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Inshore Rescue Boat Program 2020

Dear Community Member,

The Canadian Coast Guard Inshore Rescue Boat Program is a seasonal Search and Rescue service provided to the Canadian public. Between April and September, this essential service operates to ensure the safety of all boaters.

We are writing to let you know that from **May 24th to September 8th** we will be operating a seasonal Search and Rescue station in your community. With the current COVID-19 situation, we know that people are concerned with visitors in their area, so we want to let you know ahead of time that we are taking the necessary precautions to keep your community safe. Our top priority is to ensure the safety of our personnel, and the people in the communities we serve.

We have put a number of measures into place to prevent possible spread among ourselves and into the community, including:

- All personnel will have been in self-isolation for a minimum of 14 days prior to arrival
- All personnel will undergo a health screening, including temperature check, prior to arriving. Each personnel will also be screened daily while on site.
- Our stations consist of 3 personnel
- We will be housed in self-contained accommodation, doing our own cooking and physical distancing from the community
- On water training activities will be taking place with strict protocols in place to ensure no engagement takes place with community members
- We have established quarantine procedures in the event that anyone gets ill while on site. These procedures include immediate isolation of the infected person as well as anyone that they have been in contact with.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know.

The Inshore Rescue Boat program is proud to serve the community of people who live and work in Nootka Sound, Tahsis and while we may not be able to stop by to say hello, we will be happy to be patrolling the waters for anyone who needs help this summer.

On behalf of Coast Guard, we would like to pass along our sincere gratitude to the community for supporting the delivery of essential Search and Rescue services and we hope everyone is staying healthy, safe and positive.

Sincerely,

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