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Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Central & Arctic Region's
Newsletter



“GO NORTH YOUNG MAN”

This year District 9 had the distinct pleasure of two Members of District 2, Steve FRANCE and Bill SAIGLER join us for our Boat Operators/ SAR 1 Courses. These are one week courses similar to RHIOT except we use 22 foot aluminum boats with twin 90 4 strokes (RCMP issue). The course focus on boat handling and



operation, communications, ,navigation, GPS, SAR techniques, search patterns applicable to the North and survival.

The first course which Steve attended took us all by surprise as the ice was only a mile off shore (that varied as well). We made the best of it and finished the course in fine style about 5 miles east of Hay River for our overnight/navigation portion. Some portion as we could see Hay River. Nevertheless Steve I believe enjoyed it from his vantage point on the beach, private joke. No matter what anyone says Steve did not participate in the Live Flare Demo, that is the RCMP portion of the course, as we all know the CGA does not permit such heinous violations of policy. The smoke canister was just handed to him in the picture for effects he did not throw it, I did..



Course #2 saw Bill SAGER arrive to an ice-free lake. All this was accomplished by a West wind in the space of 2 days. Bill brought with him a vast amount of knowledge and shared it with the Course. The flare demo proved interesting given we couldn't get anything but two Zodiacs out in the very rough weather, surprising how dexteritous young Bill can be. This time we actually got to get out of sight of land on our Navigation exercise, which hit some rough weather about midcourse. The overnight portion at Moraine Bay was ideal and Bill displayed his artistic talents by sketching the Bay, our boats and Members then completing it in water colors. What a man. I managed to grab Bill on Sunday to help me sea trial one of our new Jet Boats. I think he will stick with sailing, at 50 mph a rock is slightly hard to see.

I know both enjoyed the experience as much as we enjoyed having you. You both fit in and provided us with excellent experiences. I treasure your friendships and hope you will return.



By the way I am offering the same invitation next year for two Members to come on up and join us for the courses. The only criteria is that you don't wear a uniform and if you do please don't wear Cowboy boots with spurs!

**Jack KRUGER
District 9**

**Congratulations to Lou Lochner,
Deputy Director, District 1**

On April 20th, in Kingston, the main item on the agenda was to elect a new director for our district. John Levantis, our other director is president of Central & Arctic Region. In this capacity, he has lost his vote as District 1 representative.

In order to correct this inequity, the board of directors moved to have another director elected for the district while John is President. The title of this new person is "Deputy Director" with all the duties, responsibilities and powers to run the district in John's absence.

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PARU

It is my pleasure to announce that Mr. Gary Endicott is the new Commodore/Unit Rep of CCGA (C & A) Unit #1, PARA. Gary succeeds longtime Commodore Mr. Tony Buckley, who will continue to be involved as a coxswain and director of the unit. Tony will also remain as one of the premier instructors in the CCGA (C & A). We wish both Gary and Tony "smooth sailing" in their respective endeavors.

Yours in safety.
John W. Levantis
President
CCGA (C & A)
www.cga-ca.com

**District 3 Fall Meeting and BBQ
Saturday, September 14, 2002
Hosted by Ray & Gail Trahan**

**All members of the District and
their families are invited to attend.**

**See you in Mitchell's Bay!!
for more details contact Les
lreading@rogers.com or 519-268-7817**

Loss of a Strong CCG & CCGA Supporter

Dear colleagues

It's my sad task today to tell you that I will be leaving DFO and the Canadian Coast Guard at the end of the month to take on the job of Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Infrastructure and Crown Corporations. I have been asked and have accepted the challenge of creating this new department reporting through André Juneau, the Deputy Secretary Operations at the Privy Council Office, to the Honourable John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister. This is a big change - for all of us - and it came about quite quickly and unexpectedly.

I've had mixed feelings about this, as you can imagine. It's not easy to leave the Coast Guard just when I feel I'm "getting my sea legs" and I'm very sorry to leave so many dedicated colleagues. At the same time, the new position offers exciting challenges that I am greatly looking forward to.

It's been a privilege working with you all, and I would particularly like to thank Commissioner John Adams for his guidance and unwavering support since I arrived.

Gisèle Miron, my executive assistant, who has agreed to accompany me on this new mission, joins me in wishing you the very best in the future, and to this wonderful and vital national institution, the Canadian Coast Guard, many years of success in the delivery of marine safety and service.

