Sport and Lifeguard Competitions, but we are on the road of bringing things back!

At a national level, Pacific Swim Academy athletes Abigail Skinder, Anna-Marie Skinder, and Noah MacDonald traveled to Alberta last June to represent BC at the 2022 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships. They brought back a combined eight medals including three gold, four silver, and one bronze. Abigail and Noah came in 1st and 2nd respectively in their All-Around Athlete 15-18 yrs categories.

Many affiliates have spent the last year working on returning to full capacity, and we know that this has made it difficult for some to be able to support Sport and Competition. But something to recognize is that Sport and Competition can be a tool that drives growth in the aquatics field. It can help to highlight aquatics as a career, it can help to grow interest and drive recruitment for future lifeguards, and it can help to develop, maintain, and build confidence in Lifeguard skill levels.

From a branch level, we are working on ways to support Junior Lifeguards, Lifesaving Sport, and Lifeguard Competition. Our work plan will support this by:

- Creating resources for running Junior Lifeguard Clubs and Telegames
- Providing support for affiliates to incorporate competition into staff training
- Providing support for planning and running Lifesaving Sport and Lifeguard Competitions

While a lot of our work focuses on supporting Affiliates, our biggest goal for 2023 is to bring back competitions. We are happy to announce that the City of Richmond will be hosting the 2023 Barnsley Lifeguard Championships in August.

Lifesaving Sport & Competition Committee Report

The work done by the Sport and Competition Committee could not be done without the help of dedicated volunteers who want to see Sport and Competition grow. I would like to thank all of the following for their contributions over the past year and for their continued support going into 2023.

- Anita Chevalier
- Candice TownSchon
- Celina Heppner
- Claire Nicol
- Craig Amundsen
- Craig Short
- Deniz Erturk
- Gail Findlay-Shirras
- Julie Kaufman
- Kathryn Dawson
- Kendal Shepard
- Lauralee March
- Martin Henderson
- Melissa Gillespie
- Oliver Nugent
- Paula Thulin
- Phil Skinder
- Shayne Fulton
- Sven Bellamy
- Taliesan Torosz
- Tia Town-Schon
- Tim Zinin
- Veronica Grusnick
- Wade Thoreson
- Kimiko Hirakida (Staff)
- Sheena Fulop (Staff)

[Chris Cordova](#)

Competition/Sport Advisory Group Chair

Swim for Life Advisory Group Report



Michelle Hebein, Co-Chair



Paula Thulin, Co-Chair

Committee Members: Paula Thulin, Michelle Hebein, Lauralee March, Katie Hopp, Marisa Varley, Kendell Shepard, Rachelle Harron, Hailey, Karen Zaiden, Karen Hillmann, Kim Watts

Staff Representative: Kimiko Hirakida

The Swim For Life Advisory Group is a committed group of members that actively participates to support program development within the Swim For Life stream of the Lifesaving Society. We have met monthly since Fall 2022 and have accomplished many goals in a short period of time:

- The creation of an In-service Training Guide. This guide helped affiliates with supporting their staff once launching the Swim For Life program.
- Trainer Talks - we hosted our first virtual trainer talk in December. Trainers came together to review scheduling and planning for the Swim for Life Instructor Course.
- We had 45 Trainers attend and feedback was positive. We will continue to host in the coming year.
- We created support material for the recommended addition of teaching experience to the Swim For Life Instructor Course.
- Development of tools for instructors is underway. Core plans for different numbers of lesson sets have been created.
- Adapted Swimmer program revisions have been started.

This group is dedicated to developing support materials for all levels of the program including Trainers, Instructors, Affiliates, and Candidates.

