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## Rescue Challenge 2004

Again Rescue Challenge was a huge success. Many thanks to all our members for participating in this event, whether you were a competitor, organizer or local community volunteer, your help was most appreciated. Zone 16 did a fantastic job hosting the competitions in Fredericton, NB as well as becoming the best over all winners in the competitions.

## Best over all winners



Congratulation to Zone 16 members. Job well done. Pictured above from left to right. Frank McLaughlin (President), Trevor Piers, Scott Bastarache, Nancy McNeil (CCG), Norman Munro, Vernon Piers (Zone 16 Director).

The following is a list of the names of the winners for all events:

### MYSTERY EVENT

Zone 11 – Ian Cross, James Mayo,  
Rickey Joudrey

### FIRST AID

Zone 15 – John Carroll, Mike Daniels,  
Andrew Sanojca

### SAR EXERCISE

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Zone 1 – Denis Comeau, Gabriel Guitard,  
Bernard Lanteigne

### COMMUNICATIONS

Zone 16 – Scott Bastarache, Norman Munro,  
Trevor Piers

### SAR PUMP

Zone 6 – Glen Burns, Angus MacLean,  
John Bradley Beaton

### LINE THROWING

Zone 15 – John Carroll, Mike Daniels,  
Andrew Sanojca

### Plans moving ahead for ISAR 2005

Next September 30 the International Search and Rescue competitions, ISAR 2005, come to the Maritimes and plans are moving along to ensure a top notch competition and lots of Maritime hospitality.

Everything centers around Theodore Tugboat's home in the Big Harbour, (Halifax) with rescue simulations and other test of SAR skills at the Canadian Coast Guard Base on the Dartmouth side of the harbour and at the beautiful Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on the busy Halifax waterfront. To get all hands familiar with the water and each other, there'll be a leisurely cruise around the historic sites of Halifax harbour, Warden of the North. Steam past the mysterious British army fortifications on George's Island with their secret tunnels to who-knows-where and lonely Hangman's beach where a pirate and mutineer met a very public and gory end.

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The ISAR competitions are based on the Rescue Challenge which was started here in the Maritimes about twenty years ago. So, Coast Guard Auxiliary members and the Coast Guard are using their wide experience to rework their usual great show into the ISAR format with its US, Canadian and international teams.

Volunteers from zone 10 and 11 on the eastern and south shores of Nova Scotia will be most closely involved but others will be needed as well in the months leading up to ISAR 2005. Talk to your zone director and let them know if you want to help.

Joe Murphy  
CCGA Coordinator

## MERCHANDISE FOR SALE



Beautiful rose-handled Knife with the CCGA name laser engraved on it. There is a partial serrated edge on the blade. Comes complete with a nylon carrying case. Works great for rope cutting. This would make an excellent gift.

All proceeds from the sale of this knife will go to our slush fund to help pay for flowers, fruit baskets, etc. for members who are in need of some comfort during times of illness

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or in some cases a death in the family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Price \$20.00 includes taxes & shipping

Please send cheque or money order payable to:

*Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
c/o Gary Masson, CCGA Business Manager,  
223 Chamberlain Road, Quispamsis, N. B.  
E2G 1A9*

### 25 year members

Several members have received their long service mental and certificate this year.

Congratulations to:

David Muggah	Zone 8
Harris Backman	Zone 11
Audrey Backman	Zone 11
Frank Hutchins	Zone 8
Herbert Nash	Zone 8
Gerard Jomphe	Zone 7
Vincent Turple	Zone 5
Gaston Chiasson	Zone 7
Leonard Marsh	Zone 8
Walter Fraser	Zone 8
Arthur Cartwright	Zone 8
Everett Andrews	Zone 8
A.W. (Bill) Leblanc	Zone 8
James MacDonald	Zone 5
Aubrey Mason	Zone 5
Richard Wedge	Zone 3



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Pictured above is Harris Backman receiving his long service mental and certificate from President Frank McLaughlin



Pictured above is Everett Andrews receiving his long service mental and certificate from President Frank McLaughlin.

### Committee Members Wanted

We are looking for committee members for the following committees:

Public Relations

Fund raising

If you are interested in being a committee member please contact Lois Drummond.

We are also looking for trainers. Anyone interested in becoming a trainer for the CCGA please contact Edward LeBlanc, Joey Green or Stewart Blair.

