

2021 Annual Report

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BC & YUKON BRANCH



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The Lifeguarding Experts

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

It has been an honour to serve as the BC & Yukon Lifesaving Society Branch President for these past two years, and I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report.

The year began with the Society's Annual General Meeting in March, a successful virtual event followed in May by the Society's first ever virtual Honour and Rescue Award Ceremony. This well-received event was the 109th annual award ceremony and was an opportunity to recognize the many dedicated volunteers that have supported the Society as well as courageous individuals who have rescued a person in distress, often at great risk to themselves. On a special note, the Society was honoured to present Dr. Steve Beerman with the King Edward VII Cup, awarded in recognition of his outstanding contributions to drowning prevention.

Spearheaded by contributions from some of the Society's longstanding members, an endowment fund was set up this past year through the Vancouver Foundation. Through the generous support of donors, which to date has exceeded \$145,000, this fund will ensure the Society is able to support worthy drowning prevention initiatives for years to come.

There have been other successful initiatives through 2021 as well. This past summer saw the continued success of the Society's lifeguarding program at Buntzen and Hayward Lakes. In the second year of providing lifeguard services at these two BC Hydro locations, the Society is enhancing safety supervision at previously unguarded waterfronts. The Society was also able to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to affiliates. The Society provided grants in the amount of \$24,000 to 16 communities to purchase equipment to initiate or build a Junior Lifeguard Club as part of a larger effort to support lifeguard training and recruitment. In addition, 20 affiliates were recipients of \$500 Swim to Survive Day grants to support community members in challenging the Swim to Survive standard.

Through 2021, the BC & Yukon Branch, as a part of a larger national effort, worked closely with the Canadian Red Cross to build the framework for a transition to the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life Program across Canada. As the Red Cross focused greater organizational energy on humanitarian efforts, they looked to the Lifesaving Society to take on a greater role in leading learn to swim programming. The announcement in early January of this year is the result of strong collaboration between the two organizations and speaks to the willingness of both to put the water safety needs of all Canadians first. The Society would like to thank the Red Cross for their years of strong leadership in support of water safety and swimming education for all Canadians.

I'd like to share my deep appreciation for the support and guidance of our Governor Nicole Liddell, as well as for the leadership and contributions of my fellow board members. I look forward to my role as Past President with the Lifesaving Society and am confident that the Branch will see strong leadership from the Board and from our new President Anita Chevalier. Thank you for all your support.

Jeffrey Holland, Branch President

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 - Present

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



Nicole Liddell, Branch Governor

Executive Director Report



As we all lived through a second year of the challenges presented by the pandemic, the BC and Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society persevered, and thanks to the work of our Affiliates, instructors, volunteers and staff, we were fortunate to see a more positive year in terms of program participation, finances and the reopening of most pools. We continued to provide guidance in regard to COVID-19 precautions as we optimistically looked forward to a gradual lifting of restrictions and full reopening of aquatic facilities.

In Mid-May, due to the pandemic, our annual Honour and Rescue Award Ceremony was held virtually. It was well received and included the recognition of Dr. Steve Beerman receiving the prestigious King Edward VII Cup presented for his extensive body of work in local, national and international drowning prevention.

During the summer, thanks to the hard work and youthful digital knowledge of Emma Dotto, Education Assistant, and Ciara Wilson, Communications Assistant, the Branch saw a heightened profile within social media promoting our public education messages. Increased activity included Take-over Tuesdays and WaterWise Wednesdays along with many other posts that drew high levels of engagement.

In addition to the National Drowning Prevention Week messaging provided by our national Public Education Commission, 2021 saw the first ever World Drowning Prevention Day as sanctioned by United Nations and the World Health Organization. Although its first edition received modest exposure, we intend to build on the messaging to further cast a spotlight on the need for drowning prevention messaging locally and internationally.

