



THE AUXILIARIST

1990 SAR Incident Summary

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The 1990 SAR statistics are now out, and following are some of the highlights of the report:

- * In 1990, SAR authorities recorded a total of 7,200 SAR incidents which represents a slight rise of 0.5% over 1989. However, over the past three years, there has been a 6.4% decrease in the total number of SAR incidents.

Breakdown by Region:

Western	2,238
Central	1,806
Laurentian	1,118
Maritimes	1,446
Newfoundland	592

Nature of Incidents:

Distress	- 881
* Imminent Danger	- 2,464
Other Incidents	- 3,855

- * Have the potential to deteriorate into distress incidents if not responded to in a timely and effective manner.

- * A total of 2,314 lives were considered at risk as a direct result of SAR distress incidents in 1990. Of these, 2,100 (90.8%) were saved, and 214 (9.2%) lost.

- * Types of craft assisted:

Pleasure Craft	- 3,668 (56.3%)
Fishing Vessels	- 1,935 (26.9%)

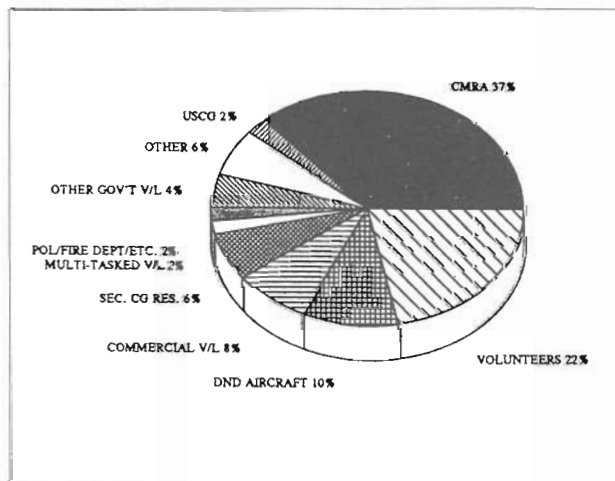
- * Leading Causes of Distress Incidents:

1. Medical	182 cases
2. Capsized	132
3. Taking on water	116
4. Fire	65
5. Man Overboard	45

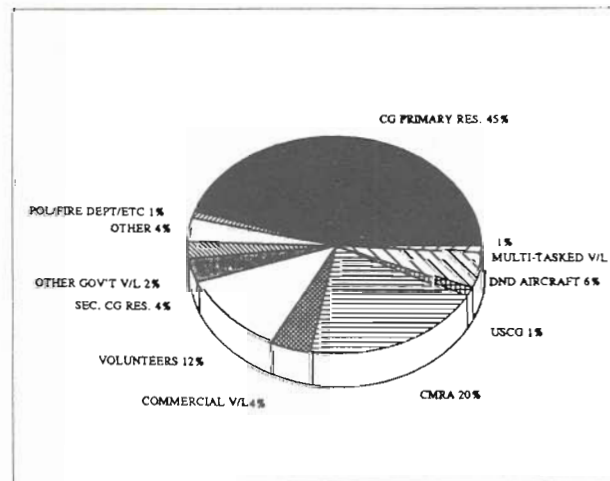
- * In 1990, the CMRA responded to 20% of total SAR incidents, and 37% of SAR incidents responded to by non primary CCG SAR resources.

- * CMRA units were called upon 1,926 times in 1990, an 8% increase over 1989 when 1,787 units were utilized.

As the statistics above demonstrate, the Auxiliary plays a key operational role in the National SAR Program.



SAR Program Response Profile
Other Resources.



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1990



Certificate of Merit Awarded

Congratulations to Mr. Paul Brunette who was presented with a CCG SAR Director's Certificate of Merit for Volunteers at the Annual General Meeting of the Laurentian Region CMRA, which was held October 1st and 2nd in Beauport, Quebec.

Mr. Brunette received the award for his performance in SAR taskings, and his Prevention efforts. Since 1989,

Mr. Brunette has performed more than 150 Courtesy Examinations.

The Certificate of Merit is available to be awarded every year in each CMRA region. Nominations for the award can be made by any CMRA member and should be made at least 3 months prior to your Annual General Meeting.

Do you know someone who should be nominated ?

Rescue Coordination Centre Tasking Numbers

All CMRA members are reminded that in order to make a re-imbusement claim for SAR operations, you must quote the tasking number for the incident.

These numbers are issued by the Rescue Coordination Centres when CMRA resources are called upon to provide assistance. Even if you are already at sea and become aware of an incident in your area, make sure that you contact the Rescue Coordination Centre if it appears you should respond.

New CMRA President in Laurentian Region

Congratulations to Mr. Pierre Drolet who was elected new president at the CMRA (L) Annual General Meeting held October 2. Mr. Drolet previously held the position of Vice President of Operations.

Insurance Bits

- * To be covered by the CMRA insurance policy, you must be on an authorized activity, and in the case of SAR operations, have an incident tasking number assigned by a Rescue Coordination Centre.
- * Coverage under the CMRA insurance policy is also dependant on your vessel passing an examination. If you are new to the CMRA, make sure your vessel is inspected before accepting call outs.
- * The CMRA insurance policy provides the following coverage for total loss of vessel while on authorized activities:
 - > Up to \$ 2,000,000 for commercial fishing vessels.
 - > Up to \$ 1,650,000 for commercial vessels.
 - > Up to \$ 500,000 for any other vessel (eg: Pleasure Craft).

