



ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE SEARCH & RESCUE

Saving Lives on the Water

Who We Are

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCMSAR) is a not-for-profit, registered charity that operates a volunteer marine search and rescue service in the coastal and in-land waters of British Columbia. RCMSAR volunteer emergency response crews at **31 stations** are **on-call 24 hours a day**, seven days a week and respond to an average of 500 search and rescue (SAR) calls each year, saving hundreds of lives and recovering hundreds of thousands of dollars in property.

Our Volunteers

RCMSAR has developed a SAR training program that is both professional, and one of the best in Canada. Our volunteers receive extensive training, both on the water and shoreside, to prepare them to respond to taskings from the JRCC. Currently,

- RCMSAR has **more than 900 volunteers** that includes both operational crew and supporting members
- All station personnel are highly trained and equipped with specialized rescue vessels designed for the navigational challenges of the West Coast
- **Over 57,000 volunteer hours** are spent annually on missions, maintenance, training and more

How We Save Lives

RCMSAR is a key part of the marine search and rescue (SAR) system, working in one of the most challenging SAR regions in the world. Through an agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard, RCMSAR responds to marine emergencies tasked by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Victoria. We provide support for on-the-water humanitarian aid when called upon by provincial authorities, local communities, Indigenous partners, and other first responder agencies. RCMSAR also operates from communities where they are the only available marine response assets, filling an important role in the SAR network.

Our Impact

In the last 12 months (October 2021–October 2022), RCMSAR volunteers at 31 marine search and rescue stations:



Conducted 440 Missions of which 67% of all calls for help occurred during the day



Had an average Response Time of 18.62 min and average Mission Duration of 2.25 hrs



Assisted 364 people on the water and saved 56 lives



47 Fast Response Craft Assets across the province

Our Mission: Saving lives on the water
Our Vision: Excellence in community-based marine safety



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Your legacy is a lifeline

It's 2 am. The call goes out. Trained volunteers from all walks of life rush out into the freezing wind and darkness to save someone they've never met.

Saving lives on the water will be your legacy

A gift in your Will to RCMSAR will help bring our brave volunteer crews – and those they rescue – home safely. Your legacy will be the protective gear they can count on, the training that keeps them safe, and the strong rescue vessel that ploughs through fierce winds and waves to reach people in distress.

Leaving a Specific Gift

You may choose to donate a specific amount of money or certain assets (like publicly traded securities) to RCMSAR. Sample wording that you can use in your Will could look like:

"I give to Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Inc., charitable registration number 106863137 RR0001, the sum of \$____, to be used at the discretion of the organization."

Leaving a Residual Gift

After gifts have been made to your loved ones, and taxes are paid, consider leaving the residue of your estate to RCMSAR. A residual gift can be a percentage of what is left of your estate, or any remaining amount.

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Legal Name & Charitable Registration Number

However you choose to leave a gift, have a conversation with your family and legal advisor who will need the following information:



Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Inc.
Address: **6040 East Sooke Road, Sooke, B.C. V9Z 0Z7**
Charitable Registration Number: **106863137 RR0001**

