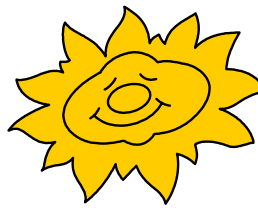


WAVES



LIFESAVING SOCIETY®
The Lifeguarding Experts

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SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

WATER SMART® CORNER

Attendance at the Lifesaving Society's Annual General Meeting **earns a credit point** towards your next Lifesaving Instructor recertification. Download your credit form from the Society website and apply today.

INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTORS

Do you submit test sheets under your own name, not a facility? If you answered

LIFESAVING CALENDAR

July 16-23 National Drowning Prevention Week

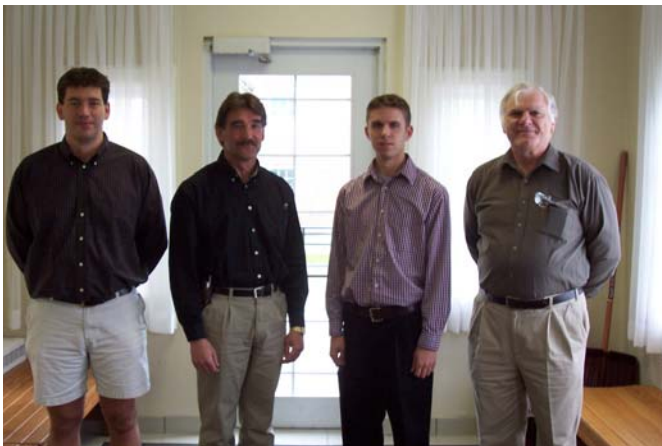


yes to any of these questions, you are classed as an *Independent Affiliate* by the Lifesaving Society and must register to enable you to offer lifesaving programs. **Registration fee is \$15** and provides you with everything you need to know about administering the programs and sets out guidelines to ensure quality programming is offered. As a registered affiliate, you also have a **single vote** at the Lifesaving Society's Annual General Meeting.

Register today. Don't risk having your certifications refused for processing.

MEET THE BOARD

The Lifesaving Society has restructured its Constitution through its by-laws and is turning to a governance structure for operations. A governance board has three main roles – link with the moral ownership, establish overall policies and direction of the organization, and monitor organizational performance.



responsibility of the Executive Director through volunteer committees.

Current Board members are (left to right): Director, Paul Dawe; President, Len LeRiche; Director, Curtis Budden; Governor, Robert LeMessurier

Swim to Survive Challenge!

Host a Swim to Survive Challenge

The Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive Challenge asks, "Can you pass the Lifesaving Society's **Swim to Survive Standard?**" Youth and school groups, service organizations and swimming pools can host the challenge to encourage their community members to learn valuable self-rescue skills.

The **Swim to Survive Challenge** can be used as a screening tool: passing Swim to Survive can give a person access to the deep end, or be used to qualify for kayak courses or canoe trips.

For *National Drowning Prevention Week*, the Lifesaving Society is asking facilities to run a **Swim to Survive Challenge**. Instructors, lifeguards, even parents can teach these basic skills to children or adults.

Open your facility and let people take **The Challenge**.



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

The restructure of the board has created a number of **volunteer opportunities** for **coordinators and committee volunteers** that will assist with the delivery of the programs

and services of the Society. Here are some of these positions, if you are interested in taking on one of these roles, please contact the branch office for details.

✓ **Affiliate Relations Coordinator**

To serve as the branch's primary contact to facilities throughout the province.

✓ **Swim to Survive Coordinator**

To promote, coordinate and implement Swim to Survive to facilities the public and external organizations

✓ **National Drowning Prevention Week Coordinator**

To plan and implement activities and events through the province for National Drowning Prevention Week

✓ **Technology Coordinator**

To provide website design and graphics updates and advise on computer upgrades, software, troubleshooting, etc.

✓ **Honour & Rescue Awards Coordinator**

To recommend individuals for Commonwealth Honour & Rescue Awards, research award nominations and coordinate award ceremonies

✓ **Communication Coordinator**

To provide communication to media, affiliates and customers through media releases, newsletter. Plan annual communication initiatives.

✓ **Fundraising Coordinator**

To plan, coordinate and implement a minimum of one fundraising initiative annually.

