



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 nearly 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 58,000 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

Over the past 12 months, RCMSAR volunteers at 31 marine search and rescue stations:



Conducted 432 Missions of which 63% of all calls for help occurred during the day



Had an average Response Time of 17.63 min and average Mission Duration of 2.17 hrs



Assisted 386 people on the water and saved 50 lives



47 Fast Response Craft Assets across the province

Our Mission: Saving lives on the water

Our Vision: Excellence in community-based marine safety