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CCGA-P Receives Second New Initiatives Fund (NIF) Grant

Since the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific's submission of its first New Initiatives Fund (NIF) application in 2002, the organization has developed several exciting projects to help prevent and mitigate Search and Rescue events. NIF funding is limited; therefore, these grants are restricted to the select number of SAR projects that members of the federal Interdepartmental Committee on Search and Rescue (ICSAR) deem worthy of sponsorship.

To date, the Pacific Region has been extremely successful in submitting proposals for this competitive funding, which has compounded into a number of positive initiatives for the organization. On March 6, 2004, the CCGA-P dedicated the first of four Boating Safety Trailers at their 25th Annual General Meeting in Nanaimo. This endeavor, which was met with tremendous approval, was made possible by the acquisition of NIF funding. Two of the four trailers have already been distributed to the Shushwap and the Okanagan Valley where they will serve as Boating Safety displays at public events and transport one of the Auxiliary's six Bobbie the Safety Boats, four of which were acquired through NIF funding.

To support the professional delivery of the Bobbie program and to ensure the correct operation and handling of the robots, an Instructor's Workshop was conducted at the Annual General Meeting. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary members Dean and Nanci Terencio led the one-day workshop. This training session, which included the screening of the recently developed Bobbie the Safety Boat instructional video, was very well received.

The Auxiliary's acquisition of a second NIF grant, late in 2003, promises the implementation of other exciting new projects in the CCGA-P's future. The organization has received approval for its proposed marine simulator program and plans to purchase four simulators in the 2004/2005 fiscal year. One of these simulators will go to the Central and Arctic Region and the other three will be put to use in the Pacific Region.

The primary function of the simulators in the Pacific Region will be to supplement the CCGA-P's on-water and classroom training. Whenever possible, the CCGA-P marine simulator program, which will be the first of its kind in Canada, will also be integrated into the Auxiliary's Boating Safety and SAR prevention programs. Through the incorporation of this technology into existing programs, the Auxiliary will be able to improve the quality and quantity of its training and educate the public with a dynamic and attractive interactive Boating Safety tool.

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President's Comments

It is indeed an honor to serve the many volunteer members of CCGA-P as your President for 2004. This is an office that could not be handled by a volunteer without the valuable support, advice and dedication of all those who have gone before. Our past president, Frank Hudson, has guided us through the past three years with great success, and I am thankful to him for continuing to serve as our past president. Our office staff provides a vital contribution to the successful performance of the president's position on a daily basis.

At this year's AGM, Bruce Falkins was elected to serve as Vice-President and Robin Gardner will serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2004.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors of the CCGA-P: Greg Miller, Zone 1; Jim Lee, Zone 2; Bob Clayton, Zone 6; Bill Dorman, Zone 8; Ryan Woodward, Director of SAR/Operations; and Mike Janicki, Director of Boating Safety. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

The CCGA-P is grateful for the service of the following members who are rotating off the Board of Directors, having completed their terms. Allan de Jersey, Zone 2; Ken Moore, Zone 6; John Thomas, Zone 8; Craig Dunn, Director of Strategic Alliances; Bob McCauley, Director of SAR/Ops. Thank you everyone for your valuable contributions.

2004 The Future

Structural Review Implementation...changing the way our board operates with better communication, accountability and continued good decision-making in mind.

PCOC...we have 90% compliance by our membership. It is now time to plan our delivery of this program to the boating public.

Vessel Simulator...our NIF grant application has been approved for the purchase of three vessel simulators. These units will reduce our cost of training on the water by giving our members an opportunity to learn the operation and techniques of radar, chart mapping, global positioning, radio communications, vessel operation day and night, plus much more in a controlled environment.

