



VOLVO CARS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BÉNÉVOLE DU MOIS D'AUTOMOBILES VOLVO CANADA

René Dallaire
of
Association Québécoise de Voile Adaptée
&
Pointe Claire Yacht Club
in
Montreal, Quebec



René Dallaire is recognized for his devotion to improving the living conditions of people with disabilities. How lucky are we that he loves sailing enough to want everyone else to do it!

This past summer René received the [Ordre National du Québec](#) as he was honoured for his decades of leadership and contribution to the Quebec community, including chairing the Paraplegic Association of Quebec, the Board of the Lucie-Bruneau Rehabilitation Center and the Logique Community Housing Corporation.



René took to sailing following a crippling skiing accident in 1994. Mentored and inspired by leaders of Sailing Programs for persons with disabilities, he was determined to bring the magic to the Montreal area and Quebec. With an adapted boat and endless good will, the forming of one of Canada's sailing legends began.

His dedication was contagious - before long the sailing community supported his leadership and supported René's launching of the Association Québécoise de Voile Adaptée (**AQVA**). Since 2002, he has volunteered to be AQVA's full-time Executive Director, overseeing and inspiring the running the many programs, races and fundraisers, all while still enjoying sailing himself! René sails out of the **Pointe Claire Yacht Club**.

Today more than 200 people take part in AQVA's activities each summer! And to this day, René continues to reach out and welcome others with limited mobility or limitations to try the sport he loves.

Congratulations René! And thank you!

AQVA's sailing school ([École de voile adaptée du Québec](#)) is a [Member Sailing School](#) with Voile Quebec & Sail Canada, delivering [CANSail Para](#) Programming. AQVA annually delivers the Coupe de Quebec regatta, and welcomes the community of persons with disabilities to visit with their families & ['Try a Sail'](#). AQVA's Montreal Chapter is hosted by the [Pointe Claire Yacht Club](#).