

Prince Edward Island

August 2019



Thank you, Adam Ross

Adam Ross stepped down from the Society's Board of Directors this spring after 11 years of services at both the provincial and national level. During his tenure, Adam introduced the Society's Swim Program to the PEI and was the driving force behind the increased cooperation of the Society's Atlantic branches. A tireless worker and enthusiastic advocate of water safety, Adam will forever be a friend of Society and a champion of drowning prevention. His dedication, strategic-thinking and leadership will be missed around the board table and we wish Adam every success in his new ventures.

PEI Beaches Increase Water Safety Awareness

The Province of PEI and Parks Canada, in consultation with the Lifesaving Society, have collaboratively implemented a new signage and flag system at beaches across the province. The new system is consistent with international standards, improves communication of water conditions with beach patrons, and increases public awareness of rip currents.

The Society commends the work of the Province of PEI, Parks Canada and the PEI Rip Current advisory committee for bringing these timely water safety improvements.

[Read the June 2018 edition of *Islander*](#) to learn more about rip current safety.

Learn more about the new flag and sign system on the [Government of PEI's website](#).

Examiner Mentor

As of January 1, 2020 future Bronze, First Aid and National Lifeguard Examiners must do their co-exam(s) with a current Examiner who has been appointed as an Examiner Mentor. Examiner Mentor is a new designation and refers to senior Lifesaving Society Examiners appointed by the Society to mentor examiner candidates through their apprenticeship phase and approve them for examiner certification.

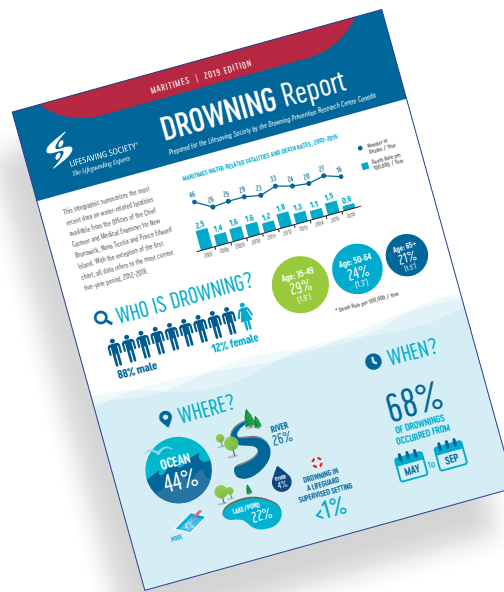
An initial group of experienced Examiners, that have conducted a minimum of three exams and have strong leadership and administrative skills, will be offered appointments as Examiner Mentors by the Society in June. These examiners will be asked if they would accept the responsibilities outlined in the Examiner Mentor job description:

- Provide effective apprenticeship experiences for examiner candidates including evaluation of their performance and guidance on their professional development as potential Lifesaving Society Examiners.
- Complete Lifesaving Society administrative requirements in a timely manner including completion of training records for the apprenticing examiner candidate.
- Assist in the identification, recruitment and development of potential Lifesaving Society Examiners.
- Act as expert resources to Lifesaving Society apprenticing examiner candidates in matters related to Lifesaving Society evaluation standards.
- Attend Examiner Mentor workshops and clinics as required.

For more information, contact the Lifesaving Society.

Society Releases 2019 Maritimes Drowning Report

Drowning fatalities continue to steadily decline in the Maritimes according to the Society's most recent Maritimes Drowning Report, but the contributing factors remain the same. Not wearing a lifejacket or PFD is still the single largest factor. Males continue to account for nearly 9 out of 10 drowning deaths. [Learn more.](#)



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