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### **FATHER AND SON RECEIVE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**

CHEMAINUS – In the waters off Chemainus, Daniel Jacobson rescued a drowning woman, three kilometres from where his father had rescued a drowning victim, 40 years earlier. On December 20, 2007 the BC Ambulance Service will recognize both Daniel and Greg Jacobson for their efforts with Good Samaritan Awards.

When asked about the incidents both Jacobsons say the same thing: “I was at the right place at the right time and did what needed to be done”.

In, August 2007, Daniel Jacobson was docking his boat in Chemainus, when he noticed a woman struggling in the ocean. Jacobson dove into the waters and pulled her to safety. She was later taken from the Urgent Care Facility in Chemainus to a nearby hospital.

Similarly, Daniel’s father, Greg Jacobson rescued a 12 year old tourist. Jacobson, only 16 years old at the time, saw the lifeless boy’s body and like his son, dove into the water and rescued the boy. Jacobson, noting the boy was no longer breathing, performed Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), until paramedics arrived.

“Had these two individuals not stopped to help a stranger in need, these stories would have had a very different ending” said Rick Ruppenthal, District Supervisor for the BCAS. “I have no doubt that their efforts saved both of these individuals’ lives.”

The BCAS Good Samaritan Award is presented by the BCAS to individuals who have provided unselfish and humanitarian assistance during a medical emergency. BCAS attends approximately 183 calls a year relating to drowning incidents.

The award will be presented at the BCAS Chemainus Station, 10:00 am at 9911 Chemainus Road by BCAS District Supervisor, Rick Ruppenthal and Unit Chief Jack Hughes.

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