

Signature please

The signature of the instructor, examiner or trainer on a test sheet or master sheet indicates that the successful candidates completed the requirements for certification according to the Must Sees and competencies defined by the Lifesaving Society. The Society requires all forms that certify individuals to have the valid signature of the person who evaluated or examined the candidates.

Every time you prepare a test sheet or master sheet as the certifier of the candidates, reduce the possibility of fraud and processing delays by:

- Completing all summary information accurately (date, number of candidates passed and failed, etc.).
- Signing the test sheet or master sheet in pen in a consistent manner.
- Printing your name and contact information legibly.
- Drawing a line through empty rows below the last candidate.

Test sheets and masters sheets prepared as above may be scanned and emailed, faxed, sent via Canada Post, or hand-delivered to our office.

We do not accept other forms of authorization to certify candidates, including:

- The name of the instructor, examiner or trainer without a signature.
- The signature of another individual on behalf of the instructor, examiner or trainer.
- A typed signature in a script or other font.
- An electronic or digital signature embedded or “cut and pasted” onto the form.



Long-time Society affiliate [Shendy's Swim Centre](#), with support from [Don's Bakery](#) in Muskoka, hosted its annual Spring Fundraiser last month to raise money for Swim to Survive. This year Shendy's donated \$500. *Pictured:* Lindsey Zdenek (*right*) from Shendy's and Public Education Director Barbara Byers, along with a fresh pack of raisin butter tarts. Thank you Shendy's – for all you do in support of our drowning prevention mission!

New water safety program for new Canadians

The Lifesaving Society will deliver water safety presentations and Swim to Survive training to new Canadians at The Neighbourhood Organization (Thornccliffe Park Drive location) this summer.

The presentations conclude in June. Then, in July and August, Swim to Survive and Family Swim to Survive lessons will take place at the Leaside Outdoor Pool for an hour each day before the pool opens:

- **Swim to Survive**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on weekdays.
- **Family Swim to Survive**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on weekends.

Thanks to the City of Toronto, the Thornccliffe Neighbourhood Organization and to the program sponsor, the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund.

[For more information contact Barbara Byers.](#)



From left to right: Society Area Chair Sean Duffy, Matteo DiCorato, Scott Labrosse, Amanda Meliambro and Lifesaving Society National Technical Manager Wendy Schultenkamper.

Ottawa heroes

Three National Lifeguards from Ottawa – Amanda Meliambro, Matteo DiCorato and Scott Labrosse – were awarded the Society’s Rescue Award of Merit during a ceremony at Ottawa City Hall in March.

Amanda rescued her sister from strong currents on a Hawaiian beach. Matteo used his resuscitation skills in Saint Kitts and Nevis after an unconscious man was pulled from the surf without vital signs. Scott pulled his girlfriend from the Gatineau River after a boating mishap and performed CPR to save her life.

Congratulations to these courageous responders for their willingness and ability to act in lifesaving emergencies.

[Visit our website for information on how to nominate a rescuer.](#)





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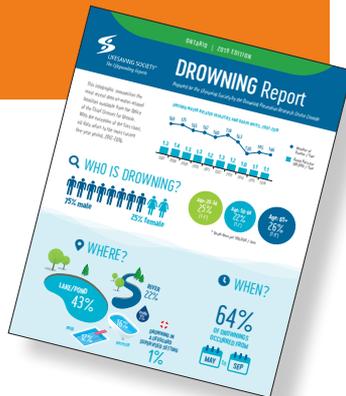
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- Order printed cards from www.lifeguarddepot.com.
- Download PDFs of each card for self-printing from [our website](#).
- Request customized cards for self-printing (the Society provides PDFs with space for you to add your logo and website address) – [email Barbara Byers](mailto:Barbara.Byers@lifesavingsociety.com) for customized cards.

2019 ONTARIO DROWNING REPORT

Ontario seniors have the highest drowning rate of any age group and 66% of them were alone when they drowned according to the most recent [Ontario Drowning Report](#).



Parlez-vous français?

Did you know that we offer candidate certification cards in both official languages?

The first Lifesaving Society certification that a candidate receives sets the language preference for that new member. If the test sheet is French, the language preference for all successful candidates will be French. If the test sheet is English, the language preference will be English.

Members can change their language preference at any time – all subsequent awards will be issued in their language choice, regardless of whether the next test sheet, master sheet or leadership recertification is English or French.

Want to change your language preference? Call us or email certifications@lifeguarding.com.

ONTARIO WATERFRONT SAFETY STANDARDS

The *Ontario Waterfront Safety Standards* assists waterfront owners and operators in providing a safe aquatic environment for their patrons. Inside you will find the Society's position on waterfront safety issues and information about safety expectations as a preventive measure. The publication offers recommendations for minimum standards of operation for waterfront facilities where the public is admitted for aquatic activity.

Order a copy today for \$44.52 plus tax.



Canadian Lifeguard Challenge streams live on Facebook August 4

Thirteen Ontario athletes are among the 38 qualifiers for the most demanding lifesaving sport event in Canada – the Canadian Lifeguard Challenge – a triple triathlon test of skill and endurance composed of three consecutive rounds of Oceanwoman/Oceanman. The event, held at Martinique Beach, Nova Scotia, starts at 12:00 noon ADT and ends by 2:00 p.m.

Join us to cheer on Ontario athletes Haylie Burton, Kai Dingman, Jessey The Elf, Alexandra Ferguson, Scano Hewa Batuwitage, Alexa Hunyady, Owen Hollowell, Jacob Miess, Ethan Placek, Sebastian Reimer, Mackenzie Salmon, James Verreault and John Wyatt.

500 METRE SWIM FOR 500 LIVES

The 11th annual Lifesaving Society 500 Metre Swim for 500 Lives will take place from **Saturday July 20 to Sunday July 28**, during National Drowning Prevention Week.

In this event, lifeguards complete a 500-metre swim during in-service training with the goal of earning funds for drowning prevention education.

The Lifesaving Society 500 Metre Swim for 500 Lives is dedicated to lives lost to drowning. Last year, lifeguards raised over \$6,800.

For information about how you can participate, contact [Laurie Priestman](#).

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