**Sincerely,
Guy Bujold
Deputy Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard**

**G P S
Garbage Patrol Squad**

Members of District 3's SARU crew have put a new meaning to GPS. They recently raised \$1000.00 for vessel repairs by cleaning the grounds during the 5th Annual Brigden Pull & Shine held June 7-9, 2002.

This is the second year SARU has done this as a fundraiser.

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Regional Training News SAR 1 and SAR 2 – Parks Canada

On April 27th, Jim Gram and Duff Dwyer, SAR Instructors from Districts 2 and 4 respectively, set out on a 2000 Km round trip to Pukaskwa National Park. The Park is located on the north shore of Lake Superior, near Marathon.

This Park (pronounced Puk-a-saw) covers 725 square miles of wilderness with limited road access at the north end. Most areas are only accessible by water. There is a 62 mile hiking trail along the Lake Superior shoreline with campsites and secluded coves for kayakers and canoeists.

Jim and Duff spent three days at the park headquarters teaching the SAR 1 and SAR 2 courses to 22 park wardens, maintenance staff and RCMP. The park biologist was also included.

They have a mixed fleet of vessels, such as various small workboats, 2 Boston Whalers, a 21' RHI and a 45' fish tug which serves as a workboat. There are no salvage vessels in the area. Although these resources are secondary by definition, in fact these are the only resources available along with an Auxiliary unit at Marathon.

Most of the SAR activity in the area involves shoreline searches for overdue kayakers and providing tows to stranded fishers. It was a great experience and very informative to see how unusual conditions require adaptations from our customary procedures.

Annual General Meeting 2002

*January 10,11 & 12, 2003
Stage West, Mississauga*

ETHIC COMMITTEE

The formation of this Committee is all but complete. The group will consist of three people meeting the following criteria:

1. A Member of the Canadian Coast Guard C&A not affiliated with the CGA C&A
2. A Retired Director of CGA (C&A)
3. A civilian with no affiliation to the CGA (C&A).

Candidates were presented to Directors and as the result the following will constitute the Committee

1. Jack GOODMAN, Canadian Coast Guard Sarnia
2. John (JP) PARSONAGE
3. Mike VOLLMER

I have a draft format to present to the Board of Directors outlining the Committee's composition, operation, mandate, and functions. Suffice it to say the Committee is in place to provide transparency to the operation and hold each and everyone accountable for their actions. It was not initiated to conduct witch-hunts or provide anyone with a medium to "whine" (I know that will get some response). I sincerely hope this Committee will be used as intended. In other Regions it has proven successful in mediating disagreements, adding professionalism to our operation and giving Members recourse in areas of concern.

A detailed overview will be sent out early this fall to all Members.

The President and Board of Directors are accountable to you the Members and this is one way to ensure this continues.

Jack KRUGER
Vice President CGA (C&A)

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Death of Member

We're sorry to report the passing of our most senior CCGA member, **Everett Matthews of Port Dover**, March 8, 2002 at Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe. Age 82.

Longtime commercial fisherman and original CCGA member dating back to 1980 he had several auxiliary vessels over the years (Airdrie, Southwind I, Snipe) He remained active throughout all of last season and participated in many taskings when most of us would start to think of slowing down a bit.

He will be missed by both the crews of CCGA Southwind and CCGC Cape Mercy.

- Dave Otterman
CCGA Southwind



COMMANDER
HAROLD BARTMAN
1970 - 1978

It is with deep regret that we must advise you of the unexpected death of past commander **Harold Bartman**.

Harold started with our organization at its inception almost 50 years ago, first as a crew member, then flag officer, and lately in an advisory capacity. You will recall his poise and eloquence as our M.C. during last June's new-vessel dedication ceremony.

The executive officers...TOWARF

*A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from busy bay:
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
Some loving souls that my heart held dear,
In silent sorrows will drop a tear.*

*But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from the storm or gale,
And greeted friends who sailed before
O'er the unknown Sea to the unseen Shore.*

Elizabeth Clark Hardy

Expression of Sympathy

PARU Vice Commodore Michell Guerin, died as a result of a diving accident. Michell was 42 years old and is survived by his wife and daughter. The funeral service was held in Quebec with a memorial service being held at the Frenchman's Bay Yatch Club on Friday June 7th .

*"The joy of remembrance will take us
through our many tomorrows"*

Though we don't spend a lot of time together...
We may not have even met.

We the members of Central & Arctic Region,
extend our thoughts of sympathy to the families and
friends of our fellow members who have died.

