



Application Window Now Open for Grant and Sponsorship Program in Support of Provincial Boating Industry

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Vancouver, B.C. – Boating BC is now accepting applications for the 2019 grant and scholarship program that supports not-for-profit organizations that undertake capital infrastructure projects or events and initiatives that help to grow or increase participation in recreational boating.

The Association launched the grant and sponsorship program in 2016, and the initiative has been successful in enhancing boating as a recreational activity in local communities throughout the province.

With funds graciously made available from the Vancouver International Boat Show, grants and sponsorships up to \$2,500 are distributed to organizations that facilitate and/or improve access to recreational boating in BC; stimulate knowledge and education of aspects of the recreational boating industry; and/or promote, improve or advance boating interests in BC, including participation in boating and environmental stewardship of BC's waters.

“Part of Boating BC’s mandate is to invest in the industry at a grassroots level to promote water safety, improve education or increase access to and participation in the boating lifestyle,” Don Prittie, Boating BC President. “Last year this funding helped support a number of very worthwhile initiatives and we are excited to offer the grant and scholarship program again in 2019.”

In total \$21,500 in grants and scholarships were awarded to a number of recipients in 2018, to support the Variety’s 20th Anniversary Boat for Hope events in Vancouver, Victoria and Vancouver; Pacific Salmon Foundation - for the 6th annual Galiano Salmon Classic fishing derby in support of salmon conservation; BC Sailing Association –for the purchase of a sailing simulator that will be used at community events to promote sailing for children and in sailing lessons and training programs; Oliver Parks & Recreation – to purchase boating equipment for Our Kids CANoe!, giving kids access to boating from Oliver’s main beach during the summer months, and; Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue – to support the Kids Don’t Float PFD Loaner Program in the Nanaimo area.

For more information on the grants and sponsorships program, visit:
<https://www.boatingbc.ca/cpages/grants-and-sponsorships>

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About Boating BC Association: Boating BC Association, the voice of recreational boating in BC, is comprised of 315 member companies that represent all aspects of the boating industry. As owners of the Vancouver International Boat Show, the Association strives to ensure the industry remains strong – working closely with all levels of government, cultivating marine career opportunities and promoting safe, responsible boating.

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