



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Nova Scotia hosts 2017 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships**

Halifax – The Lifesaving Society Nova Scotia Branch is pleased to host the 2017 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships (CSLCs) from August 25-27 at Martinique and Rainbow Haven Beach. The CSLCs is a high-performance Lifesaving Sport competition including swimming, running, water rescue and surf craft events.

"We are thrilled to welcome the best lifeguards from across Canada; this competition is the highlight of our year and is an incredible display of skill and ability" says Mike Maguire, Executive Director of the Lifesaving Society Nova Scotia Branch.

The three-day event will attract over 200 competitors and Canada's top lifeguards. The CSLCs are held annually, and have previously been hosted by Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba and for the 10th time here in Nova Scotia.

The Lifesaving Society's first Lifesaving Sport Competition was the Canadian Lifeguard Championship in 1977, and since then Lifesaving Sport has continued to grow. Lifesaving sport is the only sport whose skills are first learned for humanitarian purposes. Through lifesaving sport, the Lifesaving Society seeks to engage and inspire youth in our drowning prevention mission.

"The Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championship is a showcase of the skills and fitness levels of the best lifeguards from across Canada," says Paul D'Eon, Director of the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service. "They will demonstrate tremendous talents in a variety of different disciplines, all of which enhance their rescue ability."

The public and press are encouraged to attend this exciting event. For more information, visit our website at www.lifesavingsociety.ns.ca, or our Facebook page @NovaScotiaLifesavingSociety.

**NOTE:** A schedule of events for the 2017 CSLCs follows this release.

The Lifesaving Society is the Canadian governing body for lifesaving sport - a sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee and the Commonwealth Games Federation. We organize annual championships for age-group, senior and masters athletes and certification programs for coaches and officials.

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## **2017 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships Schedule**

For a detailed package including the Championship Information, the Championship Schedule, the Team Registration Form, the Competitor Registration Form, and the Waiver and Release Form, follow this link: <a href="http://www.lifesaving.ca/lifesaving-sport-news/canadian-surf-lifesaving-championships-2017/">http://www.lifesaving.ca/lifesaving-sport-news/canadian-surf-lifesaving-championships-2017/</a>.

<u>Day One: Friday, August 25</u> Martinique Beach Provincial Park 9 – 3 p.m. ADT\*

Day Two: Saturday, August 26
Martinique Beach Provincial Park
9 – 3 p.m. ADT\*

Day Three: Sunday, August 27
Rainbow Haven Beach Provincial Park
9 – 2 p.m. ADT\*

\*Please note times listed are approximate\*