*Please forward the names of individuals
that you would like to recognize for their years
of service to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.*

WELCOME ABOARD DAVE !!!

Temporary Appointment of CCG and CCGA Liaison

As the Acting Auxiliary Coordinator I would like to introduce myself to the CGA membership. I am very pleased to be a part of the Coast Guard and to be the liaison between the CCG and the CCGA.

I have been employed with the CCG since 1977, when I started working in SAR aboard a dedicated SAR vessel in Kingston. From there I moved to working on a fleet vessel and then back to SAR 3 years later. In 1991 I left SAR once again to begin a new career at Sarnia Traffic as a Marine Traffic Regulator and now in my substantive position as a Marine Communications Traffic Services Officer after our amalgamation with Coast Guard Radio. I have been involved with SAR in some capacity or other for most of my CCG career.

While I am here filling in for Ray Charrier I hope to continue the excellent work Ray did with the Auxiliary. I am dedicated to fostering further cooperation between the CGA and CCG to ensure we continue the great work all of our dedicated CGA members have been doing over the past 24 years. I hope to meet a great many of the CCGA membership in my travels to Unit or District meetings.

Update - Ray Charrier is doing well and making great progress in the recovery from his stroke. I wish him well and hope he is able to make a full recovery.

Regards
David Northmore
Acting Auxiliary Coordinator



New Vessel for GAMRU

On Saturday June 22nd GAMRU, unit 240 christened their new rescue boat. The vessel is 34 1/2 ft steel with an 11 ft beam and is powered by 2x 317hp diesel engines. The vessel is fully equipped including radar, chartplotter/GPS, 2 vhf radios SAR and first aid equipment. The vessel is crewed by 3-5 crew members.

The members of GAMRU raised the money over many years to build the vessel. The members themselves spending many hours laboring to help build the hull and outfit the vessel. The Trillium Foundation provided the needed funds to complete the project.

During the ceremony sister units and members from District 2, USCGAux and CCG members and the CGR100 joined the members of GAMRU to christen and dedicate the vessel.



During the service Ray Charrier, the Central and Arctic CCGA Coordinator received honorary membership within GAMRU recognizing his long standing support for the CCGA and the unit in particular.

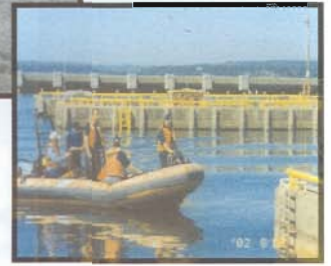
The new vessel completed its first tasking a week after the ceremony.

** FOOTBALL FANS **

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Central & Arctic Honour Guard
was part of the Opening Ceremonies
for the Toronto Argonauts
2002 Season
July 3, 2002 on TSN



Congratulations to all Participants!!



*Central & Arctic Region's
SAR CHALLENGE 2002*



2002 Rescue Challenge

The event was held at the Canadian Centre for Inland Waters (CCIW) in Burlington, with accommodations and the awards banquet at the Holiday Inn in Burlington.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10 were represented by 4 person teams.

There were 9 events: Navigation, On water SAR, Towing and Dead Reckoning, VHF Radio Protocols, Pump operation, Line toss / Ring toss, First Aid and the Mystery Event created by Jim Gram was Hickory – Dickory – Dock. This event was an exercise in knots and line heaving.

Adjudicators were from Districts 1 through 4: Jim Gram, Nancee Adams, Jim Adams, Jim Hepple, Danielle Dilon, Neil Jardine, Sam Castorina, Fergus Reid and Alan Limoges. On behalf of all, I would like to again thank the judges for their efforts in setting up the challenges and adjudicating the events.

Hats off to CCG Sarnia staff Mark Gagnon, Dave Northmore and Andy Maillet for their efforts in making the event a success.

The # 1 team – from District 2: (552 points) Ivan Hansen, Brad Yarema, Bob DeAthe and Jason Black
The 2nd place team – from District 4: (548 points) Don Hughes, Jason Swann, Wayne Swann and Brian Luinstra
The 3rd place team – from District 6: (488 points) Hugh Wyatt, Jerry Jones, Fred Rowe and Dave Rosso

Congratulations to all participants for making the day a worthwhile effort.

Members of HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE must also be recognized for their contribution to the success of this event. Chief cook Dave McLean serves up an excellent lunch.