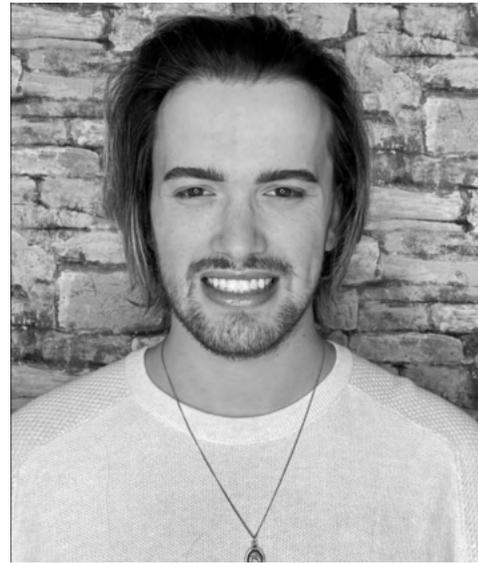
The Branch was again pleased to provide lifeguard services at Buntzen and Hayward Lakes within the BC Hydro recreation areas. We were fortunate to have an adequate number of excellent staff, likely thanks to so many wanting to work in an outdoor environment and the beautiful settings of these two lakes.

As with any year, the program education component of our work was a major focus with the excellent support of new education managers Sheena Fulop and Kyle Kronebusch following up on the mid-year departure of Brooke Cherfils, who left much good work to be continued. They worked closely with advisory groups to accomplish the ongoing enhancement of programs including additional online opportunities.

As we now move into 2022, a year of transition in many ways, the excellent support of committed staff and volunteers is very much appreciated and will be even more critical in the year to come. Thank you to all for your support of the Lifesaving Society's important work!

Dale Miller, Executive Director

Education Report



Although not quite back to the pre-pandemic educational capacity, 2021 was a year full of advanced leadership and growth across the Branch.

We wish to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all new instructors and trainers certified across BC and the Yukon in 2021:

27 NLIs 7 NLTs 7 FAIs 18 NLTs 172 LSIs 69 LSTs

In March the Bronze Medal program was revised to give Bronze Cross the exciting new designation of Assistant Lifeguard training and now features more lifeguarding content with an emphasis on the principles and techniques of active surveillance (including scanning) in aquatic facilities. Due to the individual purposes of the Medallion and Cross certifications, combination Medallion/Cross courses are no longer permitted.

Throughout Spring, 66 Trainers across the Branch were updated and given the opportunity to network and develop their Leadership Competencies throughout the digital Trainer recertification cycle.

In December the NL program was revised seeing many NLIs complete their first fully digital recert cycle.

In regard to policy changes for the Lifesaving Instructor program, after careful consideration and consultation with Affiliates, Lifesaving Trainers and Lifesaving Instructor candidates, the Branch decided to remove the apprenticeship requirement from the LSI program and retroactively issue all LSI Competency Level 1 (non-vocational) certificate holders with LSI Competency 2 (vocational) certifications. Going forward the LSI apprenticeship requirement will be removed and all candidates who complete the LSI course will be issued both the Instructor and Examiner awards.

We wish to sincerely thank all those who supported the LSI apprenticeship process for their mentorship. In closing, we recognize that nothing that we do would be possible without the support and hospitality of our Affiliates, or the hard work of our National Trainers, Trainers, Instructors, volunteers and Branch colleagues. We appreciate each one of you and thank you for making the best of this trying year.

Sheena Fulop
Education Manager

Kyle Kronebusch
Education Manager



Aquatic Safety Management Advisory Group

Advisory Group Members: Denise Yoreff (chair), Craig Amundsen, Ruth Depew, Sean Healy, Melina Sweezey, Tony Toriglia

Staff Representative: Len Manuel

The Aquatic Services Management (ASM) Advisory Group has worked hard to revive many aspects of this portfolio following the hiatus caused by the pandemic.

Components of the group's mandate include advanced training, facility audits, recommended standards and major incident management.

