

## HOW WE CAN HELP

If in the remote possibility all regular communications are lost as result of a major catastrophe the radio amateurs on Gabriola have the capability to establish communications to areas outside the disaster zone.

1. There is a vast V.H.F. Repeater system that covers Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and into the interior of B.C. The repeater network is powered by solar panels or wind generators making the system self contained.
2. For communications further afield lower frequencies are used which enables messages to be sent and received anywhere in Canada and the U.S.
3. As hydro, internet, cell phone and land line service would not be operational after a major disaster communications all amateur radio equipment can be operated on a 12 volt power system.
4. We have the ability to send and receive email messages via radio to areas that still have operational internet service.
5. See the "WHO ARE WE" section to find a list of active amateur radio operators.
6. We are ready to help if called upon and will remain on standby as long as any emergency situation exists.
7. As we are a volunteer amateur group all equipment is supplied and maintained by us. In other words we pay all our own expenses.