



# SHIPMATE

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## *Greetings From The President*

The world survived 2000 in spite of all the dire predictions of power and communication failures, collapse of the financial institutions, that our GPS' s would roll over and play dead etc...

The Auxiliary however sailed ahead during all this. Along with our regular funding, special funding was allocated for specific programs.

We were mandated to hire a Business Manager and were successful in filling the position as Executive Manager with Leguin Consulting Inc.. You should see Peter often in the future while he is out and about in the Region getting acquainted with the organization.

Funding was ear marked to hold District and Regional SAR Competitions. The Region Competition was held at Burlington in August with four teams competing. The day was educational and fun filled. The winning team was Terri Rossi, Lloyd Taylor and Ivan Hanson with second place going to the team from Iqaluit. The winners went on to Laval, Quebec for the National/International games, there they competed with four Canadian and six United States Auxiliary teams. They came home as winners of 3 out of 7 events and came in second with the Canadian teams. Congratulations!! The Board has given approval for a 2001 competition. Let's all get ready to get behind this event. It will begin with a District

competition and end up in Vancouver in October 2001.

Development and expansion of Arctic; District 9 conducted a needs assessment and identified as the District 10, Eric Doig was appointed as District Director. Vessels and members have been signed up and training has been introduced.

At the December Board Meeting a resolution was adopted accepting the Honor Guard as a part of the Central & Arctic Auxiliary.

Inland expansion with the Safe Boating Message will be an important future program as we take the message to the boaters. An educated boating public should ultimately reduce the number and severity of Marine accidents. All levels of member training will continue. If your training needs to be updated contact your District Director or District Training Coordinator and sign up for a course.

Wishing you all a Safe and Pleasant up coming year.

Norm Lloyd,  
President

## STRENGTHENING CANADIAN AND AMERICAN FRIENDSHIPS



I.P. District Commadore Bob Colby (left) presented the Canadian Coast Guard Central & Arctic Region with a flag donated by the 9th Coast Guard District, Central Region of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is stationed in Bay City, Michigan. The flag is shown with the assistance of USCGA National Commadore Tucker of Virginia. Commadore Tucker is the first to serve the position of Commadore for a second term.

Both gentlemen extended an invitation to our members to visit, work together and strengthen our Coast Guard Auxiliary friendships

### Honorary Membership to United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Harry Strong has become an honorary member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Strong has worked with the USCGA to encourage the benefits of cooperation, communication and joint training.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

This is the first time that this honorary membership has been presented to someone from outside of the United States.

IS THERE SOMEONE SPECIAL THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HONOR???

2001 is the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

## CENTRAL & ARCTIC OFFICE of BOATING SAFETY

The Office of Boating Safety was formed in 1995 to deliver an integrated and comprehensive program to reduce safety risks and environmental impacts associated with recreational boating and commercial fishing across all inland and coastal waters in Canada. The OBS program encompasses activities directed at working in partnership and ensuring safe boaters, safe boats and a safe boating environment.

The Boating Safety Specialist (BSS) program is a Coast Guard Central & Arctic regional program made up of Coast Guard personnel and volunteer partners such as members of the Auxiliary. Together we provide a valuable service to the general public, staffing boat shows, doing presentations, attending safety events and conducting Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks. As an incentive Coast Guard offers an Incentive Program. This newly developed program offers points awarded to each BBSer based on their work and volunteer hours. The points can be accumulated to earn prizes ranging from pens and pins to rigging knives, briefcases and Personal Floatation Devices. This program is not offered to Coast Guard employees, only volunteers.

### BECOMING A BOATING SAFETY SPECIALIST

In order to become a qualified BBSer you must complete a series of training sessions based on the level of participation you want to achieve.

#### OBS 1 - Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check

Training to carry out examinations on recreational vessels ensuring that they meet the standards set by the Small Vessel Regulations.

#### OBS 2 –Presentation Skills

OBS 1 is a pre-requisite.

You may now plan, prepare and carry out presentations.

#### OBS 3 –Exhibitor Skills

OBS 1 & 2 are pre-requisites.

You may now set up and work at booth boat shows.....

These are excellent courses for those of us who would like to help keep the boating and general public informed. This is a great opportunity for individuals who are more comfortable on land than water.

For more information regarding this program contact your District Boating Safety Coordinator or the Office of Boating Safety.

### WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU???

Some people are like wheelbarrows -  
no good unless pushed.

Some people are like canoes -  
they need to be paddled

Some people are like kites -  
if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some people are like kittens -  
they are more contented when petted.

Some people are like footballs -  
you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some people are like balloons -  
full of hot air and ready to blow.

AND

Some people are like a gold watch -  
open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good work.

## CCG CREST NOW PROTECTED

The Canadian Coast Guard crest is now an official trade-mark. The Integrated Business Management Directorate decided to register the crest under the Trade-mark Act.