Michelle Hebein & Paula Thulin

Swim for Life Advisory Group Co-Chairs

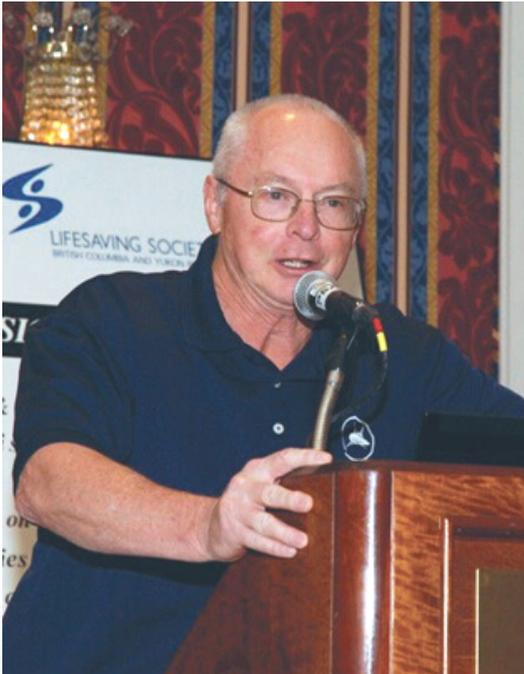
Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended December 31, 2022		2022	2021
ASSETS	Cash & equivalents	---	37,721
	Accounts receivable	235,027	93,114
	Interfund receivables	29,047	38,654
	Inventory	103,583	79,501
	Prepaid expenses	1,481	1,481
	Vancouver Foundation	119,445	146,359
	Property, plant & equipment	128,700	170,655
	Total Assets	617,467	567,485
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	40,679	41,337
	Interfund payable	29,047	38,654
	Current portion of long-term debt	36,126	60,990
	Deferred revenue	---	73,363
	Long-term debt	219,537	225,559
		Total Current Liabilities	440,088
FUNDS BALANCE	Balance at beginning of year	127,582	64,669
	Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	49,797	62,913
	Balance at end of year	177,379	127,582
		Total Liabilities & Funds Balance	617,467
RECEIPTS	Administration	130,183	75,063
	Awards	697,607	505,539
	Donations	10,962	47,843
	Literature sales	441,320	320,830
	Management fees	64,500	78,000
	Project revenue	175,729	181,980
	Merchandise sales	109,160	128,000
	Outreach funding	129,272	395,610
	Federal wage subsidy	---	63,755
		Total Receipts	1,753,768
DISBURSEMENTS	Accounting and legal	13,170	12,430
	AdventureSmart expenses	116,120	433,139
	Advertising and promotion	18,680	10,837
	Bank charges & interest	8,026	6,564
	Committees and events	55,582	49,735
	Cost of sales and awards	382,335	255,669
	Development grants	---	24,000
	Equipment and repairs	6,706	6,925
	Equipment lease	7,821	7,610
	Insurance	14,787	20,357
	National levy	88,833	70,522
	Office and miscellaneous	71,991	55,833
	Postage and shipping	19,197	6,922
	Premises	32,554	31,343
	Project costs	138,185	160,088
	Salaries and benefits	585,716	509,761
	Technology upgrades	37,206	22,494
	Telephone	6,890	7,097
	Travel and accommodation	18,181	2,570
		Total Disbursements	1,622,250
	Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	131,518	102,724

Lifesaving Society Core Program Statistics

		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
LIFESAVING	Bronze Star	706	269	205	1,025	1,013
	Bronze Medallion	4,626	3,360	935	4,043	4,107
	Bronze Cross	3,651	2,653	919	3,401	3,385
	Total Lifesaving	8,983	6,282	2,059	8,469	8,505
NATIONAL LIFEGUARD	National Lifeguard - Pool	2,153	1,459	451	1,834	1,645
	National Lifeguard - Pool Recertification	1,716	2,380	1,821	2,362	2,644
	National Lifeguard - Waterpark	238	187	64	399	388
	National Lifeguard - Waterpark Recertification	114	330	168	381	416
	National Lifeguard - Waterfront	73	99	20	83	79
	National Lifeguard - Waterfront Recertification	30	130	46	106	118
	National Lifeguard - Surf	11	22	0	23	6
	National Lifeguard - Surf Recertification	0	0	0	2	0
	Total National Lifeguard	4,335	4,607	2,570	5,190	5,296
LEADERSHIP	Swim Instructor	3,529	---	---	---	---
	Lifesaving Instructor	454	286	135	426	543
	Lifesaving Instructor Recertification	89	989	59	221	589
	National Lifeguard Instructor Course	52	26	10	27	34
	First Aid Instructor Course	63	61	5	10	53
	Trainer	32	83	6	81	28
	AMOA Instructor	55	57	187	---	---
	Total Leadership	4,274	2,248	941	765	1,247
FIRST AID	CPR/AED	1,075	1,164	1,221	2,390	3,202
	Basic Life Support - HCP	700	1,217	989	1,117	1,233
	Emergency First Aid	1,905	1,953	1,709	3,408	3,812
	Standard First Aid	2,205	1,837	1,362	3,514	4,189
	Airway Management & Oxygen Administration	2,596	6,404	2,311	n/a	n/a
	Total First Aid	8,481	12,575	7,592	10,429	12,436
SAFETY MANAGEMENT	Safety Management	16	122	32	274	186
	Total Safety Management	16	122	32	274	186
CORE	TOTAL CORE PROGRAMS	26,089	25,834	13,194	25,127	27,484