Fundraising...as each year passes, every non-profit organization continues to be threatened by financial constraints and reductions. No matter the source of their primary funding, it's always cost-cutting and claw-backs. In our particular case, over the long haul, we have no other choice in that of choosing fundraising as our primary long-term source of income. I, along with our Executive Officer Stan Warlow, will make this a CCGA-P priority for the future...It's really a matter of contributing to our membership in the purchase of new personal safety equipment and other important items.



*Malcolm Dunderdale
President, CCGA-P*

Portfolio Directors – SAR/OPS, Training & Boating Safety...these positions are very demanding and any member holding this position certainly has a large task ahead of them. My personal non-micromanaging position on this is to have confidence in these members and to continually provide help and assistance on an ongoing basis.

In Closing...our volunteer members come from all walks of life, each with their own reason for contributing to our daily operations. We have many valuable partners within our organization, however; our true partners are the silent partners – our families and our employers. It is our wives, husbands, children, boyfriends, girlfriends, family members and companies who just give so much by understanding our responsibilities as volunteers. You know, it's your week for callout, you have your pager or cell phone with you, just about to take off to a picnic, family dinner, family gathering, a day out with your kids, a trip to the beach, a shopping trip for things you just can't live without, or to work during the early morning...and sure enough, we all know it to be true...you're paged by JRCC to help, to aid and assist a mariner who is in trouble, without our family's and employer's understanding of what we do, the CCGA-P would certainly not be as effective as proven over the past 25 years.

Be safe always...

Malcolm



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Thanks, for the Memories

AGM 2004

Frank Hudson, *Past President*

Frank has a unique leadership ability and boundless devotion and energy to the cause of CCGA-P. He is a visionary and continually tries to improve how CCGA-P conducts business. An example of his vision is the recent review of the organization's management structure that he spearheaded. This structural review has set the groundwork for the restructuring of CCGA-P and the development of a governance board that will serve CCGA-P members for many years to come. Frank has been instrumental in taking advantage of all the various support programs unique to British Columbia for additional funds for CCGA-P.

Frank's dedication to marine safety and community service has benefited not only the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the maritime community but also countless Canadians in British Columbia and across the country.

Harry Strong

CEO, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (National)

Working with Frank Hudson was, and continues to be, a privilege. His determination to raise the stature and abilities of the CCGA-P was without bounds. Frank fostered an atmosphere of trust and ability and injected the much-needed humour into every discussion we were involved in. We will continue to reap the benefits of his tenure for years to come. He has become a good friend. Thank you, Frank.

Bruce Falkins

Vice-President, CCGA-P

Personally I credit Frank with providing me with reassurance, leadership, being a mentor to me in my role as a director, leading to personal development I was certainly not expecting when I joined the CCGA-P board three years ago. Aside from being a fellow board member, I can truly say Frank is a terrific friend.

Allan Hughes

Director Zone 5, CCGA-P

History will prove that during Frank's tenure the CCGA-P recorded its greatest period of positive development and growth.

Stan Warlow

Executive Officer

At the close of this year's AGM we bid a fond farewell and extend our sincere thanks to the following board members: Frank Hudson, as outgoing President of the CCGA-P, Ken Moore, who recently retired from his position as Director, Zone 6 and plans to just take it easy for a while, and John Thomas, former Director, Zone 8, who is stepping aside to devote more time to some exciting local pursuits. We wish you all the best in your new endeavours.

Please welcome your new
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CCGA-P Awards

Congratulations to the following Auxiliarists who were presented with CCGA-P Awards during the 26th Annual General Meeting at a special Dinner Banquet and Awards Ceremony held on Saturday March 6th:

Certificate of Appreciation

To those members that have contributed meaningfully to the work of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary during the past year.

Laura McCann, 55 Powell River

Adrian White, 14 Gibsons



Laura McCann



Adrian White



Allan Hughes



Mark Stipek



Bruce Falkins



Frank Hudson

Certificate of Commendation

To those members that have displayed commitment and professionalism through their service with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific.