Irene Jardine had the easiest job – the First Aid victim!!

The International SAR competitions are scheduled for October 4/5 in Milwaukee.

Ideas for next year?? Send suggestions to Don Limoges at dlimoges@Thunderstar.net

Letter of Appreciation from the Winning Team

Don,

Heartfelt thanks for all the work you did putting on the fantastic C&A Regional SAR Competition, which we competed in last Saturday. The day was extremely well organized, and provided us with excellent preparation for the next level of competition, ISAR 2002.

We were impressed with the team of adjudicators and volunteers from the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary which you assembled to run the events and provide support. The SAR Games have proven to be a phenomenal learning experience, and a lot of fun. Our enthusiasm for Search and Rescue has been given a tremendous boost.

We truly appreciate your efforts!

Thanks Again,
Ivan Hansen
Jason Black
Bob DeAthe
Brad Yarema



International Search and Rescue Competition

The ISAR Competition will be held this year in Milwaukee WI on October 4th and 5th at U. S. Coast Guard Group/Station Milwaukee. The hotel will be the Best Western Midway Hotel, Milwaukee/Airport, 5105 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207, 877-461-8547.

Six Canadian and six US teams will compete. Each team must have four members, one of which should be a coxswain. For the five events listed below, each team will compete with three members, who will be chosen at random by the event organizers the evening before the competition.

We now have some more information on the events that are scheduled, they will all be judged by US standards using two judges (one US, one Canadian) for each event. The highest scoring Canadian and US team will be awarded the Canadian and US team trophies respectfully.

1. SAR Planning: The proctors will give the team a SAR scenario, the Team does the search planning appropriate for the scenario including plotting on a local chart the enroute course, datum, and selected initial search pattern. Set and drift information will be provided, no tide calculations will be necessary.
2. Under Way SAREX: Run your SAR plan arrived at in event #1 while aboard a US Coast Guard 30' Zodiac RHIB. Your coxswain will be directing the active duty coxswain and your 2 crew will be the boat crew. While on your "SAR mission", you may also have to use other SAR skills such as proper communications, lookout, damage control, first aid and towing.
3. Pump Ops: Unpack, prime, obtain suction and discharge with the CG P-5 portable pump. We will provide the teams with a copy of the P-5 instruction card and a short video of pump operation.
4. Heaving line and/or rescue throw bag event.
5. Mystery event.

This year we will also be having a competition for the 4th team member, who will be randomly picked by the organizers, one from each team, the evening before the competition. We will make up four International teams (three members each) from the 12 auxiliaries chosen. These International teams will compete in the following events, and the points they earn will be added to their District/Region team score for calculating the total points for each District/Region team. The District/Region team with the highest number of points from both sets of events will be awarded the International trophy.

1. Heaving line or throw bag or ring buoy toss.
2. Non-traditional underway event, to be announced at the team briefing Friday October 04.
3. Marlinespike
4. Mystery event.

ISAR updates will be posted on the CG Auxiliary "What's New" page and on the "ISAR2002.com" websites. I will be the primary contact for team registration, which I must have by August 15. All further event details will be provided at the Team Briefing on Friday October 04, 2002.

Come. Robert C. (Bob) Colby
Department Chief -- Operations

Renewal of the Contribution Agreements

I am pleased to announce that the Honourable Robert G. Thibault, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans agreed to participate in a ceremonial signing of the renewal of the Contribution Agreements with the CCGA on Thursday, April 18th, 2002 from 08:30 to 09:00.

The ceremonial signing consisted of introductions, signing the documents and photos. Attendees were encouraged to chat briefly with the Minister as he was only available for 30 minutes.

François, Ron and myself were available on Wednesday, April 17th & 18th to any Presidents who wished to present their business plans.

Harry Strong
CEO Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National Inc.



District 3 News

District 3 participated in the CCGA C&A SAR Competition with a very enthusiastic team which enjoyed the fun times permitted, while enhancing their skills along the way.



The team consisted of Mark Jackson, Harold Thompson, Jamie Kerwin and Les Reading who held their own with the other competitors. Also participating in the SAR Competition from D3 were Irene and Neil Jardine.

I wish to advise the membership of a new email address: lreading@rogers.com Phone remains 519-268-7817. Mailing address is 238 Chittick Crescent, Dorchester, Ontario, N0L 1G3.

A Fall District Meeting and BBQ is planned for September 14th, 2002, hosted at the home of CCGA members Ray and Gail Trahan, 1 Dunlop Crescent, Mitchell's Bay.

