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**Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Central & Arctic's
Newsletter**

**CCGA 30th
Anniversary Celebration held
Saturday, February 21st, 2009
brought together Past and
Present Presidents**

Left to right—
Malcolm Dunderdale,
CCGA National Chair,
Central & Arctic Region President
Gary Endicott,
C&A Past President Jack Kruger,
Past President John Levantis and



A Typical Sunday Morning in the CCGA Volunteer's Life

On May 31st, 2009, the commercial freighter “Algowood” was in transit on Lake Erie SSE of Port Burwell when one of the ship’s crew members was taken ill. JRCC Trenton was notified and a decision was made to task the CCGA Vessels “Pop’s Pride” berthed in Port Burwell and “Maverick” based in Port Stanley along with the CCGC Cape Lambton which was in Port Colborne on a SAREX at the time and a DND Griffon helicopter from CFB Trenton.

The “Algowood” altered course towards Port Burwell to reduce the transit time to rendezvous with the CCGA vessels. “Auxiliary Vessel Pop’s Pride” rendezvoused with the “Algowood” approximately 10 minutes prior to the “Auxiliary Vessel Maverick” arriving on scene.

The weather at the time had winds from the NW gusting to 25 knots and seas of approximately 1 metre. “Pop’s Pride” was able to work alongside the “Algowood” on her leeward side to where the boarding gangway had been lowered. Assisted by the crew of the “Algowood” the ill party was brought down the ship’s gangway and successfully transferred to the 24 foot Auxiliary Vessel “Pop’s Pride” from the 730 foot commercial freighter”. JRCC Trenton arranged for EMS to meet “Pop’s Pride” in Port Burwell.

This is an example of how CCGA resources are used to augment the SAR capability in the Central and Arctic Region. The transfer took place approximately 8 miles offshore in less than ideal conditions. “M.V. Algowood” was initially approximately 20 miles off the Canadian shoreline SE of Port Burwell when the call was received for assistance.

“Auxiliary Vessel Pop’s Pride” and Unit Leader Nathan Dawley along with crew member Ron Cairns joined the CCGA in 2008. The third member of the crew, Tom Millard, is a Station Chief with the Bayham Township Fire Service. Nathan and Ron are also members of the Bayham Township Fire Service. All three individuals aboard the Auxiliary Vessel for the tasking were also trained with the fire department as Medical Aid First Responders. The success of this tasking clearly indicates the high level of training available to volunteers within the CCGA and volunteer fire departments throughout the region and speaks highly of the CCGA training program in SAR and vessel handling and other areas addressed within the CCGA training program.

Again, this tasking clearly indicates the teamwork among individuals and rescue resources available to the Canadian public which permits those involved to have the capability and resources to serve the Canadian public, regardless of the fact that some are volunteer and other are full time resources.

Submitted by
Leslie Reading



President's Report

As I type this it is almost Christmas, with the New Year, the first year in the second decade of the new millennium right around the corner. So the thought would be to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. However knowing that you won't read this until the New Year I will say that I hope that all of you had a safe and happy holiday season.

This being the last year of the first decade in the new millennium makes me think back to 1999, the last year of the last millennium. And the infamous Y2K. It was a time of unlimited opportunity for the naysayers and doomsday prophets.

And while a lot of what was said was hype there was a basis for their concerns. Millions, if not billions of dollars were spent analyzing the current situations, developing a plan to rectify the issues as required, and implementing the plan. And any of you who watched New Years 2000 progress around the globe will know that for the most part all that happened was that people had a Happy New year.

This is not unlike our recent history. Except for the spending millions of dollars part.

About five years ago it was identified that we had problems with both the accuracy of our membership records and our levels of qualified members. So teams were formed to analyze the situations and to develop plans to rectify the problems.

Two years ago we began rolling out the SMS system. Among the many attributes that this system brings to our organization implementing it forced us to clean up our membership records.

And in 2009 we began rolling out our new training and evaluation process. This has been successful to date. We need to keep up, and if possible increase our momentum so as to achieve our objective of having all of our members meet the requirements for membership by the end of 2010. While we did a good job this summer that is not to say that there are not areas that might be improved. So our Training Committee, under Jim Aitken's leadership, is looking at ways that we might be able to more effectively deliver this program next season.

Recognizing that we need to take every opportunity that we can to provide training, this years AGM will have training sessions on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity to reach many of our members and at the same time provide more value for the dollars spent. The Training Committee, assisted by Shannon and Juanita is putting together what I am sure you will find is an interesting and informative program.

One other initiative that will also soon bear fruit and it is hoped make everybody's life easier is our documentation committee will soon have a package of information assembled. It struck me as a new Director that there seemed to be a lot of rules, rulings and processes that had been implemented. But there was no consistent method by which these had been documented. So a documentation committee composed of Glynis Withyman and Jamie Kerwin, and chaired by Don Limoges, was formed. These folks are documenting our various processes and that information should be made available to you early in the new year.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM and many more as I try to get out into the Districts next season. Until then; Be safe!

Gary Endicott

News from District 7

District 7 had a relatively quiet year this past season. Many requests were received for Boating Safety presentations and for a return of Bobbie in the schools. Unfortunately all requests had to be turned down.

We did manage to have a good turn out for the annual SAREX held in Thunder Bay this past year considering it was held mid week and some of our members had employment obligations. This years SAREX is tentatively planned for Nipigon Bay. No dates have been established at this time.

Jim Aitken owner of Loon Magic accepted the position of Training Director this past year. This is a very demanding and important job and we wish him all the success with his endeavors.

Three new vessels were welcomed, the Ella Rose, located in Thunder Bay, Loon Magic was reestablished in Flatland Harbour and the Anica Lee located at Bowman Island.

We lost one of our new members, Tom Falzetta, out of Terrace Bay this past December. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Looking forward to working with everyone again this year.

Rick Oldale

**Recognition of 30 Years Service
February 21st, 2009**

It has been 30 years since the dream of Captain John Hanbidge was formed into reality the "Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (Central) Inc.". We have developed a diverse history and come along way to be now known as the "Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Central & Arctic Region". We have become recognized and respected throughout the boating community.

We have made Captain John's dream come true with the dedication of all our members and especially the following who have been with the organization since the beginning in 1978.

Facility Service Recognition:

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| 1 - PARA | 5 - Sault SAR |
| 8 - TOWARF | 9 - COMRA |
| 35 - Zeus | 36 - Avalon |

Recognized for 30 years of Service:

- | | |
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| 14 Gary Endicott | 241 Marg Lochner |
| 56 Dick Stam | 243 John Clarke |
| 99 Horst Anderson | 244 Donald Limoges |
| 129 Jim Weldon | 246 Jeanette Limoges |
| 134 John Levantis | 250 Martin Gignac |
| 170 Richard Harrison | 263 Neil Jardine |
| 229 Maurice Stevens | 267 Harold Thompson |
| 235 Peter Graham | 281 Dennis O'Reilly |
| 238 Lou Lochner | |

**Thank you to all our Volunteers
and their families!**

**Looking forward to more 30 year awards this
year and in the future.**



Reverend Grace Coleman Anthony, Chaplain for the CCGA, C & A Region and the congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Point Edward, ON extend an invitation to all to visit their church located at 210 Michigan Ave., Point Edward to view the Canadian Coast Guard Colours which are hung on display there.

While there you also can take the opportunity to visit the Mariners Museum located in the church basement.

If you would like to speak with Rev'd Grace you can

A glimpse of life in our Arctic District



"Mackenzie" on the MacKenzie River



"GUARDIAN", Gypsum Point, Great Slave Lake



"Hauling fuel drums across Herschel Island to refuel "MacKenzie" and "Aklavik".



Cambridge Bay unit taking German Sailboat "Peritheia" under tow

Jack Kruger
Arctic District

POCOMAR 2009 and looking forward



With the economic crisis overshadowing everything else the best forecast for 2009 was for it to be a very quiet year with fewer taskings for POCOMAR.

We got that wrong!

POCOMAR completed 32 Taskings in 2009, and even with JRCC Stand Downs now appearing as Taskings on the Activity List, we were still even busier than 2008. A very positive statement about the importance of CCGA Units, both Community and Private, to both the Canadian and our Visitor boating community.

We welcomed several new Members over the past year or so and look forward to beginning the 2010 Active Season with around 40 Members with CCGA Membership.

Even better, at the recent AGM a welcome influx of new Members were voted onto the Executive Committee, which can only lead to new and refreshing ideas to improve even more on an already successful Community Unit.

It was with regret the Unit had to say farewell to both James Warankie as our Commander and Jeff Richard as our Operations Officer. 2009's record speaks for them and their splendid leadership and the Unit thanks them for many years unselfish support for both POCOMAR and the CCGA from both of them.

Fortunately they aren't going far and we know where they are! They will continue to be valuable Members of POCOMAR and will continue to support the Unit. POCOMAR still proudly holds both Regional and District SAR Games Trophies. We hope there are some Units out there who may feel brave enough to push their leaders into asking for a 2010 SAR Games in the hope of taking them from POCOMAR?

Andrew Watts
Commander
POCOMAR

Training in Central & Arctic Region Report

Training for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Central and Arctic is managed by the Standing Committee on Training (SCT). The SCT is comprised of the District Training Coordinators of the region, personnel from Canadian Coast Guard, the Director of Training, the President, the Director of Operations, CCGA office staff and Glynis Withyman Director District 1. The group meets throughout the year to review training. The last meeting was in Toronto on the 26th of September. Highlights from the last meeting are as follows;

1. The main thrust of training is to ensure that all members are current with their training. To remain current one must qualify by following the requirements as outlined by the President in this AGM package.
2. Only members and SAR partners can participate in any authorized CCGA activity. To be authorized a tasking number must be assigned prior to the activity naming all who will be participating.
3. The SCT is looking at ways to make the 5 year recertification process easier to achieve.
4. For members who took the Operator Competency Course but did not receive the Evaluators' Course online certifications will be available shortly for those few.
5. The Competency/Certification Checklist (aka Ride Check form) was added to the SMS system and completed forms need to be entered into the SMS system ASAP. Remember one form for a crew with all members listed and one form per person if used for individual assessment.
6. The next SCT meeting will be February 19th just prior to the AGM.

If any member has questions about training please bring them to the attention of your District Training Coordinator (DTC) so they can bring your concerns to the SCT if they cannot answer them directly.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the AGM.

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A Friend to Many has Retired from Coast Guard

Terry Crofton's career spanned over 25 years, but the "little-big" guy has decided to trade in his RHI (Rigid Hull Inflatable) for another RHI (Relaxation, Honey-do's and Imbibing) a.k.a. retirement as of January 2010!

His career started with the Canadian Coast Guard Parry Sound Base as a Lighthouse keeper on Lamb Island in northern Lake Superior in 1983. He then worked at various other light stations in the Great Lakes until 1987.

Circa 1986, regional Lighthouse operations were phasing out providing Terry with the opportunity to move into the Search and Rescue (SAR) field. He was dispatched to the CCGC Tobermory where he became a permanent member of the crew.

He spent the next nine years of his career working in SAR as Deckhand/ Rescue Specialist at various Stations and vessels throughout the region. Over the years Terry became heavily involved with the Rescue Specialist Program, also acquiring his Instructors Certification.

In 1996, Terry accepted an offer to become the regional Rescue Specialist Co-ordinator within the Search and Rescue Program. This position offered many unique opportunities and training challenges, as well as travel for joint exercises to other regions and north of 60.

As Rescue Specialist Co-ordinator, Terry provided SAR related training to all primary CCG SAR Stations, CCG Bases/Fleet Personnel. He also was involved in SAR exercising with Coast Guard, USCG, CCG Auxiliary, Parks Canada, various Police and Fire departments, and Ontario Northland to name a few, but he soon realized that the Inshore Rescue Boat Service would be his next calling.

In 2005, Terry moved to the position of SAR Operations Officer managing the Inshore Rescue Boat Service consisting of 36 summer FSWEF students (May to September). This service has been by far the most challenging for him, but also the most rewarding. In addition to the IRB Service responsibilities, Terry liaised with Fleet/ITS on SAR operational issues and served on national committees responsible for items such as standardization of equipment, small craft training, and vessel acquisition planning.

Terry also feels that none of the positions he held would have been successful without the help, guidance, and support of many individuals. Terry firmly believes that it is the people who make the difference.

Terry looks forward to wintering in Florida, fishing, golf, and devoting more time to family, friends and the Honey do list!



CGA President Gary Endicott with retiring CG SAR trainer Terry Crofton, District 3 Director Jamie Kerwin and Deputy Director Neil Jardine. CGA members Butch Dompierre and Irene Jardine were also in attendance to wish him well at The Brigantine restaurant, Sarnia

Canadian Coast Guard

Recognition of Membership

Bill & Ginny Wood, based in Lion's Head on the Georgian Bay side of the Bruce Peninsula, retired from active SAR duty in 2009. They have been members for some 20 years and Bill will continue to assist the CCGA in administrative duties related to the SMS. All of us thank the couple for their contribution to the betterment of our organization.

Don Limoges
District 4 Director



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District Director Election Guidelines

The following information is presented to inform members concerning procedures related to the Election of Directors.

For more detailed information please consult your Member's Manual.

Voting:

A unit leader/facility owner is eligible to vote to elect a District Director and vote on Auxiliary business. A unit leader/facility owner is entitled to only a single vote regardless of the number of actual vessels or facilities offered to the Auxiliary.

Personal membership does not entitle an active member to vote on Auxiliary business unless that person is recognized as the facility owner or unit leader.

Election of Directors:

Your District Director will inform you of the process he will be following within your District.

Nominations will be accepted at the General Meeting

Ballots to be voted in person or by proxy at the General Meeting.

Please note that expenses to the AGM are only paid for Unit leaders or facility Owners as approved by the District Director. In the case of District 9 and District 10 the Auxiliary will only pay the expenses of the Director and two Unit leaders or Facility Owners from each District.

ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3: Election of District Directors

- A. Each District will be made up of one or more facilities. A facility is a defined in Article 13: Membership.
- B. District Directors will be elected from amongst a given District's members in good standing eligible to hold office by those eligible to elect District Directors within a given District.
- C. Election of District Directors shall be by ballot in accordance with Section 10 of this Article. Only members in good standing eligible to vote as defined in Section 10 of this Article may vote.

Section 10: Voting

- A. No later than six (6) weeks before the date of a scheduled Annual General Meeting, the Head Office shall circulate a nomination form for the position of District Director to all the members in that District eligible to elect a Director.
- B. The name of any active or life member wishing to be considered as District Director together with the qualifications of that member in less than 200 words, must be sent to the Head Office of the CCGA (C&A) not later than four (4) weeks before the scheduled date for the election of the District Director.
- C. No later than two (2) weeks before the scheduled date for the election of the District Director, the Head Office of the CCGA (C&A), shall send to each member in the District eligible to elect a Director a copy of all the names and qualifications thus received.
- D. Where a single nomination for the position of District Director is received by the Head Office, and the Nominating Committee has not identified a candidate for the election to the position of Director, that nominee shall be elected by acclamation.
- E. Nominations will be accepted at the General Meeting.
- F. Ballots to be voted in person or by proxy at the General Meeting.
- G. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Deputy District Director, the current District Director shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appointment of a Deputy District Director for that District, for the remainder of that term.

New Unit for District 4

District 4 welcomed a new vessel in Owen Sound this past summer. The vessel is an East Coast lobster boat "imported" by Peter Everett. Peter and his crew have completed their SAR training and are operational.

Don Limoges

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District 3

Our District meeting was on held November 28th, 2009 which was attended by the majority of the unit leaders. CGA, C&A President Gary Endicott was also present.

A good story of SAR was the "Pop's Pride" tasking that involved them assisting a crew member of the Algowood and bringing them to shore.

PointSAR, did some training with CASARA. To my knowledge this is the first time this has been done with this organization in D3. Some excellent contacts have been made and we are supposed to do a large training session in the spring both on Lake Huron and Lake Erie. The initial contact with the London CASARA group was made through Geoff Richards of the Ogima Chemaun.

Jamie Kerwin
District 3 Director



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**Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Central & Arctic Region's
Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010
Stage West Hotel, Mississauga**

Nomination of a Candidate for Election

Nomination

I, _____ the undersigned member of the CCGA (Central and Arctic) in District # _____ do
(Please print your name)

hereby Nominate _____ for election of the office of District Director for the said District.
(Please print name)

Signature

Dated

Nomination Seconded

1 _____
Print name in full

Membership #

District

Signature

Date

2 _____
Print name in full

Membership #

District

Signature

Date

This form must be in the hands of the Secretary CCGA (C&A) at least 72 hours before the date of the Annual General Meeting or delivered to the AGM in person.

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