Advanced Training:

The Advisory Group continues to develop and promote blended learning programs for the Aquatic Supervisor Training (AST) program and the Aquatic Management Training program (AMT).

Audit Program:

Auditors are pleased to again be able to access facilities to perform safety audits. Through 2021, two comprehensive audits and one Pool Safety Plan review were completed with five previously scheduled audits now confirmed for the first four months of 2022. A new audit evaluation system has been incorporated and revised in accordance with the BC Swimming Pool Regulations, BC Guidelines for Pool Design, BC Guidelines for Pool Operations and Lifesaving Society national recommended standards.

Standards and Major Incident Management: The Advisory Group reviewed and submitted comments on the standard providing for the safe use of major aquatic inflatables. The group also initiated and submitted the Open Water Supervision Standard for consideration and approval by the national Safety Standards Commission.

I would like to thank the ASM Advisory Group members and in particular, Denise Yoreff, for taking on the chair role as I moved into a staff position. We look forward to a successful 2022. Also, on behalf of the Advisory Group, I want to congratulate and thank the BC & Yukon Board of Directors, volunteers and staff for their extraordinary efforts during another challenging past year.

[Len Manuel](#), Safety Services Manager

Program Advisory Group Report



Julie Kaufman



Krista Mueller

Co-chairs

Committee Members:

Judi Ambrozaitis-Torrao, Pete Chen, Veronica Grusnick, Karen Hillmann, Riley Huntley, Kirsten Johnston, Sarah Landry, Cindy Larson, Bryan Lee, Sasha Maleki, Dan Marcotte, Andy Moutinho, Isabel Parkkari, David Russell, Kendal Shepard, Alison Stevens

Staff Representative: Kyle Kronebusch, Education Manager

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

Despite the challenges and uncertainties, the COVID pandemic has caused, the Program Advisory Group has worked diligently to support Lifesaving Society program development. This includes:

- Updating the NL Instructor Guides
- Assisting with the launch of the new National Lifeguard Program
- Welcoming 6 new group members
- Developing a 2022 work plan to create additional teaching tools for Lifesaving Instructors and National Lifeguard Instructors, videos for lifesaving and lifeguarding courses, and tools for Affiliates.

We would like to thank all members for their dedication, patience and understanding during this challenging year. It looked a little different than previous years, but we would have not completed these projects without you. Your commitment to this group is valued. We look forward to working through this year's work plan!

Julie Kaufman & Krista Mueller, Program Advisory Group Co-Chairs

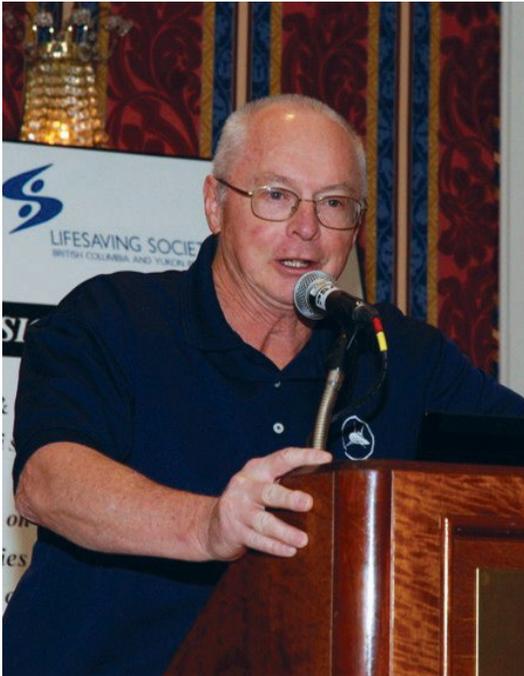
Lifesaving Society Core Program Statistics