District 3 Units have been active in a number of SAR taskings over the course of the past few months. Boating Safety is also taking an active role in the District.

A number of Units have taken part in local on-the-water training exercises which are encouraged as part of the District's on-going training program.



Les Reading, District 3 Director

DISTRICT 9 SAR EX 2002

This years SAR Ex on Great Slave Lake was one of the most successful we have held in the past number of years. It took place on the 3rd and 4th of AUGUST (yes the long weekend). Members of the Hay River and Yellowknife Units participated operating CGA, RCMP and CCG vessels. In all each Unit traversed in excess of 300 nm round trip. The scenario was a group of canoeist overdue in the east Arm of Great Slave Lake. Both Units responded leaving Hay River and Yellowknife on Saturday morning for the five-hour transit to the SAR area. Upon arrival shoreline searches quickly located the stranded people who were indeed two families on an actual canoe trip. The trip organizer is a Member of the Yellowknife CGA. In reality they had been weather-stayed due to storms and were very appreciative of the Pop, peanuts, potatoes and pork chops we gave them. One issue was how they would cook the Porkers without alerting marauding bears. We have not heard from them at this writing but I am confident they cheated death and ate well.

The exercise tested our Marine VHF Repeater Project, which has been on going for several years. Indeed while holding our briefing we were contacted by a recreational boater on one of the repeater channels. He had been lost in the Simpson Islands for three days and as the result of some orienteering on the radio we got him "unstuck" and located him. He was to say the least overjoyed and off to Yellowknife to home and purchase a GPS.

We had as well Yellowknife CASARA over fly the area and their new marine radio's worked very well confirming we have clearly improved our SAR capabilities in this remote area.

As well we had two observers from Canadian Forces 440 Squadron GSAR unit. It is our intention to work closely with this Unit to provide assistance in transport of their teams to remote areas if a ground search is needed as well as having their Medic people accompany our SAR vessels.

We are holding another Exercise in October when the lake is usually at its worst. This exercise will be held on an inland lake and we hope to sling Zodiacs using helicopters into the area with our people to conduct a search. (Now top that Don!)

Jack KRUGER District 9



DISTRICT 9 CGA RUNS BOAT COURSE FOR CCG.

Over the past number of years the outstanding cooperation shown by the Hay River Coast Guard Base and Staff to our CGA operation deserves not only worth mention but pay back. This year the Base Manager Tom MAHAR and I got together to provide some Boat Operation training for the Base Staff that could not attend CCG courses over the summer. With the help of other CGA Members, Ken COOPER, Ross POTTER, Al MOLENKAMP we conducted the one week Boat Operators SAR 1 Course using Zodiac 630s.

This proved to be a great success given that the Base Staff that participated now have a better understanding what we in the CGA do and have also mastered some Boat/SAR skills that could prove beneficial to us in the future. The Navigation portion was amended from the usual course from an overnight trip to a "very long" day trip. Our new GPS's proved their worth and all targets were hit bang on by the crews. The Pacing portion proved quite a success wherein we used CCG 775 a 40 SAR cutter. This was chosen due to the hull being painted red not the white hull of the "Guardian", do you think I am crazy.

Nevertheless, I cannot say enough about our relationship with the CCG Base and its staff. Without them we would not be able to provide the services we do. Thanks Tom.

Jack Kruger
District 9



DISTRICT SIX ON-WATER-TRAINING

A joint on-water-training exercise was held in District Six (Sault Ste. Marie area) on Saturday, July 6th, 2002. The GRIFFON from the Canadian Coast Guard and four Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels participated, the SEA HAWK, McMASTER ONE from Sault Search And Rescue, ALFA SEVEN and the EXPLORER VIII, a sixth vessel from Sault Police Services was also involved.

At 0800 vessel owners and crew met for a briefing at the Roberta Bondar Marina, where the GRIFFON had docked. After the briefing, it was up-bound and vessels proceeded through the American or Canadian Lock to the waters around Pointe aux Pins, the first shipyard in Lake Superior. Unlike most searches and training, weather and sea conditions were excellent, flat-calm mirror-like water, bright and cloudless skies with warm (hot) temperatures prevailing.

Arriving at our destination the vessels were briefed by the On Scene Commander (CCG GRIFFON) that the search scenario was for two overdue boaters. Missing were a father and son, on board their 14-foot aluminum boat, they had departed earlier in the day and gone fishing.