DB Perks Scholarships



Doug Perks, DB Perks & Associates Ltd

After enjoying his days as a lifeguard in Burnaby and a national level competitive swimmer at SFU, Doug Perks continues to give back to the aquatics field through scholarships to support aquatic staff in pursuing post-secondary education. The three awards of \$1,000 in 2022 mark the 29th year of the scholarship through which Doug has contributed \$58,000 to 98 recipients.

His generosity is evident not only through the Lifesaving Society scholarships, but also through many other initiatives Doug supports with several other organizations. He often expresses his appreciation for what the aquatics field has given him as his motivation to give back to others.

2023 DB Perks Scholarship Recipients

Fred Smith Award:

Iantha Greer, Whitehorse

Mike Powley Award:

Layla Sadafi, Surrey

Derek Laverty Award:

Dana Riseling, Whitehorse

Previous Scholarship Recipients

2022

Kayla Sevensma, Abbotsford
Aramis St-Gelais, Salt Spring Isl.
Jaiden Budhwa, Smithers

2021

Rachel DeCicco, Coquitlam
Jasmin Schlick, Prince George
Julie Kaufman, Surrey

2020

Elliott Gee, Burnaby
Ceilidh Robertson-Jones, Victoria
Natalia Lupynis, Richmond

2019

Katie Bowers, Port Coquitlam
Michelle Jun, Port Coquitlam
Rachel Way, New Westminster

2018

Riley Huntley, Surrey
Jamie Magrill, Richmond
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria

2017

Martin Chan, Richmond
Anthony Lee, Burnaby
Lindsay Munroe, Coquitlam
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria
Beck Tomlin, Whitehorse

DB Perks Scholarships

2016

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

2013

Vanessa Butler, Surrey
Sheena Fulop, Pender Island
Melissa Gillespie, Saanichton
Colin Pistawka, Kelowna

2010

Leo Chan, Coquitlam
Christian Gotengco, Vancouver
Brittany Hollett, Kamloops
Brittany Williams, Surrey

2007

Sarah Glenn, Ladysmith
Yvonne Gomez, Victoria
Jessamyn Logan, Saanich
Amanda Lust, Penticton

2004

Natasha Files, Surrey
Janice Newkirk, Hagensborg
Ryan Radford, Vancouver

2001

Christine Anderson, 150 Mile House
Robert Cousins, Port Alice
Kim TownSchon, Crescent Beach
Dave Lyon, Burnaby

1998

Michael Lawless, Victoria
Heather Marshall, Coombs

1995

Nicole Liddell, Vancouver
Dave Lyon, Burnaby

2015

Rachel Hennig, Langley
Julie Kaufman, Vancouver
Anna Legault, Victoria
Michelle Lukas, Vancouver
Rebecca Roy, Kamloops

2012

Noel Lai, Vancouver
Sasha Maleki, Coquitlam
Amanda Penny, Williams Lake
David Slade, Delta

2009

Natasha Corewyn, Vancouver
Eric Iadarola, Kamloops
Jerry Michael, Victoria
Quinn Yu, Surrey

2006

Janet Maxsted, Kelowna
Ashley Rota, Vancouver
Christina Smirl, Sooke

2003

Candace Brown, New West
Brian Campbell, West Vancouver
Trevor Roy, Kelowna

2000

Kelly Holman, Victoria
April Lacheur, Delta
Ryan Radford, Kelowna

1997

Carmen De Menech, Abbotsford
Carmen Jackson, Victoria

2014

Claire Bruce, Prince George
Marc Lacroix, Surrey
Cameron Meldrum, Chilliwack
Julia Sharma, Burnaby
Amanda Tuey, Burnaby