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
LIFESAVING	Canadian Swim Patrol	348	425	1,601	1,222	1,890
	Bronze Star	269	205	1,025	1,013	875
	Bronze Medallion	3,360	935	4,043	4,107	3,708
	Bronze Cross	2,653	919	3,401	3,385	3,065
	Total Lifesaving	6,930	2,484	10,070	9,727	9,538
FIRST AID	CPR/AED	1,164	1,221	2,390	3,202	3,136
	Health Care Provider/Basic Life Support	1,217	989	1,117	1,233	1,252
	Emergency First Aid	1,953	1,709	3,408	3,812	3,257
	Standard First Aid	1,837	1,362	3,514	4,189	4,153
	Airway Management/Oxygen Administration	6,404	2,311	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Total First Aid	12,575	7,592	10,429	12,436	11,798
NATIONAL LIFEGUARD	National Lifeguard Pool	1,459	451	1,834	1,645	1,525
	National Lifeguard Pool Recertification	2,380	1,821	2,362	2,644	2,287
	National Lifeguard Waterpark	187	64	399	388	333
	National Lifeguard Waterpark Recertification	330	168	381	416	357
	National Lifeguard Waterfront	99	20	83	79	86
	National Lifeguard Waterfront Recertification	130	46	106	118	92
	National Lifeguard Surf	22	0	23	6	7
	Total National Lifeguard	4,607	2,570	5,188	5,296	4,687
LEADERSHIP	Lifesaving Instructor	286	135	426	543	408
	Lifesaving Instructor Recertification	989	59	221	589	870
	National Lifeguard Instructor Course	26	10	27	34	14
	First Aid Instructor Course	61	5	10	53	20
	Trainer	83	6	81	28	0
	COVID-19 Instructor Update	746	539	---	---	---
	AMOA Instructor	57	187	---	---	---
	Total Leadership	2,248	941	765	1,247	1,312
SAFETY MGMT.	Safety Management	122	32	274	186	46
CORE	TOTAL CORE PROGRAMS	26,482	13,619	26,726	28,913	27,388

Statement of Financial Position

<i>For the year ended December 31</i>		2021	2020
ASSETS	Cash & equivalents	37,721	137,915
	Accounts receivable	93,114	42,122
	Interfund receivables	38,654	56,605
	Inventory	79,501	88,976
	Prepaid expenses	1,481	6,265
	Vancouver Foundation	146,359	-----
	Property, plant & equipment	170,655	212,763
	Total Assets	567,485	544,646
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	41,337	15,035
	Interfund payable	38,654	56,605
	Current portion of long-term debt	60,990	45,859
	Deferred revenue	73,363	87,930
	Long-term debt	225,559	274,548
		Total Current Liabilities	439,903
FUNDS BALANCE	Balance at beginning of year	64,669	192,171
	Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	62,913	(127,502)
	Balance at end of year	127,582	64,669
		Total Liabilities & Funds Balance	567,485
RECEIPTS	Administration	75,063	44,642
	Awards	505,539	226,314
	Donations	47,843	13,967
	Literature sales	320,830	112,667
	Management fees	78,000	68,000
	Project revenue	181,980	154,987
	Merchandise sales	128,000	124,277
	Outreach funding	395,610	404,620
	Federal wage subsidy	63,755	110,214
		Total Receipts	1,796,620
DISBURSEMENTS	Accounting and legal	12,430	12,334
	AdventureSmart expenses	433,139	348,999
	Advertising and promotion	10,837	7,477
	Bank charges & interest	6,564	8,440
	Committees and events	49,735	32,995
	Cost of sales and awards	255,669	147,154
	Development grants	24,000	-----
	Equipment and repairs	6,925	2,450
	Equipment lease	7,610	7,610
	Insurance	20,357	18,694
	National levy	70,522	59,858
	Office and miscellaneous	55,833	66,788
	Postage and shipping	6,922	7,677
	Premises	31,343	25,642
	Project costs	160,088	160,088
	Salaries and benefits	509,761	405,281
	Technology upgrades	22,494	21,759
	Telephone	7,097	6,493
	Travel and accommodation	2,570	7,841
		Total Disbursements	1,693,896
	Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	102,724	(87,892)

DB Perks Scholarships



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 28th year of the scholarship through which Doug has contributed \$55,000 to 95 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.

