

RICHMOND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Richmond Amateur Radio Club Provides Support for Emergency Radio Communications at Steveston Salmon Festival

Richmond, B.C. (July 3, 2013) – On Canada Day weekend, the Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) participated in this year's Steveston Salmon Festival by doing what its members do best and enjoy most - providing support for emergency radio communications at community events.

RARC has been a 'Silver Sponsor' of the Steveston Salmon Festival for many years and is proud to once again contribute to the safety and success of this year's community event. Licensed Amateur Radio operators monitored emergency communications for Salmon Festival and Ships to Shore event operations and also provided support in the City of Richmond Emergency Programs communications trailer and RCMP Emergency Services Unit vehicle at the event site.

During the Canada Day parade, RARC also set up an emergency communications network with members positioned throughout the parade route to relay information on situations involving traffic control, lost children, accidents and health emergencies, as well as progress of the parade to appropriate communication channels for the event. Some RARC members, who are also on the Salmon Festival Committee, participated in another capacity as Parade Marshals.

"Providing radio communications support at large scale community events like the Steveston Salmon Festival is a great opportunity for RARC members to acquire operational experience and become better prepared when the call to assist in an emergency situation is received," comments Eddie Odette (VE7ODY), president of RARC. Kishore Naire (VA7KKN), RARC Community Events Coordinator and also member of the Steveston Salmon Festival Core Committee, adds that, "such volunteer participation enables for RARC members to develop closer working relationships with other organizations and volunteer groups in the community."

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About RARC - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club is a registered BC Society to promote the interests of Amateur Radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide communications for public service events as requested. RARC is a member of the BC Provincial Emergency Program and supporter of Emergency Social Services with the City of Richmond. Programs for the club are partially funded by grants from the City of Richmond and BC Community Gaming. Additional information about RARC can be found at: www.rarclub.ca

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