Phillip Grange, 25 Gulf Islands

Allan Hughes, 60 Comox

David Rees-Thomas, 1 Howe Sound

Betty Seaton, 29 Ladysmith

Mark Stipek, 14 Gibsons

Certificate of Merit

To those members that have given meritorious service to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific.

Allan Ferris, 27 Nanaimo

Lifetime Membership Award

To those members and/or units that have demonstrated a long term commitment to the Auxiliary beyond the usual conditions of membership

Harold Clay, 61 Pender Harbour

Bruce Falkins, 1 Howe Sound

Frank Hudson, 35 Victoria

Please note, not all award recipients are pictured on these pages.

Blue Spirit Award

In recognition of contributions to SAR prevention.

James Nelson, *103 Vancouver*

Executive Officer's Award

In recognition of a Unit's significant contributions to the goals of the entire Pacific Region.

Unit 38 Long Beach

Gerry Moka Award

In recognition of outstanding work in prevention.

Len Babins, *6 Richmond North*

Incident Duration Award

In recognition of the Unit that took part in the year's longest incident.

Unit 36 Saanich

John McLean Award

In recognition of outstanding service given to the CCGA-P by an owner/operator.

Lyle Willson, *26 Cowichan Bay*

JRCC Award

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre's Award in recognition of Unit operations.

Unit 37 Sooke

Lindsey Halliday Award

In recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the boating safety program

Bob Clayton, *106 Shushwap*



Mark Livingstone



Len Babins



Dave Lindley



John Thomas
for Lyle Willson

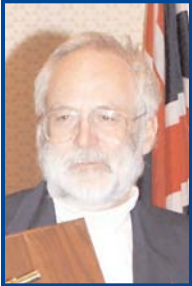


George Bendell



Bob Clayton

CCGA-P Awards, *cont.*



David Rees-Thomas



Steve Sawyer



Curtis Bolton

MIKE Award

In recognition of the first rescue of the year.

Unit 36 Saanich

OBS Award

In recognition of significant contributions in the advancement of boating safety.

Dave Lamb, *103 Vancouver*

Operations Director's Award

In recognition of outstanding SAR readiness demonstrated consistently by a CCGA-P unit.

Unit 1 Howe Sound

Roger Wishart Award

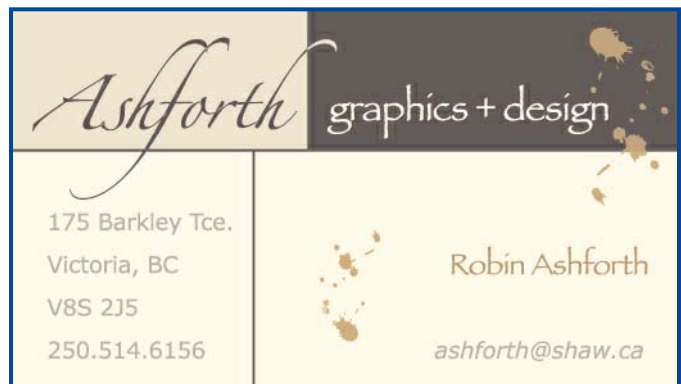
In recognition of outstanding contributions to the Unit in the fields of training, boating safety and SAR/Operations.

Steve Sawyer, *14 Gibsons*

Tolonen Award

In recognition of outstanding operational record in volunteer marine Search and Rescue in a support role to the Canadian Coast Guard.

Unit 27 Nanaimo



National Awards

CCGA National Awards were presented during the awards luncheon on Saturday, March 6th, to the following members:

Heroism Medal

The Heroism Medal is the CCGA's highest honour. Given to members of the Auxiliary in recognition of extreme skill in performing an assist or rescue that involves risk to the Auxiliarist's life. This award recognizes heroism in the face of grave personal risk and which clearly stands out as above normal expectations. Congratulations to:

Greg Blanchette, *38 Long Beach*
Shawn England, *38 Long Beach*

Exemplary Service Medal

The Exemplary Service Medal honours the lifetime achievements of members whose contributions have been outstanding for the organization. Congratulations to:

Dave Lindley, *36 Saanich*

Leadership Medal

The Leadership Medal is given to members of the Auxiliary in recognition of sustained professional and/or leadership achievements in operations or administration. Congratulations to:

Malcolm Dunderdale, *66 Queen Charlotte*
Frank Hudson, *35 Victoria*
Mike Janicki, *7 Richmond*
Dave Lamb, *103 Vancouver*
Ken Moore, *12 Halfmoon Bay*
Duncan Peacock, *63 Kitimat*
Mark White, *35 Victoria*

Operational Merit Medal

The Operational Merit Medal is awarded to Auxiliarists in recognition of superior skill in performing an assist, or rescue, or other meritorious operational service. Congratulations to:

Mark Stipec, *14 Gibsons*
Adrian White, *14 Gibsons*

Certificate of Appreciation

The Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to members who have given noteworthy co-operation or assistance to the Auxiliary and its activities. Congratulations to:

Ian Arklie, *39 Port Alberni*
Sheila Flynn, *14 Gibsons*
Amarah Gabriel, *25 Gulf Islands*
Geoff Gould, *64 Prince Rupert*
Victor Lironi, *34 Mill Bay*
Hugh McKinnon, *60 Comox*
Carol Smith, *102 Fraser Valley*
Jim Toogood, *7 Richmond*
Peter Wilson, *14 Gibsons*

Canadian Safe Boating Council



At the Toronto International Boat Show, Austin Gilbert, Unit 27 Nanaimo, was presented the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC)'s award for 'Top Volunteer Dedicated to Boating Safety' in recognition to his commitment to the development of safe boating programs.

Thank You

Thanks to the following companies for participating as exhibitors in the 2004 AGM Trade Show and for donating to the Silent Auction:

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Silent Auction and Trade Show 2004 Something for Everyone

Two events added to the excitement of this year's AGM. Along with the weekend's full agenda of training workshops, business meetings, tours, and awards presentations, delegates had the opportunity to view and discuss products from various companies during the Trade Show held Thursday evening, as well as the chance to bid on some unique items in the Silent Auction held Thursday to Sunday.

The Trade Show gave exhibitors the opportunity to discuss product lines with members, directors, unit leaders, and guests. Fourteen companies displayed the latest in first aid and survival technology, marine related electronics products, and marine gear.

The third annual Silent Auction continued the tradition of success this event has enjoyed the past two years. Generous donors contributed a total of 91 items ranging from original art, handmade pieces, limited edition prints and gift certificates for travel, accommodation, and services to marine equipment and all weather gear.

Thanks to the generosity of auction donors and the enthusiasm of bidders, the 2004 Silent Auction raised just over \$6400. Funds raised from the weekend-long auction helped to offset the cost of the AGM.

Kelly Bulmer

Financial Development Co-ordinator
CCGA-Pacific



Nikita Franzmann, Unit 27 Nanaimo, oversees the Silent Auction tables.

CCGA-P would like to thank the following corporate donors for their support of the 2004 Annual General Meeting, Silent Auction and Training Conference:

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Lari Robson
Paul Ugartua
Robert Amos
Robert Bateman
Roger Casson
Trevor Hancock
Unit 27 Nanaimo
Unit 34 Mill Bay
Unit 39 Port Alberni
Unit 59 Deep Bay
Unit 60 Comox

Boating Safety Video Premier

Moby the Safety Dog

Moby the Safety Dog, the rough cut version, premiered at this year's AGM to the delight of the 100+ audience.

Aimed at children ages up to grade 5, but obviously well-received by audiences of all ages, Moby is a Jack Russell with personality who helps teach basic boating safety rules through this clever video production.

Moby is shocked out of his sleepy dog life when the 'kids' he should have been watching disappear and have a boating accident.