2011

Veronica Grusnick, Surrey
Emily Hails, Coldstream
Cailey Hume, Sparwood
Ben Tettamanti, Vancouver

2008

Lisa Flegel, Bella Coola
Jamie Lee McSweeney
John-Jose Nunez
Adam Pospisil, Burnaby

2005

Sven Bellamy, Burnaby
Jen Brett, Savona
Lois Moore, Whitehorse

2002

Sarah Canning, North Vancouver
Nicholas Crump, Surrey
Kaitlin Pasqualotto, Trail

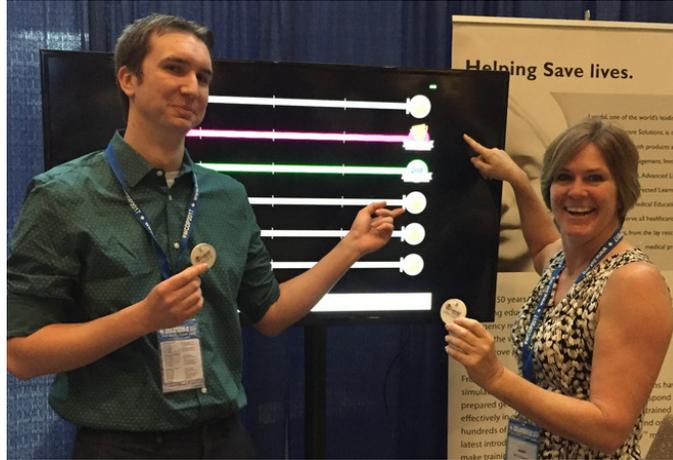
1999

Jason Blood, Nanaimo
Stephanie Eby, Victoria
James Helliwell, Vancouver

1996

Gene Benoit, North Vancouver
Rob Evans, Vancouver

Joan MacKinnon Memorial Scholarship



Aaron Moldenhauer & Joan MacKinnon,
Joan MacKinnon Memorial Scholarship

This year, Aaron Moldenhauer was very happy and proud to announce the Joan MacKinnon Memorial Scholarship in memory of his mother. Joan filled many roles in aquatics as a mentor, instructor, coach, and a friend to many. She was always kind, compassionate, and giving of herself. The new scholarship will support someone looking to start their training and enter the aquatics field.

Remembering his mother, Aaron reminisced, "When I think about my mother, I can't help but think about the water too. She raised me around the water; taught me to swim, taught me lifesaving and first aid, and showed me how to be a good lifeguard and later on a leader too. I hope this passion is something we can continue on for her and I hope to be able to provide an opportunity for others to enter the field that she so enjoyed."

2023 Joan MacKinnon Memorial Scholarship Recipient

We congratulate **Alli Daniele** from Prince Rupert as the inaugural recipient of the \$1000 Joan MacKinnon Memorial Scholarship.

110th 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 were presented virtually at the 110th Honour and Rescue Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2022.



Denise Yoreff received the President's Plaque for stepping into the role of Chair of Aquatic Safety Management Advisory Group and has performed many safety audits as a volunteer. She is also one of our National Trainers on Vancouver Island.



Leah Bertrand received a Certificate of Thanks for her many volunteer hours towards the provision of pool and waterfront safety audits.

Honour Awards

President's Plaque

Denise Yoreff

Certificate of Thanks

Leah Bertrand
Andrea Campbell
Megan Pilla
David Russell
Elisabeth Tanner
Bethany Worthington
Karen Zaidan

110th Annual Commonwealth Awards



Keenan Bush was awarded the Silver Medal for Bravery. Keenan saved a man who couldn't swim and had been pulled out into the ocean by a riptide in Tofino.



James Moore and 11-year-old Emmett saved two men whose canoe had capsized and thrown them into Griffin lake. Emmett and James Moore were awarded with Silver Medals for Merit.

Rescue Awards

Silver Medal for Bravery

Keenan Bush
Adam Carter
Matthew Carter
Kianda Jacobsen
Tara Jakubiec
Dylan Kay
Rosa Kouri
Christopher Morris
Kerri Parish
Sally Wallick

Silver Medal for Merit

Kenneth Brown
Ajay Kumar
Arvindjeet Singh
Gagandeep Singh
Gurpreet Singh
Kuljinder Singh
Scott McDougall
Emmett Moore
James Moore

Governor's Gold

Ajay Kumar
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- 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.

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