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**BC Aquasonics 6<sup>th</sup> at National Qualifier in Quebec City**

Surrey, BC, March 28, 2016 – The BC Aquasonics Junior Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Synchro Canada’s National Qualifier Championships at the Centre Aquatique Desjardins, Laval University, in Quebec last week, the best finish at the National Qualifier for a BC Junior team since the Qualifier event was introduced in 2013.

The National Qualifier is the largest synchronized swimming competition in Canada, with teams from across the country competing. The Top 6 in each event are awarded for their performance.

“We are tremendously proud of our Junior team,” says BC Aquasonics Head Coach Susan Kemper. “We had a few curve balls thrown our way this year but these young women work extremely well as a team and really came together for this competition. They fought hard and earned that 5<sup>th</sup> place spot for their routine and 6<sup>th</sup> place overall with their championship score.”

The BC Aquasonics Junior Team, coached by Susan Kemper, ChPC (Langley) and Tanya Magee, ChPC (Langley) includes Courtney Armstrong, Jessica Friesen, Erin Nichols, Emily Yang, and Nancy Zhang of Surrey; Grace Macdonald of Delta; Cameron Blades of Langley; and, Mikayla Papillo of Coquitlam.



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**BC Aquasonics Pictured Far Left:** Back (L to R) – Jessica Friesen (Surrey); Nancy Zhang (Surrey); Erin Nichols (Surrey). Middle (L to R) – Cameron Blades (Langley); Mikayla Papillo (Coquitlam); Grace Macdonald (Delta). Front (L to R) – Courtney Armstrong (Surrey); Emily Yang (Surrey).

The BC Aquasonics Duet of Nancy Zhang and Cameron Blades also qualified for the Canadian Open at this event, placing 16<sup>th</sup> in the country, earning one of the Top 20 spots required to move onto Nationals.

Full results are posted at Synchro Canada: <http://www.qualifier2016.ca/schedule-results/>

The team heads next to Calgary for the Canadian Open Synchronized Swimming Championships, April 27 to May 1. The Canadian Open brings together the best synchronized swimming teams from across the country and around the world in the National Stream Junior (16-18 years) and Senior (18+) age categories.

### BC AQUASONICS

The BC Aquasonics is British Columbia's premier high performance synchronized swimming training centre, developing champions at every level. We have a membership averaging 100 athletes each year, making us the largest synchronized swimming Club in BC and one of the largest in the Canada. The Aquasonics have produced all but two Team Canada athletes from the province of BC, all of BC's Olympic team synchronized swimmers, and two Olympic Team coaches.

Through synchronized swimming, the BC Aquasonics inspires athletes to be *Aquasonics for Life*: striving for and reaching their goals with determination, pride, professionalism, teamwork, respect, and excellence.

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