

## Pacific Region Cadets

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS



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## BC SEA CADETS FIFTH TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION SAILORS

KINGSTON, ONT. – For the fifth year in a row sea cadets representing B.C. have taken first place at the four day National Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Regatta held at Kingston Ont. Aug 19, to 25. Cadets Tyler and Nicholas Kiefer of 81 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) HAMPTON GRAY in **Nelson, B.C.** won the "trapeze and spinnaker" class and are Canada's top sea cadet sailors. It is the fifth time that a team from B.C. has won the national competition. Last year Tyler was a member of the second place national team. This year second place went to a team from Ontario, with third place going to **Port Moody, B.C.** cadets Sebastian Fritz and James Bone of 201 RCSCC GRILSE. Cadets Thomas Eagle and Theresa Szostakiwskyj of 263 RCSCC BEACON HILL of **Langford**, near **Victoria**, placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty-five teams of two cadets sailed "Pirate" dinghies in two separate classes, one group sails boats equipped with trapeze and spinnaker sails (Halifax Class), another group using boats without the burden of the extra sail (Kingston Class). Teams from Ontario, and Quebec led in the standard race.

Pacific Region sends only three teams to the annual event. The Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and the Prairies are represented with eight, four, six and four teams respectively. The competition is in accordance with Canadian Yachting Association rules on a triangular course in Kingston Harbour. Competitors had to win in regional competitions to qualify for the national event. Last year, the three teams from Pacific Region placed first, second, and third in the advanced race.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets provides the nation's largest youth sailing program. Over 10,000 teenagers in 225 cadet corps across Canada take instruction in seamanship and sailing each year at local corps and during summer training.

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More information on the regatta can be found at: http://www.navyleague.ca/regatta-regates/results\_e.htm

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