2022 DB Perks Scholarship Recipients

Fred Smith Award:

Kayla Sevensma, Abbotsford

Mike Powley Award:

Aramis St-Gelais, Salt Spring Isl.

Derek Laverty Award:

Jaiden Budhwa, Smithers

Previous Award Recipients

2021

Rachel DeCicco
Jasmin Schlick, Prince George
Julie Kaufman, Surrey

2018

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

2015

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

2020

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

2017

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

2014

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

2019

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

2016

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

Previous Scholarship Recipients

2013

Vanessa Butler, Surrey
Sheena Fulop, Pender Island
Melissa Gillespie, Saanichton
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 TownSchon, 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



The BC & Yukon Branch of Lifesaving Society Canada was proud to recognize Dr. Stephen Beerman as recipient of the King Edward VII Cup at the 2021 Honour & Rescue Award Ceremony



A former President of Lifesaving Society Canada (1991-1994) and the International Life Saving Federation (2008-2012), Steve's passion and meritorious service in lifesaving globally has now been recognized with the King Edward VII Cup.

Steve's proactive liaison with the World Health Organization stimulated WHO's focus on drowning as a major public health issue and led to the first comprehensive WHO report on drowning.

Acting on one of the WHO recommendations for national action, Steve played a key role in the formation of the multi- sectoral Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition and is largely responsible for the development of its first Canadian Drowning Prevention Plan. He continues to provide guidance as co-chair of the coalition.

Steve has provided outstanding national and international leadership in the drowning prevention field for over four decades. Since 1986 when he served as competition lead on the Organizing Committee for Rescue '86 in Vancouver, he remains a prime mover in the Canadian and international field of drowning prevention. His leadership is visionary. He thinks big, has a knack for getting others to think big and has raised the profile of drowning as a serious public health issue.



Queen Elizabeth II presented the King Edward VII Cup and medal to Dr. Steve Beerman in early May 2021.



109th 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 virtually at the 109th Honour and Rescue Awards Ceremony on May 15, 2021:



Riley Huntley received the President's Plaque for his volunteer work providing program leadership.



Krista Mueller received a Bar to Service Medal as recognition of her work in leading the Program Advisory Group.

Honour Awards

Certification of Thanks

Judi Abrozaitis-Torrao
Pete Chen
Ruth Depew
James Jing
Albert Kho
Craig Short
Michelle Wilcox

Service Medal

Daniel Burgi
Anita Chevalier
Riley Huntley

Bar to Service Medal

Gary Lefebvre
Krista Mueller
Denise Yoreff

President's Plaque

Riley Huntley

109th Annual Commonwealth Awards



Dennis Saulnier of Chilliwack saved this two daughters after their car was cut off and landed in Cultus Lake. He also received the Governor's Gold award for the most courageous rescue.



Seven year old Cody Krabbendam of Sicamous rescued a 10 year old by jumping into Shuswap Lake and towing him to safety. He was awarded the George A. Brown Memorial medal and \$500 scholarship.

Silver Medal for Merit

Lori Taylor Capozzi, Donato Capozzi
Josh Croteau, Thomas Holmes, Jason Pearson
Hannah Reinholt
Jeff Mikus
Devin Waugh

Silver Medal for Bravery

Cody Krabbendam
Asher Paglaro
Joy Pringle
Dennis Saulnier
Kashif Sheikh
Chad Taylor, Meghan Thompson

Lifesaving Society - BC & Yukon Branch

2021/2022

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Lori-Ann Drew

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Ron Aubrey

Rescue Awards

Lori-Ann Drew

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Kyle Kronebusch

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Len Manuel

Member Services Manager

Carla Pruner

Bookkeeper

Stephanie Joh

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Roan Wallace

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Education Assistant

Emma Dotto

Shipping

Ken McLean



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

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.

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