New Shore Protection Legislation

In August of 1991, the Ship Safety Branch of the Coast Guard made an important addition to the Boating Restriction Regulations. The new regulation imposes a 10 km/h speed limit for all vessels operating within 30 metres from shore.

The new regulation should enhance the safety of persons swimming or participating in recreational pursuits within this area. The speed restriction should also slow the effects of shoreline erosion.

Provinces are free to adopt the legislation if they wish to do so, and so far, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario have adopted the legislation. Other provinces are expected to follow suit shortly.

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New Members of Coast Guard Family



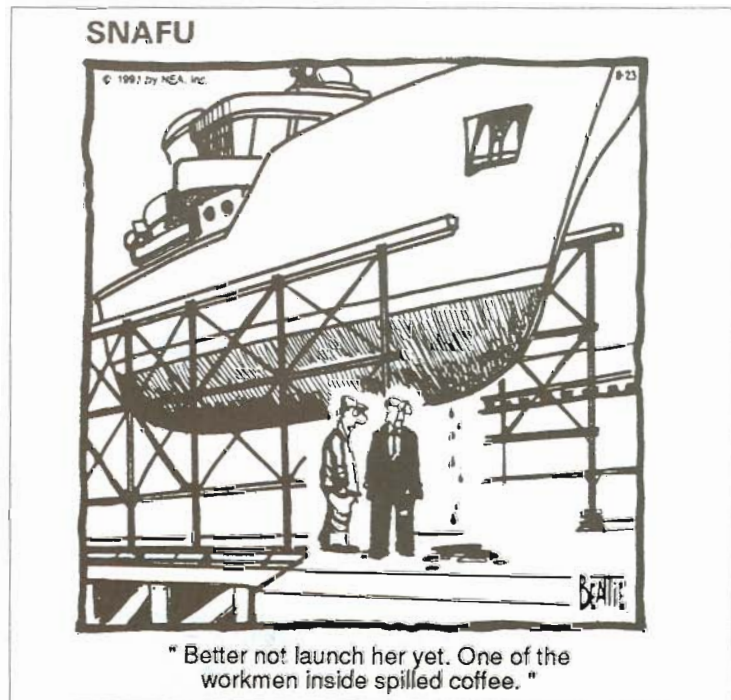
On June 7, 1991, in Bella Bella B.C., the first of the Coast Guard's two new primary SAR vessels, the 'Gordon Reid' was christened. Gordon Reid was the first native indian in B.C. to obtain his Ship Master's Certificate, and was renowned as one of the best navigators on the west coast.

The CCG Gordon Reid is 50 metres in length, 11 metres wide, and has a draught of 4 metres. Power comes from four six cylinder engines which provide a top speed of 16 knots. The vessel, with six officers and eight crew, has a range of 2,500 nautical miles and can remain at sea for a month at a time.

Other noteworthy features include a stern launch ramp allowing a fast rescue craft to be launched in severe weather and a 400 HP bow thruster for added manoeuvrability.

The Gordon Reid, based in Victoria, will no doubt enhance the Coast Guard's response capability on the west Coast, as will her sister ship, the 'Jacobsen' which went into service in September.

The "Gordon Reid" and "Jacobsen" replace the last two 29 metre "R" Class SAR cutters, which had got very old and tired.



PARU Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Canadian Coast Guard would like to congratulate Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Unit (PARU) on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

PARU was founded in 1966 to relieve local police from the demanding task of rescuing people on Lake Ontario. With financial support from the town of Pickering, a rescue craft was purchased and has been manned since then by a dedicated volunteer membership.

In 1979, PARU became one of the first units to join the newly formed CMRA. Today, they play a key role in SAR operations in the area, responding to more than 1,200 vessels in distress since their inception in 1966. PARU is also active in prevention with members assisting the Coast Guard in safety demonstrations and courtesy examinations.

The Coast Guard looks forward to its continued association with PARU.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Send us photos, stories or other information you feel would be of interest to fellow Auxiliarists.

Ad Campaign

The ad featured below began running in community newspapers and marine trade publications in October, as part of the Coast Guard's 1991-92 Commercial Fishing Safety Ad Campaign.

The campaign is designed to increase the level of safety awareness amongst commercial fishermen by communicating safety related messages to them prior to and during the high risk fisheries.

Advertising is just one component of the Coast Guard's SAR Prevention Program who's mandate is to reduce loss of life and injury through education with a view to reducing the rate of incidence occurrence, and SAR resource expenditures.



This took seven minutes.

A 17-metre seiner, going down in just seven minutes, shows how fast conditions can deteriorate at sea. This sinking is also a graphic reminder of how important safety is to you and your crew. "You convince yourself that you're bulletproof, until things go wrong..." says one of the seiner's survivors.

Experience has shown him the importance of safe navigation, proper vessel maintenance, carrying the required safety equipment and knowing how to use it. But don't wait for something like this to happen before you take safety seriously. The risks involved in commercial fishing can be reduced with training and the proper safety equipment. The Canadian Coast Guard can help improve your safety at sea by providing course information and safety publications, yours free by calling 1 800 267-6687. Remember, when trouble strikes, you don't always get a second chance.



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