The action was undertaken to protect the integrity of the CCG crest. It is an important symbol of the authority that CCG has developed because of hard work and dedicated service of generations of employees. Unfortunately, unauthorized use of the CCG crest by private organizations has led members of the public to believe that CCG had approved some products when it had not. In another incident, an organization used a logo that looked similar enough to the CCG crest to cause confusion.

Now that the crest is registered, no one will be allowed to adopt it or create anything closely resembling it without permission. Any individual wishing to use the crest will have to set up a licensing agreement or similar arrangement with CCG.

The next step is to develop a policy on the ways the crest can be used. This policy will guide the decisions relating to future requests for the use of the crest. Along with the policy, licensing agreements will probably be negotiated for certain specific situations.

### WHAT DOES THE CREST REPRESENT ?

The CCG crest has been in use since 1962 when it was approved by the Queen. Oval in shape, the crest is divided vertically into a blue section symbolizing water, and a white section symbolizing ice.

On the white half there is a red maple leaf, the emblem of Canada. The two golden dolphins, one facing inward the other outward, are displayed on the

blue half. They are symbols of the CCG ships that operate on the coasts of Canada. The dolphin, long known as a friend to mariners, is considered to be an appropriate symbol for our organization, whose primary concern is ensuring safety in Canadian waters.

Because ropes are an important part of life at sea, the crest is enclosed within a rope frame tied at the base. To indicate that CCG ships are in the service of the Queen in right of Canada, the crest is surmounted by the Royal Crown.

Thanks to Ray Charrier for this information.

### DISTRICT 2

Peter Graham, District Director

During the summer District 2 sent 2 teams to the SAR Games competition. Congratulations to Rick Harrison, Brad Yarema, Gus Mertzanis, Aaron McMillian, Lloyd Taylor, Terry Rossi and Ivan Hansen. Ivan, Lloyd and Terry would go on to win the regional games before traveling to the Nationals.

The District is planning to hold a district SAR Games event prior to the Regional Games. We are looking for 20 members from at least 5 Units to make it a truly D2 event.

The district had a phenomenal year in doing OBS and training. Our 3 DBSC led the way for a record # of Authorized events and PCCC performed. In training each vessel had the chance to do an on water exercise, 4 - SAR 2, a SAR 1 and 5 first aid courses were offered.

*The Christening of the Hamilton Beach  
"SAVIOUR"*

The Saviour designed specifically for search and rescue, with a crew of three unit members is equipped with all the latest electronics. This 29' vessel is powered by twin 150HP Evinrudes, is a rapid response vessel that runs at 40+ MPH. She can be underway in 6-10 minutes when dispatched to an emergency.

Congratulations to Chief Len Owen and crew for fulfilling a dream. My personal "Thanks" to Carlo Calligaro for inviting me to attend this special day.



District 2 had a busy year this season on all fronts.

We welcomed the POCOMAR's 2 new vessels the POCOMAR 1 "Donald R Workman" and POCOMAR 2 "Ted Cook" in a special service in May attended by many local citizens and fellow CCGA members.



We introduced as well 2 new vessels into Bill Parton's Dirt Water family that serves Fort Erie, the Dirt Water Fox was born and the iDirt Water Kit was introduced.



## DISTRICT 3

### OBS Report

Another year has come and gone and just when you think that your work is done you start getting requests for more displays and presentations. Most of these are re-bookings from our previous year or years in many cases. This a reflection of the great jobs that our members are doing to promote safe boating.

Not only do we get out to the usual boat shows, yacht clubs and marinas reaching over 12,000 people we are expanding. This year we attended Sarnia's Tall Ships which was attended by approximately 40,000. We have also done presentations for Conservation groups (over 1,000 people), Scouting groups (250 people), Police and Emergency Response days (over 2,500 people) as well as an assortment of other groups.

There are many opportunities for us to promote our worthy cause and pass along valuable information to others.

This creates a problem for us because of the time commitment involved. It shows the need for more members to get their OBS 1, 2, 3 training, so that we can divide up the workload. There is also a need for our friends in Coast Guard to either supply the training, or get some of our own members trained as instructors.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of District 3 and the Office of Boating Safety for their unselfish dedication of their time and the miles that they traveled. I hope to work with all of you again in the coming new year.

### Recognition of Our Members

August 14,2000

Mike Hillaby, Stephen Robertson & the Marine Search & Rescue Team.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude regarding your search & rescue mission on July 16th, 2000 off the coast of Kettle Point. Under dangerous circumstances, your team worked diligently to extract our boating crew safely to shore. The Search & Rescue Team demonstrated excellent performance skills & abilities, while maintaining impudent assurance.