In a classic superhero response, he becomes *Moby the Safety Dog* and joins in the search along with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Coast Guard and other volunteers to help find the kids. He also finds the purpose of his life: to teach kids the Boating Safety rules so they can have fun on the water and be safe.

His reminder is *Be Smart. Be Safe. Know the Boating Safety Rules* which are:

- Always swim and boat with a buddy.
- Wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) that fits properly.
- Tell an adult where you are going and when you will be back.
- Don't stand up in a boat.
- If your boat does capsize, stay with your boat, blow your whistle and stay calm.

Run time approx. 8 min. on VHS or DVD.

This film was conceived, written and produced by artist and filmmaker Amarah Gabriel (Royal Dove Films). Jubal Hume (Evolution Films) co-directed, and edited the piece. Financial assistance was provided through Gulf Island Marine Rescue Society (GIMRS), with the help of many donated hours from the artists themselves and the community. Special thanks to Jan Rabson, a professional voice-over actor with many Hollywood credits who recently moved to Salt Spring, for the wonderful voice of Moby.

Amarah Gabriel

Unit 25 Gulf Islands

Training Update

**Volunteers
Saving Lives
at Sea**

Training is an Investment

The purpose of training is to enhance knowledge and skills, which will ultimately enhance your capability to provide effective Search and Rescue services to the public.

The training model adopted by the CCGA-Pacific is based on the following components: having a training standard; having a training manual or reference material; the proper delivery of this material; the evaluation of our members to the standard; the recording of our training; and finally, providing overall support to our training. This training approach was introduced to ensure that all CCGA-Pacific members and crews are trained to the highest possible standard. After all, we have a 'moral' and 'legal' responsibility to ensure our volunteers are trained to do what we ask them to do – Save Lives on the Water. This training is essential for the benefit of each individual crew member, their fellow crew members and the people we assist everyday.

The strength of our organization lies within its uniqueness. This uniqueness is brought on by our challenging geographic region and the unique composition that makes up our Dedicated Rescue Vessel (DRV) Units, Owner Operator Units, CCG / CCGA Co Crewed Units and Boating Safety Units. The common thread is our 1400 dedicated volunteers that man our 109 vessel fleet, in 49 various units spread throughout the Province and most importantly, our willingness to work together as one Region in the pursuit of being recognized as one of the most highly respected, trained and dedicated Marine Rescue Volunteer organizations in the world.

In the past two years, we have laid structure, education and forethought into our training. We have also tackled our Crew Level Standard and manual and ensured that individuals and units have fairly benefited from our training hour allocation, First Aid Training programs and RHIOT training. In addition, Unit Leaders have been given the responsibility and tools to deliver the initial orientation, probation and Crew Level training to our members under the guidance of their own Unit Training Plans. Instructor, Evaluator and Trainer courses, Unit Leader workshops and SAR competitions have also been organized and implemented at a Regional level. We have made our 'sail plan', set our course and now, we are staying the course.

Training is an investment – it takes time, dedication and willingness.

The future is looking very bright. We have begun to tackle our recording systems through the introduction of our personalized Training Log Book, specifically designed to support the Pacific Region training approach. We are currently working on new training standards for Coxswains, Advance Crew and Advance Boat Handling and are developing Leadership Training and Specific Training Standards that will support the various development profiles used within our DRV, Owner Operator, Co-crewed and Boating Safety Units. We are also actively making every effort to ensure that our training can be accredited with nationally, or internationally recognized certificates of competency and of qualifications.

Training resources are continually being considered and developed in order to support all levels of training. Printed training material, reference material, designated and self study courses, computer-based training and videos are being developed and expanded in order to set up a comprehensive training resource library with suitable training aids.

The development of the Advance Rescue Trainer / Evaluator (ARTE) team is continuing with great success. These team members, who are experienced Coxswains, are selected for their ability to form part of a mobile Regional training team that can be used throughout the region to assist all units. ARTE team members are being trained to evaluate the higher skill / knowledge standards for the various programs and to assist in the development of new regional training courses and standards. The biggest asset of the ARTE team will be their ability to provide unit assistance visits by performing a unit training analysis, providing essential individual / crew training, using the appropriate delivery technique and by assisting the unit leadership in the development of unit training goals.

