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James Sullivan, President of the Lifesaving Society Prince Edward Island

Society welcomes new president

James Sullivan became president of the Lifesaving Society Prince Edward Island at the Society's July Annual General Meeting. James, a lifelong volunteer and 14 year Board of Directors veteran, brings a wealth of aquatic industry experience from his 10 years as a trainer as well as seven years managing the beach lifeguard program for Tourism PEI. Professionally, James is the Provincial Director of Emergency Health and Planning Services for Health PEI. James succeeds Adam Ross. The Society thanks Adam for his years of exemplary service and looks forward to working with him in his new role on the board.

Save the dates

November 4 – Maritime Lifeguard Emergency Response Championships, YMCA of Greater Moncton.

November 16 to December 2 – Lifesaving World Championships, Adelaide Australia.

PEI lifeguards compete at maritime surf champs

Prince Edward Island's top lifeguards clashed with the best of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at the 2018 Maritime Surf Lifesaving Championships hosted by the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service at Martinique Beach on August 7. The PEI team finished third behind the Canada Games Centre – Halifax and the Cape Breton-North Shore guards. Congratulations to Evan Tynski and Zach Doiron who combined for PEI's best result, racing to a second place finish in the Men's Board Rescue.

Next up, the Maritime Lifeguard Emergency Response Championships hosted by the YMCA of Greater Moncton, November 4, 2018.



PEI athletes at maritime surf champs from left: Mikaela Tynski, Matthew Smith, Zach Doiron, Evan Tynski, Liam Bulger, Cedric Stead, MacKenzie Stead



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 - **Prerequisites** – trainers should use [Find a Member](#) to check prerequisites on first day of the course so there are no surprises – awards can’t be processed without the required prerequisites.
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The Lifesaving Society is a national, volunteer organization and registered charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injury. Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society’s swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs. The Society sets the standard for aquatic safety in Canada and certifies Canada’s National Lifeguards.

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