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Georgetown boy assists in water plane rescue in Newfoundland

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A 12-year-old boy from Georgetown got up close and personal with danger when a water plane crashed right in front of him.

On August 10, Noah Spencer, 12, was boating with his uncle, Scott Spencer, on Thorburn Lake, near Clarenville in Newfoundland, when a water plane attempted to take off. Wind caught the wings of the aircraft, forcing it back down, and crashing into the water.

At first, Spencer couldn t comprehend what happened and it suddenly dawned on him: there were people in that airplane that needed help.

The plane slowly started to sink, so we spun the boat around and took off full throttle, Spencer explained. When the pair, along with some friends from a nearby cabin, got to the site, the passengers were getting out of the plane.

We hooked the plane onto the boat

with some rope and got as close to the shore as we could, the Grade 7 Gardiner Public School student said. Then later that evening, an excavator came and got it out.

Thanks to the pair's quick response, the passengers were escorted safely to shore.

One day, the 12-year-old hopes to be a police officer, and helping someone in need was thrilling.

My hands were shaking and I didn t believe it was really happening for a little bit, but then I realized people were on there, he said.

According to reports, the owner of the plane, Bob Stacey, the plane tipped sideways into the water and one float hit the water and dug in. There was one passenger in the aircraft and both men were wearing life-jackets and had their seat belts fastened. There were no injuries reported.

According to a press release, RCMP are looking into the matter and have been in contact with Transport Canada.