CCGA-Pacific Region has a very systematic approach to training. Training is considered essential and it must never stop. It must also remain flexible, in order to adapt and support the goals and operations of CCGA-Pacific, its dedicated volunteers and the uniqueness of each of its units. Be a participant; help invest in your future.



Brian Cameron

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*Train as if your life
depends on it...
because somebody's will*

SAR / Ops Update

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

MEMBERS

Make sure to check the CCGA-P Member's website for updates to policies and procedures of the organization.

UNIT LEADERS

Don't forget to check the CCGA-P Unit Leader's section of the website for updates to your Unit Leader Manual.

www.ccg-p.ca

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank the outgoing Director of SAR/Operations – Bob McCauley – for all his hard work over the last year and I look forward to working with him over the coming year, as he will continue to work with the Operations team handling the SAR Mission Report review. I would also like to thank Allan Hughes, Zone 5 Director, for his ongoing support and help because without it, this portfolio would not accomplish as much.

The number one item on the Operations agenda is developing a more manageable workload for the day-to-day tasks handled within this portfolio. To accomplish this, an organizational chart has been developed. This org chart breaks down tasks into more manageable components. Some of the tasks that have been identified include: damage and insurance claims (to be handled by Allan Hughes); SAR Mission Report review (to be handled by Bob McCauley); tracking vessels-on-offer to the CCGA-P; working with units that have CCGA-P loaned vessels on R&M issues; handling Special Event & Guest requests; and tracking pagers. None of these tasks are "glamorous" in any sense of the word, but all are things that need to be done, done well and done consistently.

The more efficient the routine, day-to-day jobs are made, the easier it will be for the Operations team to give priority to moving ahead with the 'forward-looking projects' that have been identified. This is an area in which we hope to get strong support from the membership. All roles offer a chance to get involved with the Operations team and this is an excellent starting point for members who are interested in taking on progressively larger roles either within Operations or within the organization. We need the help!

Regarding SAR Mission Reports, the SAR Report Form is currently being revised and the plan is to deliver a *new* and *improved* Form that's more relevant and easier to use. Also, based on a suggestion made at the AGM, we are looking at developing a more user-friendly SAR Mission Report Guide.

On the SAR Report Form itself look for two new fields:

- one indicates whether the Owner/Operator of any craft assisted had a PCOC at the time, and
- one that will help to identify 'outstanding' operations by our members.

A number of fields will remain unchanged but need special attention paid to them:

- **LIVES SAVED/ASSISTED:**

If the vessel you have assisted was in grave and imminent danger, you may have **saved** the people on board **OR** you may have **assisted** them – this is the decision of the Coxswain or Owner/Operator. Please be aware, however, that you cannot both save **and** assist – it's one or the other, not both.

Indicating both leads to unnecessary work and guesswork and ultimately results in errors to the database.

- **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

Please include detail here – simply recording departure times and return times is not enough – we need to be able to determine what your vessel did while handling the incident (this also means we need to be able to read your writing).

As the busy season approaches, try to have your Special Event Requests into the CCGA-P Office as soon as your unit becomes aware of them. Submissions should be at least two weeks in advance of the event. We will try to accommodate short notice requests, but can not guarantee authorizations on extremely short notice (i.e. less than a few days).

Please be aware that the Special Events budget is very limited. If your unit receives a Special Event authorization, it is expected that you will participate as indicated and that subsequently a claim will be submitted. If, for some reason, your unit does not plan on submitting a claim or does not participate in the event, please notify us.

I am delighted to have the privilege of being back as the Director of SAR/Operations. I'm looking forward to a busy, productive and, most importantly, safe year. Comments, suggestions and input are always welcome – please feel free to contact me.



