



A Message from the Lieutenant Governor



As Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Honorary Patron of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCMSAR), it is my honour to congratulate the recipients of the 2021 RCMSAR Awards.

Throughout the pandemic, RCMSAR has continued to provide outstanding service to coastal communities from Vancouver Island to Haida Gwaii. Even when faced with the challenge of changing rules and restrictions, the fast and professional response of the RCMSAR in response to marine emergencies in all kinds of conditions has never faltered.

I would especially like to acknowledge the incredible volunteers being honoured for their brave service. The categories being recognized—leadership, operational merit, exemplary service, and more—speak to the extraordinary generosity of these British Columbians. They have given their time, their skills, and even their personal safety, to keep their fellow citizens safe on the water.

Your spirit of volunteerism, and the guidance of those who lead you, is nothing short of inspirational. On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, please accept my heartfelt gratitude to all who make the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue a most valuable institution in our province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janet Austin".

The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia