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Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Central & Arctic's
Newsletter

International Search and Rescue Competition

Toronto, Ontario

September 28-29, 2007

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Volunteers are urgently required from the Greater Toronto Area for the above event from September 26th—30th. The event headquarters and hotel will be located at the Royal York hotel and the competitions will be held at Harbour Front Centre on Queen's Quay West.

Numerous full and part time positions are available. For example;

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These are some of the position requirements to make this event a success we can all be proud of.

These are your games. Get out and support them, meet new people and most of all HAVE FUN!!

Please contact your District Director or contact me at roldale@tbaytel.net or 807 623 2549. All volunteers must be registered with ISAR. It is important to let us know which dates and times you are available to volunteer.

District Boating Safety Coordinators Meet



Taking a break from their DBSC meeting held in March . **Front** Left to Right; Shannon Wilson, DBSC-D2, Mike Taber, Transport Canada, Neil Jardine DBSC-D3. **Middle;** Rick Odale DBSC & Director-D7, Irene Jardine, Nancee Adams DBSC-D4, Zolton Toth DBCS-DIwest, Howard Garrod DBSC-D1east. **Back;** Les Reading Director of Boating Safety C&A, Jim Adams-Bobby Coordinator for Ontario, Ed Friedrich DBSC-D8, Jim Foster Director of D8
Absent; Rudy Mulack DBSC & Director-D5, Hugh Wyatt DBSC & Director-D6, Jack Kruger DBSC & Director-D9
They were all busy attending another CCGA meeting.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Boating Safety program, please contact your District Boating Safety Coordinator or District Director, they will be able to assist you in registering for an upcoming OBS I course so that you can get started.

“CENTRAL & ARCTIC”

Jack Kruger, President



As “Shipmate” goes to press I am saddened by the untimely death of Dale METHERALL of GAMRU. I did not know Dale personally however, it is clear that he enjoyed life to the fullest and was dedicated to the mission of the CCGA. My condolences to his Family and Friends on behalf of Central & Arctic.

Since our AGM a great many events have taken place. I would like to deal with some of these as there may be concerns and misunderstanding which I do not want left unanswered.

Firstly, what I consider a major success is our training initiative and the successful conduct of the Evaluation training and the development of the Operational training courses which have already met with success in some Districts. This momentum will not stop as we now have to work toward implementation in every District according to their needs. This continues to be work in progress and our Committee is not standing still.

One issue that seemingly was misunderstood is the Training Budgets. This year each Director was provided an initial operating budget based upon historical figures and forecasted requirements. This is required as in any business to monitor our spending and establish trends. Some Directors seemingly felt that the allocation on their budget was all that was available for training. This is totally untrue. If a District uses their existing allocation, they merely have to submit a business case and additional training funds will be forthcoming. Over the years some Districts were left with a significant surplus at season’s end having not used the funds as intended. Our current system will allow the Business Office and Executive to monitor expenditures and at seasons end be able to re-allocate funds to Districts that may need additional funds. We ask for your cooperation into advising Directors of costs incurred and additionally submitting accurate Expenses and Tasking reports.

With respect to Tasking Reports JRCC is now advising each Director immediately when a SAR has taken place in his District so that follow up on the timely submission of Tasking Reports are made and payment generated. Over the past several years this has one of the major problems faced in our financial process. In some instances Tasking Reports were not

submitted at all or held for most of the season. Now the Director is aware and will follow up on the submission. The presentation prepared by Hugh WYATT and Butch DOMPIERRE clearly outline the proper and accurate method of submitting these forms. It’s on the Web site.

At our Board Meeting in April (Sarnia), Irene JARDINE was elected as Director of Boating Safety. Irene has the background and was nominated by the Board and subsequently elected. She has shown in the short time in the position that this was clearly a wise choice as she has quickly taken charge of her new task and is moving in a very progressive direction. There are some changes that have been implemented to hopefully make OBS a more workable organization particularly in our relationship with Transport Canada. Communication is and has been one of the major issues within Boating Safety and I feel that Irene is very quickly addressing this problem. Other issues such as failure to obtain material in a timely manner are being addressed as well. We have experienced several instances where OBS Members were not actually bona fide Members of the CCGA. This has been rectified however, the issue of insurance coverage on these people or lack of was a major problem if they had of been injured. This primarily was due to failure to complete applications correctly.

There have been enquires as to why the Board has made Director Appointments for specific tasks such as Operations and Boating Safety. I have insisted from the beginning that we need new blood in all facets of our organization. We currently have two Districts that cannot seem to find volunteers to fill Training Coordinator positions. If you wish to have a say in the operation then step up to the plate. Our Training Committee is made up of non-elected Members for the most part and is now a Standing Committee with need for additional input from You the Members. Let your desire to participate be heard, we will listen, believe me.

At this writing most of the facilities/units that were prioritized for the basic SAR equipment should have received it. Some units were concerned that they did not get the number expected. Our method of distribution was on a priority basis to facilities/units that had little if any equipment. The result of our Survey was most disturbing in that many did not have even the basics in equipment. Some comments have been received as to why equipment was being issued to units that were the least busy, my answer quite clearly is: “just how busy do you have to be to have proper equipment”. We will be establishing a reserve of Basic SAR equipment for future issue.

We are receiving 150 hand held VHF’s in the next few weeks and your Directors have already indicated their needs for the Districts. These and a new distress flare device will be disbursed as soon as they are received.

District 8

Our Business Office is now producing plasticized photo Membership cards. Some Districts already have them. Please ensure that digital photo's of your Membership with names are forwarded either via email or disk to Shannon or Juanita.

As ISAR approaches the Committee is busier than ever. A dry run is being held including actual events, transportation and logistics.

The effort being put in by the Committee Members is phenomenal. We cannot appreciate the complexity of organizing an event such as ISAR and a great deal of gratitude is owed to each of them. Your continued support of the event is appreciated. This is a very important event for C&A given it's the last ISAR to take place. This decision was mutually agreed to by both the USCGA and our National Council as it was felt the event was becoming extremely costly with no end in sight and we were not getting the training value from it. It does however, not mean competition or training will not continue because it will in a manner of joint cooperation with our US neighbors. I have asked all Directors to establish communications with local USCGA Units and actively participate in joint training and SAR Exercises.

There are a number of other issues and initiatives still in the works and I will report to you on them as they progress.

In conclusion I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the Members and Management of the Canadian Coast Guard (C&A). Without their constant support and excellent working relations we would have a difficult time indeed. There assistance in developing our Training program has been outstanding.

Be safe
Jack Kruger, President

FYI

From July 23 until September 1, 2007 our President will be participating on the 2007 Mackenzie Patrol to the Beaufort Sea. During that time all communications will be directed to Vice President Les Reading.

IMPAIRED BOATING IS IMPAIRED DRIVING

New legislation in Ontario means impaired boaters face the same penalties as impaired drivers.

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www.impairedboating.ca

District 8 ended 2006 with a very successful event "The 2006 Grey Cup Parade". CCGA members along with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard were well represented.

Our theme was "Naoh's Arc the Ultimate Rescue Boat". Donations from sponsors helped us to purchase \$600.00 worth of stuffed animals to line the RHI. Following the parade the toys were presented to the Christmas Cheer Board for use in the Christmas hampers for children in our area.

In the winter Pukta represented CCGA in the FESTIVAL du VOYAGEUR (largest french festival west of PQ.) mascot challenge. His Jigging skills in dance were impressive and his mastery of the Fur Bale toss was outstanding however being a young Polar Bear he was unable to grow a beard and fell to third place. Well Done PUKTA!!

Bobbie the Safety Boat made his debut at the Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Picnic and has been well received throughout the district. He also traveled to District 9 in Hay River and the Edmonton Boat Show.

A major restructuring in District 8 took place in Feb 2007 with Jim Foster assuming the position of Director. Wolf Kraft will be Deputy Director as well as SAR Evaluator. Ed Friedrich has become our District Boating Safety Coordinator as well as accepting the new position of Manager of Boating Safety for districts 7-8-9. Garry Frankel has taken on the position of Media Spokesperson.

Thanks to Al Johnson our outgoing Director for 20 years service to District 8.

Good luck to all participants in ISAR 2007

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Coxswain



Patricia Pearsal



Neil Macdonald



Jim Snow

“Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water” Central and Arctic Region’s Representatives at ISAR 2007

Derek Cartier (Coxswain)

Derek has been a dedicated member of the CCGA since 1997. On the competition front, he lead Team PARA, representing Central and Arctic at the 2003 ISAR games in St. John’s NFLD, to their resounding win in the pump ops event. Currently working with RONA as an assistant yard manager, he is in the process of achieving a life-long ambition to be a professional Toronto firefighter. Derek received a citizenship award from Toronto EMS in 2005 after successfully intervening with a suicidal person, armed with a knife. He is a committed family man, maintaining their beautiful Toronto Beaches home for his grandmother, mother, new wife and baby boy (due June 07) and enjoys the exploration of fine wines and cigars. Derek’s call sign is “Grunt”

Patricia Pearsall

Patricia, or “Pattio” as she is affectionately known by her honorary big brothers on the team, signed up with The Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association (PARA) in 1999. Not only has become an indispensable lead deckhand on watch, she has an honours degree and is a masters student at the University of Toronto in Environmental studies. The combination of intelligence, skill, charm and commitment to service is very, very tough to beat.

Neil Macdonald

The new kid on the block joined PARA only last year. He stepped up to the plate with a background in the Canadian Forces, piloting Hercules aircraft and instructing student jet engine pilots. These days “Drifter” flies a four-engine Airbus for Air Canada, on overseas routes. Neil shares a love of fine dining with his chef daughter and sushi with his son.

Jim Snow

Jim’s wife says; “He’s the most competitive person I know”. “Snowman” was coxswain of Team PARA at ISAR 2003, when the team brought home three event trophies, including the on-water SAREX. Jim is a Paramedic with Toronto EMS and brings to the team a background in boating, scuba diving and first aid competition championships, to a national level. Eleven years with PARA, 5 of them as a SAR crew coxswain round out the experience the team has to draw on.

For the latest information on ISAR 2007

visit:

www.internationalsar.com/isar2007

District 3 News

Training has been at the forefront in District 3 in 2007.

The District held a SAR Course in February in Chatham which included attendees from the Ontario provincial Police with which the District has a very mutually beneficial working relationship. Later in the season the District offered the theory portion of the revised (2007) SAR Operations Course in Sarnia. This theory training will be followed with practical on-water training for the members who attended the first part of the course. This course, being offered in two parts, was done as a test of potential methods which may be used to provide this training to the members. Although not an official CCGA course the District also offered a course named 'Radio operations for SAR' which was developed by the District Training Coordinator with an emphasis on Digital Selective Calling, radio contact info for USCG Stations in our border waters, radio frequency information, phraseology, etc.

In the area of support for our operational SAR units the District has provided each unit with a book designed for on-water usage which includes diagrams of various search patterns, copies of the towing waiver, radio messages, contact info and a spot to note local (unit specific) information such as off hours fuel availability, etc.

In addition to SAR training and the SAR side of the District scene the District has also been active in Boating Safety. Among the early 2007 boating safety events at which the District was involved were the London Boat, Fishing and Leisure Show and the Chatham Sportsman's Show and a number of PCCC Days and other activities, including those for North American Safe Boating Week were undertaken.

At the CCGA C&A Region A.G.M. a number of members received various CCGA awards; including Certificates of Appreciation, which were awarded to Mike Hillaby, Terry MacDonald, John Findley, Ray Trahan Sr., Ray Trahan Jr. and Chris Profota; Richard (Butch) Dompierre received the Administrative Medal; and Les Reading received the Leadership Medal.

Recently retired members receiving their Retirement Awards are: Lee Jasper who operated "Aloha" out of port Bruce on Lake Erie for many years and John and Thelma Lee Parsonage both who were involved with "Punkin III" and "Force 10 Rescue" from Port Lambton on the St. Clair River for many years. John Parsonage is also a Past President of CCGA, C&A Region.

Leslie Reading
District 3 Director

In Memory of Dale Metherall

On Saturday May 12 2007 it was announced that Dale Cameron Metherall had succumbed to unknown injuries that occurred during a recreational scuba dive with a good friend on Friday May 04 2007 in Grimsby.

Dale was a careful and fully trained tech diver with many successful dives and had a passion for all sports that involved water, from scuba to boating to skiing and wakeboarding. That is how we became friends, he was a member of Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit and part of Canada Coast Guard Auxiliary when I joined in 1998. We became crewmates, a position we had together for five years.

This man was a highly skilled multi-trade certificate holder who was employed in service for a local utility provider for many years. One member whose job took him to Newfoundland for the winter had a frantic call from his wife in Camden, "the furnace is out and the kids and I are really cold" so he called on Dale to fix it. That's the kind of man he was, "no problem".

He loved mechanical things and electrical gizmos and woodworking and motorcycles and outdoor sports, medium Tim Horton's coffee and his dogs, but most of all he loved his family. That was the most important thing to him in the world.

So myself and the five or six people who were lucky to have known him and crewed with him have lost a great friend and the search and rescue world has lost a great water man. But my heart goes out to James and Margaret his parents, Joanne his wife and partner and the girls Shayla and Brooke who we watched grow up.

In the old tongue there is a saying "B I sin.reul's.an oidhche.dhoilleir" means there is a star in the dark night, Dale was a star. See you soon brother.

R. Fitzgerald
GAMRU

Members are asked to forward the names of their fellow CCGA members that they may be recognized for their efforts on behalf of the CCGA, Central & Arctic region

KITSHOP Launched

Finally and by Popular Demand, C&A has launched our own KITSHOP.

They are the same company that was at the AGM so many people had the opportunity to see the type and quality of goods they offer.

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Media opportunity for Auxiliary in District 3



A Channel Morning Show of Windsor spent some quality time at the Amherstburg CG base on Monday, July 16th. The show is taped 'live' but was not aired until July 26th & 27th between 7 and 9 am.

Cameraperson Laurie Berg (left) and Morning Show Hostess Houida Kassen get directions from Brian Riddell, Commanding Officer of CCGC Cape Dundas and his crew member before going out onto the waters of the Detroit River.

Members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary wait for their turn to be interviewed and promote ourselves to the public. Randy Eaton (left) of the SAR Unit Full Moon, Al Eaton who crews with Randy and is also the DBSC for D3 south and our Vice President Les Reading (right) were on hand along with Irene Jardine, Director of Boating Safety, C&A.

Thanks to Chris Hawksworth, A/Supt SAR Programs, CCG C&A Region and Carol Bond, Communications, Fisheries and Oceans Canada for including the Auxiliary in this great opportunity.



Donations being Accepted For ISAR 2007

Hosting ISAR 2007 is a very exciting opportunity for CCGA Central & Arctic Region, but it does not come without a number of expenses. To help offset some of these costs we will be hosting a 'silent auction' at the ISAR banquet.

We have many talented hobbyists within CCGA, artists, woodcrafters, quilters etc., this may be the perfect opportunity to share your skills while supporting a great cause. Anyone interested in donating an item for the auction can do so by contacting your district director or Neil & Irene Jardine injardine@ebtech.net or by phone at 519-864-1465.

Operation HOTT – Human Organ and Tissue Transfer 23rd March, 2007

From Left to Right; Danny Coultis -JRCC, Trenton; Leon Buta - CCGA, HBRU; Danny Pellerin - CCGA, District 2 Director; Dave Northmore - CCG, Sarnia; Dave Elliott - CCGA, TOWARF; Gary Endicott - CCGA, PARA; Mark Stafford - Peel Police; Nancy Hemrica - Trillium Gift of Life; Debbie Higgins - Toronto Fire; Butch Dompierre - CCGA, Director of Operations; Sean Pearce - Toronto Fire; Adrian Lewicki - Toronto Fire Senior Marine Capt.; Jim Demchuk - CCGA, GAMRU and Gary Gibson - Toronto Police.

Details on next page



Battle of the Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic commemorative services were held in Barrie on May 6th, 2007 in memory of the Ships and men of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Merchant service that were lost in the Second World War.

Services are held annually by Naval Veterans, members of the Canadian Navy and cadets from the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadets.



In this photo the CCGA flag is being carried on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary by Noah Turcotte, an aspiring Coast Guard Auxiliarist. A wreath was laid on behalf of the CCGA by Adviser Rodney Turcotte of Central Ontario Association of Boating Safety Specialists.

Rodney Turcotte
Chief Protocol Officer
ISAR 2007 (Toronto)

Bobbie the Safety Boat a Popular Guest in D8

Bobby II, was working his magic with children of all ages at the Kenora Home and Leisure Show, Apr. 29, 2007



Michaela Novak, 6, poses with Bobby during the event.

CCGA Church Service

A special church service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Point Edward, Ontario, on Sunday, April 22nd, 2007 under the auspices of the Reverend Grace Coleman Anthony, B.A., M. Div. where she is the Minister. Grace is also the Chaplain to the CCGA, C&A Region.

Participating in the service along with Grace were Mike Gardiner, Assistant Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, and Leslie Reading, Vice President, CCGA, C&A Region, who each undertook a Scripture Reading; as well as Jack Kruger, President, CCGA, C&A Region, who delivered a Message to those in attendance addressing the value of volunteerism in today's world in an effort to bring some good to the world, savings lives, while elsewhere life is much different than we see it in our day to day lives.

The service commenced with a lone bagpiper leading Rev. Anthony into the church sanctuary from the street outside the church, followed by members of the Board of Directors and the CCGA C&A Region Honour Guard and the Colours. Also in attendance for the Church Service was Vice Commodore Wesley Cotrell, USCGAux 9 CR, from Chesterfield, Michigan.

At the end of the service a Recessional took place with the lone bagpiper and the Honour Guard leading Rev. Anthony out of the church followed by the members of the Board of Directors and the rest of the parishioners.

Les Reading
Vice President
CCGA C&A

Answering the Call for Humanitarian Assistance; CCG will help give the Gift of Life

By Carol Bond

Canadian Coast Guard and its Auxiliary, have long been saving lives on the water. Now, thanks to an agreement with the Trillium Gift of Life Network, Central and Arctic Region personnel and Auxiliarists may play a role in saving lives on land, too.

Gift of Life is a not-for-profit government organization which oversees all organ and tissue donation activities for the Province of Ontario. Organ and tissue donation is a vital issue that affects all Canadians and is responsible for saving and giving quality of life to thousands of people each year. When it comes to organ donation and the patients waiting to receive them, every minute counts. Before an organ can be transplanted, time sensitive blood tests for HIV, Hepatitis, and West Nile virus need to be done.

In most cases blood samples from Hamilton area donors have to be analyzed in Toronto. Transportation is usually done via Ontario Provincial Police vehicles, and in peak traffic times, precious minutes and sometimes hours are lost. Helicopters have very limited availability. With these hurdles to overcome, transportation to Toronto via Lake Ontario is a viable option.

Last summer, the Gift of Life Network had six opportunities to use the services of marine units belong to Toronto, Peel and Hamilton Regional Police Services. Each time the blood was received at the Toronto lab in under an hour, saving 2-3 hours off the total donation process in each case.

“One high profile case required the use of the marine unit to transport the surgical recovery team and their organ to a waiting recipient that was critically ill. If we had not had the opportunity to travel by water the outcome for the recipient may not have been so wonderful,” explains Gift of Life Hamilton Coordinator Nancy Hemrica.

This year, CCG Central and Arctic Region and its Auxiliary, will participate in this humanitarian endeavor. If the need arises and Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) resources are available, they will be tasked by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Trenton. In the Hamilton area, the closest SAR units are Hamilton Beach Rescue 905 and 906 crewed by CCG Auxiliarists. CCGA units GAMRU in Grimsby and TOWARF in Oakville are also nearby. The Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Cape Storm in Port Weller could also be tasked if required.

“This is a wonderful precedent and I hope we can use this opportunity to help others,” noted CCG’s Danny Coultis, Supervisor of Marine Search and Rescue.

“When people think outside the box such as this, it can translate into something that improves and saves lives,” said CCGA regional Director of Operations Richard “Butch” Dompierre. “Thanks go to the people that had the foresight to try it in the first place. We as Volunteer Search and Rescue organization are very pleased that we have been given the opportunity to participate.”

For more information on the Gift of Life network, please visit <http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/>

TOWARF Represents CCGA at Safe Boating Awareness Week Kick-off in Toronto

TOWARF (Town of Oakville Water Air Rescue Force) had the opportunity to represent the CCGA at the North American Safe Boating Awareness Week kick-off event hosted by the Toronto Police Marine Unit on May 15th.

The event showcased marine enforcement and rescue capabilities in the GTA and surrounding areas. Police marine units from York & Peel Regions & Metropolitan Toronto participated as well as the William Lyon Mackenzie—the Toronto Fire Service boat—and the CCGC Cape Storm. The Coast Guard Safety Trailer was on location & Toronto Traffic Services had a mobile breath unit on display.

Highlight of the day for the TOWARF crew was the opportunity to participate in a water rescue demonstration. With media crews recording from other vessels, a Canadian Forces CH-146 Griffon helicopter deployed two SAR Techs on the TOWARF rescue boat deck, recovered one SAR Tech and then “rescued” the other from the water. The Griffon—Tiger 491—was from 424 Squadron, Trenton. JRCC Trenton and Prescott Coast Guard Radio coordinated the demonstration. The Cape Storm served as safety vessel.

During the dockside portion of the event Mark Dowinton & Rick Bee—newly elected TOWARF Commander & Vice Commander respectively—participated in a live CITY TV interview from the rescue boat. They demonstrated boating safety equipment such as lifejackets & flares. They also displayed the new defibrillator—a gift to TOWARF from the Mikey Network.

Crew of the Cape Storm welcomed TOWARF members aboard for a tour of their cutter and answered many questions which was greatly appreciated.

For more details of this event please check out TOWARF’s website www.towarf.com

More photos can be viewed by visiting www.towarf.com/albums/sbaw



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Boating Safety Report

Subsequent to the CCGA, C&A Region, A.G.M., Leslie Reading was asked to serve as the interim Director of Boating Safety and to submit a report to the Board of Directors at their April meeting on a strategy to realign the administration aspects of Boating Safety within the region, with much of the work and input to come at a meeting of the District Boating Safety Coordinators to be held in late March.

As noted, a number of DBSCs and other key players in the region's Boating Safety Program met in March. Several items were discussed ranging from uniforms, public department, disposal of outdated flares, training of members, the introduction of a zone management system for boating safety in the region, a boat show committee for the Greater Toronto Area and member qualifications to maintain Boating Safety Specialist status, etc.

The DBSCs concluded that management zones could be created and be effective to improve the efficiency of the boating safety program by working in cooperation across district boundaries, sharing resources, coordinating training, etc. As a result a zone structure was established consisting of Districts 1, 4 and 5 as Zone 1; Districts 2, 3 and 6 as Zone 2; and Districts 7, 8 and 9 as Zone 3. Nominees were named to the positions of Zone Manager and Deputy Zone Manager for each Zone to be recommended to the Board of Directors.

As directed, a report on the discussions were submitted to the Board of Directors prior to their April meeting with the report being noted officially at the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Further, Irene Jardine was elected as an appointed Director to the position of Director of Boating Safety, assuming the post forthwith from Leslie Reading.

Among other activities in the region since the A.G.M. were several training courses for members in Districts 1, 2 and 4 as well as vehicle/trailer operations training for several members which was completed at Oshweken which saw an additional 17 members trained and qualified to operate the boating safety display mobile units on loan to the Auxiliary from the Office of Boating Safety.

The Auxiliary and its members continue to promote the concept of boating safety to the public by way of boat, fishing and sporting shows (three of which took place on the weekend of the Auxiliary's A.G.M.); through presentations to groups upon request and most notably by way of the Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check program at marinas and launch ramps.

The Auxiliary thanks all members, both those who are recognized as Boating Safety Specialists within our organization and those on the SAR side of the organization who also do their part to promote boating safety throughout our vast region.

Les Reading

MP Davidson announces that NEXUS Has expanded to all Canadian waterways

On April 30, 2007, Patricia Davidson, M.P. for Sarnia-Lambton, on behalf of the Ministry of Public Safety, the Honourable Stockwell Day, announced that the NEXUS Marine program is now available to all Canadian waterways, which will allow eligible Canadian recreational boaters to expedite the border clearance process between Canada and the United States.

NEXUS is a joint initiative of the Canada Border Services Agency and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that facilitates quick secure entry into Canada and the United States for pre-approved, low risk travellers. Instead of reporting to the nearest point of entry upon arrival to get border clearance, NEXUS members can now call 30 minutes to 4 hours ahead of time to the Telephone Reporting Centre.

To become a NEXUS member, you must submit an application and go through an enrolment process, which takes 4 to 6 weeks. There is a non-refundable CAN \$80.00 or US \$50.00 processing fee. Applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria, be admissible in Canada and the United States and pass risk assessments performed by both countries. Successful applicants will receive a NEXUS card that is valid for five years.

**For more information, visit the NEXUS website at
www.nexus.gc.ca
or call 1-866-NEXUS-26 (1-866-639-8726)**

Canada Shipping Act, 2001

Also known as CSA 2001 replaces the Canada Shipping Act (CSA) as the principal legislation that governs safety in marine transportation, recreational boating and the protection of the marine environment. It applies to Canadian vessels operating in all waters and to all vessels operating in Canadian waters (all vessels from canoes & kayaks to cruise ships & tankers.

Many regulations that apply to pleasure craft have been updated or added. These include: Small Vessel Regulations, 2007; Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations; Vessel Operation Restrictions; Collision Regulations; Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and for Dangerous Chemicals; Environmental Response Regulations and Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations.

Learn more about CSA 2001 and the regulations that affect pleasure craft on the

**Canadian Marine Advisory Council website
www.cmac-ccmc.gc.ca**

**or by calling toll-free 1-866-879-9902 or
613-998-7764 in the National Capital Region**

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What is ISAR?

ISAR 2007, the International Search and Rescue Competition, is the premier North American event for training and networking among maritime SAR volunteers and the organizations that supply and service them.

ISAR will present a broad range of events testing the skills and abilities of the best volunteers rescuers of the Canadian and United States Coast Guard Auxiliaries.

ISAR will also present a public SAR demonstration showing how innovative technologies and platforms can help SAR volunteers get the job done.

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