Ryan Woodward

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REMINDER – AVIs & PCCCs

As this is an even year, all CCGA-P vessels in even numbered units are due to complete and send in their AVI, PCCC, recent vessel photograph and inventory of all CCGA-P loaned equipment.

The current information must be submitted to the CCGA-P Office within 60 days following the AGM. So the **deadline** is **May 7th**.

For more information, please refer to Auxiliary Vessel Inspections Policy (VES-101) which can be found on the website under the Unit Leader's page, just look for the Policy & Procedures link.

Boating Safety Update

Hello All

I would like to thank you all for your patience as we ramp up for the 2004 boating season. A number of Units have started with various displays and public events already.

Let me start with a little bit of my history and current 'status' so that you have an idea how I fit into all this. I am married with one offspring; a female variety who is 20 (thinks she's 30, but acts like 10 at times). I have been a member of the CCGA-P since 1993 with Unit 7 (Steveston). I was the Unit Leader of Unit 7 until just recently when I stopped to take a break, as you might note so much for the break. I am currently an electrical engineer with Nokia where I design aspects of cellular phones. This is full-time employment. Sorry, I can't get you a good deal on a phone - bummer, I don't get any deals either.

So, what's going to happen in the Boating Safety Department of the CCGA-P? Well, we need to break up the tasks so the department is sustainable and manageable. You may have noticed that an Organizational Chart has been produced and recruiting for the positions is underway. Focus groups will allow quicker reaction time to requests and changes. Accountability is necessary in our society so the forms and costs need to be tracked and justified.

On the matter of forms, the fill-in-the-form online option has been removed, as when I received information, such as the contact information to reply to, was usually missing. It's kind of difficult to reply with an authorization number when a 'return address' is missing. The way I'm hoping the forms will work out is that if a Event Request is filled in, a request form for the other items will also be accompanied, such as Bobbie, Van, etc. and all associated (estimated) costs will be on the Event Request. Then I can review and issue an authorization number, which will track our expected costs to the allowed budget.

To help keep everyone 'in the loop' and share info, I've been trying to create and distribute monthly reports of what's been going on within the Boating Safety Department. For February a report was not filed as the AGM was the venue, but also consumed too much time to create a separate report.

Well, I'm going to keep this short, so I'll leave it at that. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Take care.

Boating Safety – Saving Lives, Without Getting Wet!



Mike Janicki

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Flotsam & Jetsam

History on the Beaches of Nanaimo

I thought that I might share this interesting call that Unit 27 Nanaimo had recently.

A person had reported a seaplane float on the beaches of north Nanaimo. We investigated and found what appeared to be something of that nature but didn't look like the ones that you see today. We could tell that it was very old and just happened to wash up.

After the tasking, our duty Coxswain, Doug Smith, was able to investigate via the internet. His research indicates that the item we found may have been from a WW2 plane like the one pictured here. I found this to be interesting and I was proud that Smith had gone to the trouble afterwards to find out what this 'float' really was.