Observing that you took great pride in their responsive time. They definitely deserve recognition as they jeopardized their own lives, to save the lives of others. The rescue team should be proud of themselves for another Job "Well Done". Please accept this small token of our appreciation, as a contribution towards your reputable organization.

Regards,

Paul & Teresa Curry  
London, Ont.

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There's Wisdom  
in taking the time to care

There's Wisdom  
in giving and wanting to share

There's Wisdom  
in grace and making amends

There's Wisdom  
in having and keeping  
GOOD FRIENDS!!!

## Fantastic Promotion of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary by District 4

I wish there was the space to print out the entire article from the June 2000 Marketplace newspaper. It's excellent to see a group promoting the Auxiliary in such a positive way.

When three friends ventured out for a day of fishing and camaraderie on the 'big' lake, they had no idea what was in store for them. Their beautiful sunshine and high spirits began to fade after they hit something under the surface causing the vessel to refuse to go into gear. As they began to drift, the sun began to set and the fog began to settle.

Three anxious wives made a collective decision to call the Marine and Air Search and Rescue number from the phone book. Their husbands were overdue and a heavy fog had now settled. The CCG in turn contacted the closest Auxiliary Unit.

The CCGA determined, from the information they received and with the computer expertise regarding wind and water speed, the approximate location that the boat may have drifted toward.

Within twenty minutes, a boat manned with search and rescue volunteers began its mission... to find three men, hopefully still afloat.

The article goes on to describe the CCG and CCGA beginnings. Kincardine Training Officer, Keith

Filby did an excellent job at explaining the requirements of Auxiliary membership and the commitment of time donated by the Bluewater Rescue Unit. Equally important was the recogni-

tion that he gave to community groups. Their boat the Mysis was donated by Ontario Hydro. Campbell's Fuels donates the fuel, Bruce Municipal Telephone System donated pagers to reach members. The Legion provides the meeting space and the Lions Club donated radar and other equipment.

Captain and District Commander Herb Paetzold also pointed out the excellent support of their community. Klaus Goebels of the Port Elgin unit explained the area covered by the local Auxiliary. While District Director Don Limoges discussed response times, training and financial commitment and support.

Thank You to Duff Dwyer for forwarding the information.

### ALL SUCCESS CONSISTS OF THIS:

You are doing something for somebody—benefiting humanity—and the feeling of success comes from the consciousness of this.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

### DID YOU KNOW ???

If you don't have proof of operator competency or a dockside checklist —The fine under the Contraventions Act is \$250.00. Police officers also have the option of prosecuting an infraction as a summary conviction offense which may result in a greater fine assessed by a court.

## DISTRICT 9 - NWT & ALBERTA

Again our season is short but we are busy. This has been a most exciting year for our District one which saw double the number of SAR Taskings and a number of new and creative ventures.

With the expansion of the Diamond Mines, Oil and Gas within NWT disposable income is quadrupled. Subsequently toys (boats) have increased proportionally. Again Yellowknife took the lions share of Rescues while Hay River picked up the long range searches (2 days or more). We had a few unique ones that defied logic namely, two vessels both lost and overdue from separate locations. After two days both were found together approximately 100 NM from their original location and in the opposite direction. One Skipper having not completely mastered his GPS systematically deleted his waypoints while coming out of Yellowknife Bay. The other missed the fairway bouy at Devils Channel. Both traveled completely across the lake meeting by accident then arguing about who was lost and who was assisting. We assisted and dragged the pair back to Hay River.

Inuvik got the dirty jobs this year, that of body recovery. Two incidents where in three persons drowned. The first one involved a group of intoxicated youth who drove a pick up off the boat launch ramp and still clutching their beer cans, two drowned. The other was a tragedy where a Father attempted to rescue his daughter and drowned.

Fort Chipewyan experienced their first two Searches this summer and did an excellent job on Lake Athabasca.

We launched our Great Slave Lake VHF repeater where in the CGA is placing repeaters on existing CCG Nav Aids around Great Slave Lake to provide VHF coverage. This in conjunction with Inuvik MCTS worked like a "damn". This coming season we will complete the seven sites which will provide boat-

Yellowknife got their new (previously driven) RHI 733 this year from Port Dover and it worked excellent after we replaced an engine. Thanks here to the SLADICS/CROFTON mob for making this happen.

Our members attended the Calgary, Edmonton and Yellowknife Boat Shows this past year and after a grueling session put on by the colossal Ian SALIBBURY we managed to get through. At one point the Members were being recruited by the people in the booth for Democratic Firearm Reform, they wanted to trade bumper stickers for PCOC cards. Seemed like a hell of a deal since we at least knew who was printing the bumper stickers.....

Over the navigation season we ran two one week Boat Operators/SAR 1 courses in Hay River and Marc GAGNON and the other two previously mentioned reprobates put on a RHIOT course. Next year their navigation portion will end up in Yellowknife where SLADICS has found what he terms a "golf course".