✓ **Event Coordinator**

To plan, develop and implement Society events such as the AGM, award ceremony and other special events.

✓ **Alumni Association Coordinator**

To plan, develop and implement an active alumni program within the province.

✓ **Statistical Reporter**

To research and create the Society's Annual Drowning Report and other highlight reports. To provide drowning statistic information comparisons for inclusion in media releases and other communications.

FIND A MEMBER

Individuals in Ontario can now look up their certifications online at the Ontario Branch of the Lifesaving Society. This service is not available in other provinces, but will speed up the transfer process for those wishing to transfer awards to other provinces as they can do it themselves. Just enter your Member ID number and you're in!

<http://www.lifesavingsociety.com/default.asp?PageId=765&SectionId=6&LevelId=2>

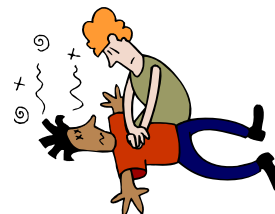


Edmonton to Host 2009 Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships

Canada has been awarded the 2009 Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships. Athletes from over 20 nations are expected to participate.

"This is very exciting news. Hosting an international event of this caliber is an honour for Canada and the Society, and will provide a wonderful showcase for Canada's lifesaving athletes," says Rick Haga, the Society's national Executive Director. He noted that the last time Canada hosted an international lifesaving championship on this scale was Rescue '86 in Vancouver.

The 2006 Commonwealth Lifesaving Championship will be in Bath, England in September, which has been sanctioned by the Commonwealth Games Federation. The Lifesaving Society, as the national sport governing body for Lifesaving Sport, will be sending a contingent of athletes and officials to England.



CPR Changes Made Easy

In 2006, new standards are being introduced for CPR in Canada and throughout the rest of the world. The Lifesaving Society will provide our members with

Frequently Asked Questions

Have you visited this new page on our website yet? Check out answers to common questions.

More questions? Call us!

user friendly, leading edge information and resources from the latest international research into CPR and First Aid. This research has led to simple changes to CPR skills and sequences that make resuscitation more effective and easier to learn and remember.

Effective August 1, 2006 - all Lifesaving Society courses and recertifications will be taught and evaluated using the new CPR content and standards.

CPR changes will affect the following Lifesaving Society programs:

- Canadian Swim Patrol
- Bronze Medals
- Lifesaving CPR
- AEC & Lifesaving First Aid
- National Lifeguard

Mandatory Update Required

A simple, flexible and user friendly self-study update has been developed to prepare you to teach the affected courses. If you teach any of the affected courses you must complete the self-study update process. There is no need to attend a clinic.

Watch for details in next month's **WAVES** and your inbox.

August 25-28, 2006

Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships
Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba



National Drowning Prevention Day



Make a Water Smart statement in your community by hosting a Water Smart event at your facility or within your community. Celebrate National Drowning Prevention Day (the fourth Saturday in July) with Water Smart activities and with an interactive display. Download the [National Drowning Prevention Day Manual](#) from our

website.

Aquatic Safety Management Services *If it's Foreseeable, it's Preventable*

Faced with the potential for multi-million dollar lawsuits public and private aquatic facility owner/ operators are being increasingly proactive in assessing and managing risk in their aquatic environments (swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, water parks or beaches). The Lifesaving Society believes that many incidents are foreseeable and therefore preventable. The Lifesaving Society Aquatic Safety Management services provide facility owner/operators with the information, tools and support services needed to provide a safe environment for their aquatic facility users. These services are also valuable for organizations who may

not own or operate aquatic facilities, but need aquatic safety management services. This may include levels of government, Health Authorities, community groups, and private individuals or companies.

As the lifeguarding experts, the Lifesaving Society conducts research to establish aquatic safety standards and consults on public safety issues. The Society clarifies standards and interprets regulations for facility operators, sets public safety standards for the aquatic industry, advises government and serves as an expert in legal cases involving aquatic safety issues.

The Society currently offers **Aquatic Safety Management Services** in four areas:

- *Aquatic Safety Audits*
- *Facility Design and Operation Consultation*
- *Expert Witness Services*
- *Safety Standards*

Contact the branch for details.



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