



## Coming soon – Online Swim Transition Instructor Clinic

Red Cross Water Safety Instructors will soon be able to transition to the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life Instructor certification by completing the Society's official online Swim Transition Instructor Clinic – approved by the Lifesaving Society Canada and endorsed by the Canadian Red Cross (CRC).

The self-directed Swim Transition Instructor Clinic provides an orientation to the Society's Swim for Life program. It is designed exclusively for CRC Water Safety Instructors who want to take advantage of the opportunity to transition to Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life Instructor certification.

Completing this online clinic is one of two required steps to become a certified Lifesaving Society Swim for Life Instructor. The other step is to ensure the Lifesaving Society has your CRC Water Safety qualifications. If you have not already done so, [log in to your My Red Cross account](#) to initiate this transfer.

Follow the Lifesaving Society Ontario on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and regularly check our [homepage](#). We'll post when the clinic is available.

## LIFEGUARD 4 LIFE

PODCAST

Introducing Lifeguard 4 Life – a Lifesaving Society Ontario podcast. Join hosts Stephanie and Jason as they discuss lifeguard shortages, first aid urban myths and more with special guests and subject matter experts.

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## Become a Swim for Life seasonal affiliate

The Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program is a complete learn-to-swim program that focuses on lots of in-water practice to develop swimming strokes and skills and making kids Water Smart. Learn more about [Swim for Life](#).

Become a seasonal Swim for Life affiliate this summer and benefit from a swim program that is:

- **Flexible** – choose the modules and candidate recognition that work best for your clientele.
- **Convenient** – electronic worksheets, progress reports and recognition certifications let you print as many or as few as you need.
- **Cost-effective** – Affiliate and Swim Licence fees cover unlimited numbers of participants.

Step 1: Become an Affiliate Member of the Society. Complete the [Affiliate Member Application form](#) (check “summer only”) and pay the annual affiliation fee.

Step 2: Become a Swim for Life Licensee. Complete the Swim for Life license agreement and pay the seasonal license fee.

For more information, contact Society Program Manager, [Lori Groves](#).

## TRANSITIONING FROM RED CROSS PROGRAMMING?

We have a special process for Red Cross seasonal water safety training partners who are transitioning to the Lifesaving Society programs this summer. Email Lori Groves at [swimtransition@lifeguarding.com](mailto:swimtransition@lifeguarding.com) or call 416-490-8844. Together, we'll walk through the steps for a smooth and successful transition that works best for you.



## Boating fatalities in Canada

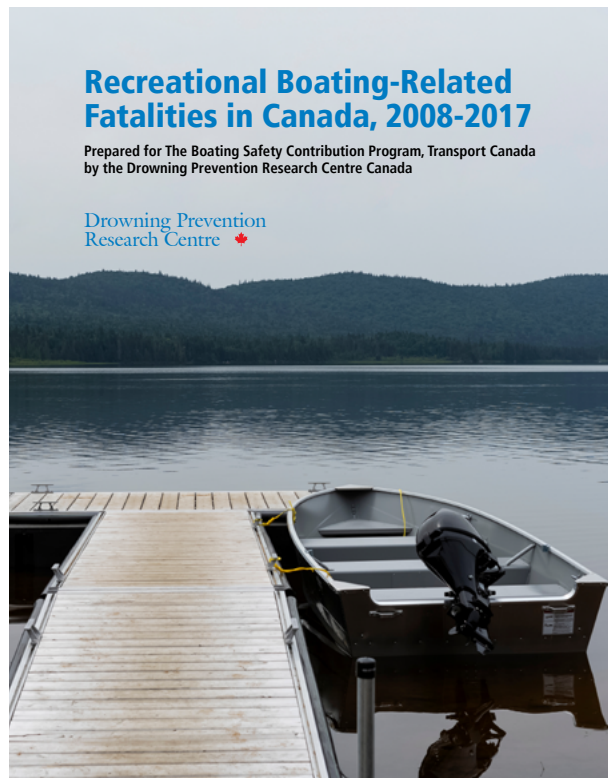
The Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada (DPRC) is leading a research project for Transport Canada's Boating Safety Contribution Program titled: *Online mapping of drowning incidents in recreational boating across Canada.*

The first part is complete and provides a written report on recreational boating-related fatalities in Canada (2008–2017) using data from the DPRC drowning database. The report is available in [English](#) and [French](#).

The report significantly contributes to our knowledge about recreational boating-related injuries and will assist local communities, governments and law enforcement in the development of targeted initiatives to reduce boating fatalities.

The second part will be released later this year and includes the creation of an online map that displays the corresponding data found in the report.

The next phase of the project begins in Spring 2022 and will continue over a two-year period.



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## FAQs for First Aid Instructors

First aid courses are in high demand and the Lifesaving Society Ontario is regarded as a leader in first aid training and certification by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) of Ontario. To fulfill our obligations to the province’s workplaces and WSIB, the Society depends on our highly trained Instructors, Examiners and Trainers.

As First Aid Instructors, it’s important to periodically check-in with the Society’s most recent policies and procedures for the delivery of first aid programs. Before you teach your next course, download and read your free copy of the Society’s [Program Guide](#) from our website to make sure you’re up to speed.

To get you started, here are some frequently asked questions:

**Can I teach first aid online?** No. At this time, all Society first aid courses including Emergency First Aid, Standard First Aid, CPR, Airway Management, HCP-CPR must be conducted 100% in-person. Blended or online delivery is not yet permitted.

**Who checks prerequisites in a Standard First Aid Recertification?** The Instructor is responsible for checking the prerequisites of all candidates. In the case of first aid the currency term required to be eligible to take a recertification course must be checked. Read pages 13-14 in the *Program Guide* for details.

**Where can a first aid course be taught?** First aid courses can be taught anywhere that has adequate practice and evaluation space that is safe and conducive to good learning – no water required.

**Can a course have multiple instructors?** Yes, but all instructors on the course must be certified and current. Subcontracting portions of the course to expired or non-certified individuals is not permitted.

**Can first aid course hours be shortened?** No. All information about the required course length for the Society’s first aid courses can be found in Section 8 of the *Program Guide*. To highlight:

Emergency First Aid with CPR-B course	8 hours
Standard First Aid with CPR-C course	16 hours
Standard First Aid with CPR-C Recertification	6.5–8 hours
CPR – Health Care Provider (CPR-HCP)	6–8 hours

**How does the Society handle complaints about an instructor?** The Lifesaving Society investigates all complaints of a serious nature and allegations of misconduct against Lifesaving Society award holders who fail to follow Lifesaving Society policy and procedure. The result may be a caution, a suspension, or in egregious cases, revocation of certification.

## VIRTUAL AGM APRIL 22

The Lifesaving Society Ontario Annual General Meeting will be held by teleconference on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The 2021 Annual Report and meeting-related documents will be posted on the Society’s homepage.

Registration is required to attend the AGM.

The Society’s current (certified after April 22, 2020) National Lifeguards, Instructors, Examiners, Coaches, and Trainers are entitled to vote as are members of the Board of Directors, current Activity Centre Council Chairs, Affiliate Members, Area Chairs and their respective committee members.



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