In keeping with the Arctic Strategy District 9 has opened another in Aklavik. Both Units will utilize the RCMP vessels under the CGA/RCMP Memorandum of Understanding and will be up and running when the Ice goes (in July).

Special thanks this year to Marc GAGNON, Greg SLADICS and Terry CROFTON. You guys have it together and know what we're about. As well our continued outstanding relationship with the CCG Hay River Base and Inuvik MCTS makes life up here relatively simple. Stephen SHERBURNE our new OBS guy in Yellowknife made the trip to Inuvik over the Dempster Highway this summer in what would be termed as a CCG Van now that they have their own insurance. He is doing an excellent job and is supported 100% by our Units.

The invitation is again extended to anyone that is up this way to sample some of our Northern Hospitality.

Jack KRUGER  
District Director

GOD DID NOT MAKE US TO SEE THROUGH PEOPLE BUT 'TO SEE PEOPLE THROUGH.



## AN ODE TO IQUALUIT

In Iqualuit  
I sit,  
Watching taxis speeding by  
And Ravens fly.

In the sky the sun so bright  
Across the sound "O" what a sight  
Front end loaders pushing snow  
Cars and trucks, don't go slow.

Tom and Eric are the men  
There they sit with their pen  
Papers on the desk do pile  
Tammy soon will find the file.

Up upon the hill so high  
You almost feel you're in the sky  
And now look down  
Across the beauty of the town.

Latter sitting in the bar  
Talks are centered around SAR  
Introduced to Inuits of fame  
Makes us know why we have came.

David with the camera near  
Demonstrates no thoughts of fear  
Rosie with her history past  
Makes you realize this land is vast.

Sitting down to have our lunch  
Peter calls us on a hunch  
He wants to talk to, if he can  
To that eighty year old man.

Snow machines are pulling sleds  
Four wheelers parked beside the sheds  
Aeroplanes coming night and day  
Makes us wish that we could stay.

Met with people from near and far  
Who's basic interest was Auxiliary SAR  
Important questions have been asked  
And now the future die is cast.

This poem was written to reflect upon President Norm Lloyd's trip to Iqualuit in April 2000.

## THANKS PETER



Although you may not know or recognize him, you will know and recognize his work. Peter Garapick is the Superintendent of Central & Arctic Regions Office of Boating Safety working from the Sarnia Regional Office.

Peter's enthusiasm and dedication have lead to the development of numerous projects and programs for the betterment of Boating Safety

Mr. Garapick was at the AGM 2000 to Recognize members through the Incentive Program. Above Al Johnson surprised Peter with a plaque to recognize him and his OBS team for their dedicated support of the Auxiliary.

## A SPECIAL GROUP OF LADIES

I hope that everyone who attended the AGM also attended the Cocktail Reception & Social held on Saturday evening.

Left-right

Tara Fiddler, Marion Hunter and Marlene Anderson did a fantastic job of making sure that everyone was welcomed and well fed. I can guarantee that it was worth the cost.



Another fun activity of the evening , the door prizes. Our Vice President John Levantis had donated for the festivities. Thanks John for your hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary.

I can't forget the SARU (Sarnia Area Rescue Unit) crew for their efforts to keep the evening flowing. You were great too!!

WE SHOULD LIVE EVERYDAY LIKE IT IS OUR LAST,  
AND TREAT EVERY PERSON WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

## Retirement Honored

It was announced at our 21st Annual General Meeting that Sid Turner would be retiring from the CCGA. Mr. Turner was a member of the original Board of Directors. He celebrated his 90th birthday on March 18, 2000.

Thanks Sid, for your many years of dedicated service.

## CCGA DIRECTORS RECEIVE 20 YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION



Left - right  
Earle Taylor  
Harry Strong - presenter  
Don Limoges  
Norm Lloyd  
Peter Graham  
John Levantis

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO RECEIVED SERVICE AWARDS



## Do You Just Belong

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed

Or are you content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along.

Or are you quite satisfied to only just belong?

Do you ever take a stand for things you think are right,

Or leave the work to just a few and talk instead of fight?

Think it over member, you know what's right and wrong,

Are you an active member, or do you "JUST BELONG?"

## A MOMENT OF SILENCE

As we remember those who have gone before us, we reflect on their lives among us.

The people we are remembering allowed others into their lives in very meaningful ways. They allowed themselves to be known by us. They shared a great deal of themselves through their involvement in our organization.

As they worked with us, they became a part of our lives and we became a part of theirs. Let us reflect in a moment of silence on their behalf

## \*\*\*\* I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU\*\*\*\*

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Newsletter allows for the exchange of information between members, directors and the Coast Guard. Thanks to all of you who submitted information and stories of interest. Special "Thank You" to Lawrence Swift for taking the time to help me get the newsletter to print.

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