### Change Of Address

There has been a change of address for Elaine Bennett's office. Any reimbursement forms etc. should be sent to the new address.

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 P.O. 9640  
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 Halifax, N.S.  
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## The Executive Committee

At a special board of Directors meeting two members were elected to the Executive committee to fill the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer. Pictured below is the Executive from Left to Right Edward LeBlanc (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice in charge of training), Michael Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice in charge of membership), Lois Drummond (Treasurer), Harris Nuttall (Secretary in charge of prevention), Frank McLaughlin (President).



New members were also appointed to the training committee, as pictured below. They are from left to right Stewart Blair, Edward LeBlanc and Joey Green.

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## Coast Guard Cutter Participates in Water Exercise

One August 13, 2004 Zone 1 held a water exercise in Pigeon Hill New Brunswick. The New Coast Guard cutter Cape Breton participated in the exercise as pictured below.





**Harris Backman reviews search patterns with two members of Zone 1.**

## Prevention Boat

**The prevention boat has been very busy attending many functions in the provinces. One function was when the tall ships came into Arichat, Nova Scotia on August 4, 2004**



**Pictured above is Johannes Sturm operating the Prevention Boat.**

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**Pictured above from left to right is Johannes Sturm, Con Mills, Frank McLaughlin, Harris Backman**



**Pictured above is one of the tall ships at Arichat, NS.**

## Zone 16 Participates In On Water Exercise

**On June 26, 2004 in Oak Point NB, Zone 16 participated in an on water exercise. This was a great opportunity for members to practice in line throwing, search patterns and SAR pump exercises as pictured below.**



**Pictured above Zone 16 participating in on water exercise.**

## **The Navigator NON CCGA VESSELS DOING SAR CASES**

**In order to be eligible for reimbursement of SAR cases, the vessel must be on the CCGA call out list. To be on the CCGA call out list the vessel must be listed in our data base and have a valid inspection not over 2 years old. Also the vessel must have a member with at least the RBM 1 course in charge of it. Coast Guard will not allow us to reimburse any vessels that are not on the call out list.**

## **JRCC APPOINTED NEW LIAISON OFFICER**

**Dave Lever has recently been appointed liaison office between JRCC and the Auxiliary. Along with being the contact person at JRCC for problems or concerns, Dave will be helping out with Rescue Challenge, Zone exercises and much more. Dave has been working along side the Auxiliary for many years and we look forward to working with him for many more to come.**



## **Obeying The Law**

Occasionally JRCC requests the assistance of police officers to conduct first responder investigations, and to obtain local people to respond quickly during an initial response. Under certain circumstances the RCMP or Municipal Police forces may be in charge of a coastal search operation, for example a swimming accident, or missing person on a beach, or island. In the event JRCC Halifax tasks the CGA member to a boating incident, any contrary orders given to you by the police must be relayed to the JRCC as soon as possible. JRCC Halifax is your operating authority during a SAR case. Recent incidents where RCMP Officers have signalled CGA members to stop responding to a SAR tasking, have brought to light questions about how to react to such situations. Sometimes the RCMP Officer may not be aware of the CGA and its role in the SAR Service. Local Zone Directors and members are encouraged to foster and develop rapport with their local RCMP Office, and make their presence and capabilities known to the local detachments. Remember that RCMP officers are transferred about the country during their career, and some new Officers are not always familiar with every aspect of coastal communities.

If any CGA member is ordered to stop responding to a SAR immediately refer the Police Officer to JRCC; and the CGA member should contact JRCC immediately for clarification and instructions. Whenever the CGA responding encounters interference with search operations, JRCC should be advised so they can take action to remedy the problem. Remember, you are not authorized to speed or break any traffic regulations because you are under JRCC tasking. Coast Guard Officers driving marked government

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emergency services vehicles are not allowed to speed because they are SAR responders. The same applies to the CGA members, you are not authorized to break the law, if the police order you to stop, obey the law and stop. One Rule you can always follow without exception, Call JRCC, if you have any problem during SAR operations.

On behalf of all Staff, Military and Coast Guard at JRCC Halifax

Best Regards.

Yours, Aye.

Dave Lever

Marine Co-ordinator

CGA Liaison Officer JRCC Halifax

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

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