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HIGH SPEED RESCUE WITH A ZODIAC HURRICANE RIB SAVES PASSENGER

The quick reactions and professionalism of two B C Ferry rescue boat crews had them on the water within three minutes of an alarm being raised on November 25. A passenger had been spotted jumping from the ferry "Queen of Burnaby" and the Zodiac Hurricane 472 rescue boat carried by the ship was immediately hoisted-out and lowered into the water. The crews quickly located the drowning 63-year-old man and had him safely back on board the ferry within eight minutes of the alarm being raised.

The "Queen of Burnaby" operates between Powell River and Comox, (Little River) in British Columbia, Canada. The ship happened to be carrying a British Columbia ambulance that immediately took the passenger to St Joseph's hospital in Comox where he was found to be cold and wet but physically none the worse for his experience.

The rescue boat crews were widely praised afterwards for the speed of their response. "The reaction times of the boat crews can mean the difference between life and death, fortunately B C Ferry passengers are in good hands and there is one who can be grateful for the professionalism of his rescuers and the performance of our rescue boat", says Ernie Hammond of Zodiac Hurricane Technologies.

View Youtube film of incident at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH7HfyXQDsA>

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