



**ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE  
SEARCH & RESCUE**  
*Saving Lives on the Water*  
Station 106 • Shuswap

**Shuswap Lifeboat Society**  
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*Business Entity of Station 106*

## Our Accomplishments During 2021

Another extraordinary year for our volunteers, with ever changing Covid Guidelines, that once again challenged us to provide many proactive Boating Safety programs.

### **RCM-SAR Station 106 Shuswap** (the operations)

**40 missions** this year, and were **2<sup>nd</sup> busiest RCMSAR station in B.C.** First mission on January 10<sup>th</sup> saw Tolonen and crew **breaking 1" ice** to reach shore. Mission #40 was on November 24<sup>th</sup> – both medical emergencies up in Seymour Arm. Our **21 volunteers contributed 4779 volunteer hours** in 2021, while **saving 4 lives and assisting 29 others in need of aid.**

We completed **98 on-water training exercises** and **48 classroom (online virtual) sessions** to maintain our operational proficiency. Our crew also attended four In Person courses to either attain or maintain certification, i.e. SVOP, F.A./CPR with TE, ROC (M). As well, three additional Coxswains successfully completed Bridge Resource Management Training to enhance their crew and mission supervisory skills. Navigators undertook advanced Radar, FLIR, and Search Patterns with an in-house designed course.



A **new Water Safety initiative** during 2021 saw 10 Life Ring stations established - **[RCMSAR Life Ring Stations Improve Safety](#)** Soon after the Sicamous Sands Beach install, a citizen used a Life Ring to save a tired swimmer from the current.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National "Operational Merit Medal" was awarded to six members of our crew for exemplary life saving efforts on a mission in 2020. A perfect example of Joint Incident Command, where our crew were instrumental for the patient making the **[Golden Hour](#)**



**[442 Transport and Rescue Squadron](#)** and Station staged a 1<sup>st</sup> "exercise" together. A **[Buffalo](#)** from CFB Comox dropped survival kits with amazing accuracy, then SAR Technicians parachuted down into the lake, to provide emergency care on our mock casualties.

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is our **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** serving the Shuswap; **> 30,700 Volunteer Hours** to end of 2021.

Rob Sutherland, Station Leader, Station #106

### **Shuswap Lifeboat Society** (the financial support)

Writing or saying **Thank You** to **[OUR SUPPORTERS](#)** at times just **does not feel adequate or enough.** But, this generosity, whether from government, citizens, community associations, service clubs or businesses enables the Station and crews to perform the needed life saving emergency responses. **Our volunteers are so grateful for this ongoing support over last 10 years.**

Our Society received terrific news over the holidays – the **BC Community Gaming Capital Projects Program** approved a **\$250,000 grant** towards our Rescue Base. Our five years of fundraising has been set aside in a **Restricted Account**, waiting for the project to begin. **Columbia Shuswap Regional District** have supported this initiative with the debt servicing costs of our loan with the **SASCU Credit Union.** Our Funding Package is now complete. Construction is anticipated to start in summer of 2022. **[Learn More](#)**

Three new Kids Don't Float kiosks were funded in 2021, a total now of 18 kiosks. City of Enderby sponsored two along the Shuswap River, and Eagle Bay community groups sponsored one for Shannon Beach, which our volunteers installed. **[Where are those 18 kiosks?](#)**

**BC Community Gaming** funded new **navigation stations for Rescue One** to match Tolonen. The federal **Boating Safety Contribution Program** funded the **construction of 10 Life Ring stations**, along with the **City of Salmon**, through the Covid Restart program, funding **additional PPE, sanitizer, and 2 years of Zoom.**

Our Social Media presence has increased with **958 followers on our Facebook Page** now. On average, our posts reach 2,000 to 5,000 persons. **One post** about the vessels creating safety zones for B.C. Wildfire aircraft to obtain fire fighting water **reached 190,000 persons.**

For more information on how our Society supports Station #106, check out our Website. **[Learn More](#)**

Bruce Weicker, President, Shuswap Lifeboat Society

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