Each vessel was assigned a search area and search pattern, depending on the draught of the vessel. Shallow rocky water, far off shore, presented a hazard to vessels assigned a shore line crawl and a vigilant lookout was mandatory.

With the combined resources available the search area was thoroughly covered and the probability of detection, for the missing boaters, increased with each passing hour. These vigilant efforts resulted in the discovery and recovery of both victims (floater dummies) and debris.

After the training, on board the GRIFFON, it's time to discuss any difficulties and problems you may have encountered on the water. The debriefing provides insight into the days activities and answers any questions about the search scenario.

It is this priceless on-water-training that refreshes the lessons of the classroom and leads to practical hands-on experience, which will enhance your knowledge and skills to provide effective search and rescue operations in our district. It's training that leads to volunteers saving lives on the water.

Hugh Wyatt
Director – District Six

Don Limoges The Man behind SAR Challenge



Central & Arctic Region can be very proud of the dedicated efforts of Don Limoges and his team of volunteers. The event was well planned and executed.

The SAR Challenge puts CGA Members' knowledge to the test while allowing for the development of new skills. It's wonderful to watch their spirits soar while they work together.

Hopefully next year each district will be able to support the event. If you can't participate it's a lot of fun to watch and cheer the teams on.



CCGA National CEO Harry Strong (left) was on hand to show his support and share his knowledge of how similar events operate in other Region's. With him is our business manager Oliver Carroll (right)

I-68 Canadian Border Boat Landing Program

The Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) suspended the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program after the terrorist attacks of September 11. Due to enhanced security measures along our borders, both the Canadian Border Boat Landing Permits (Form I-68) and the Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS) programs have been modified for the 2002 boating season.

Only the current Form I-68, revised January 31, 2002 will be accepted this season. The I-68 will NOT be renewable by mail. Each applicant must appear in person for inspection, interview, and a name query against the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS). The names and dates of birth of children under 14 years of age must be listed on one or both parent's I-68. If approved, a three-part Form I-68 will be issued to each applicant age 14 years of age and older. Each part of I-68 will bear the photograph and fingerprint of the applicant. The fees for both individuals and families will remain the same.

Under the Form I-68 program, applicants for admission into the United States by small pleasure boats are inspected and issued a single boating permit for the entire boating season. This permit enables them to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes without the need to report to INS for further inspection. United States citizens or lawful permanent residents and Canadian citizens or landed immigrants of Canada are eligible to apply for Form I-68. For those who are not United States Citizen's (USCs) or unlawful permanent residents of the United States, Form I-68 authorizes admission within the immediate shore area of the United States for no more than 72 hours at a time.

Boaters not in possession of a valid I-68 must either report in person for inspection at a port-of-entry or utilize one of the 33 OARS program, videophone stations each time they apply for admission to the United States. Under the OARS program, videophones installed at public marinas along the Canadian border provide an automated inspection service enabling two-way visual and audio communication between the inspector and the applicant for admission. Any non-USC who does not comply with these procedures will be subject to adverse actions under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Further information on the northern border small boat inspections program may be obtained from the INS internet site located at www.ins.gov or by calling a local port-of-entry.

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
News Release—April 9, 2002

Call for Nominations for The Outstanding SAR Achievement Awards

As you know this award is presented each year by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat. CCGA members did very well with these awards last year winning the top award and also a Certificate of Achievement. Lets keep it up again this year.

If your need Information Forms etc. please get in touch with Tina Bouchard, Awards Co-ordinator at NSS.
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Have you contacted your District Director Lately?

Now is the time to make sure that he knows what you believe to be in the best interest of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary regarding the necessary changes to be made at the Annual General Meeting.

Let your voice be heard!!

Again I invite all members to take a minute to share your experiences as a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary member within C&A Region.

Please send all articles to:

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Canadian Coast Guard policy

Seamans Prayer

The Lord is my pilot; I shall not drift
He lighteth me across the dark waters;
He steereth me in the dark channels
He keepeth my log;
He guideth me by the star of Holiness
for His names sake.
Yea, though I sail "miss the thunders of life
I shall dread no danger
for Thou are with me;
Thy love and thy care they shelter me,
Thou preparest a harbor before me in
the homeland of eternity;
Thou annointest the waves with oil,
My ship rideth calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight shall
favour me on the voyage I take; and
I will rest in the port of my God forever.

By Capt. J Rogers.

