

*To all RCMSAR Volunteers,*

*This week we celebrate National Volunteer Week. The theme for this year is "Every moment matters."*

*As professional mariners, we know that time can be the enemy of success in the SAR environment. Preparation, training, and dedication are the keys to maximizing the time available to successfully execute a rescue mission. RCMSAR volunteers have a long and proud history of responding in a rapid and effective manner when called upon. Your actions have saved many lives and assisted many of your neighbors and friends.*

*The phrase "every moment matters," is also reflective of the time required to train, maintain equipment and support those in your stations and societies. You have established an extremely high standard of volunteerism with over 67,000 hours of your time in the last year devoted to being ready to let go of all lines and respond to fellow boaters who are in peril. It is also a measure of the time we have with our families and friends as their support is critical in allowing us to conduct our mission and commit the time that is needed to be ready to respond.*

*RCMSAR is a family of volunteers from diverse backgrounds, and occupations, who are laser focused on one mission, "saving lives on the water." Throughout the year, you have continued to put the safety of others first and you should all be immensely proud of your dedication and commitment to our mission.*

*On behalf of the HQ team and the Board of Directors, our most sincere thanks to you and your families for the amazing work you do!!*

*Stay Safe!*

*Tracy Lakeman, Board Chair and Bill Riggs, CEO*