Steve Jackson

Deputy Unit Leader
Unit 27 Nanaimo

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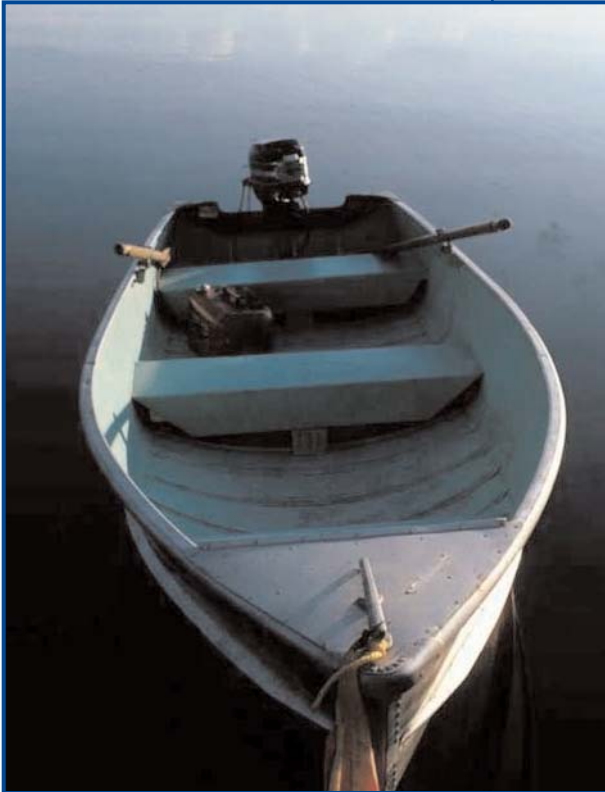
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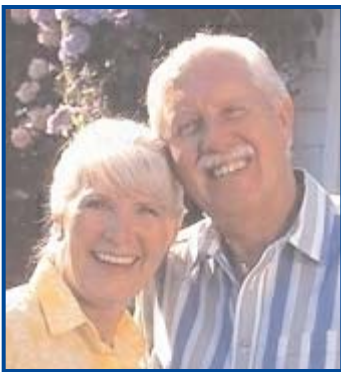
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Southern SAREX

On February 21, 2004, Auxiliary 5 Crescent Beach hosted a major SAR Exercise involving 4 Units from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – 5, 6, 7, and 8 – along with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel Sea Ark and the Canadian Coast Guard Hovercraft Siyay including her dive team and E.H.S.

Two major scenarios simulated around the International Regatta, held off White Rock each April, were designed to test the Auxiliary Units' abilities to work together in handling a number of incidents occurring simultaneously. With seven vessels tasked, all in sight of the White Rock Pier, the public was able to witness the event close up.

The morning exercise involved the collision of three sailing vessels. With multiple casualties both on board the vessels and three in the water, the units were kept extremely busy stabilizing the situation. After a debrief on the pier, the pagers went off again with a power vessel that had hit the breakwater and sunk. Two injured victims had to be taken off the breakwater, two more were in a dinghy and a fifth was missing. If all this wasn't enough during this time, a report of a spectator falling off the pier into the water was received. The CCG Hovercraft Siyay assumed on-scene command for the afternoon scenario giving us all an excellent opportunity to work with this major asset. The CCG Dive Team were in the water and put on a great show for all.

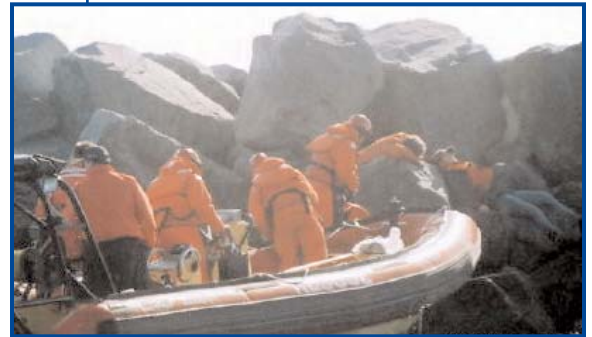
With the sun shining in White Rock, a large number of the public was on hand to watch, and many favorable comments were made about the Auxiliary. It was especially good to have our US colleagues from the USCGA and their new dedicated fast response vessel, Sea Ark, participating along side our units.

The training value of this event was huge and all who were there left with many lessons learned, as well as a confident feeling of a job well done.

Three Vancouver television stations covered this event and we were prominent on the local newscasts throughout the day.

Stu Worthington

Unit Training Officer
Unit 5 Crescent Beach



Rescue on the Rocks



Debriefing



The Spectators



Pulled from the Water

On the Water

Rescue Off Texada Island

I was out on the Strait of Georgia with a friend and his daughter who were visiting from England. The water was very rough, with a 20 knot plus wind, and the water condition was a 2' chop on a low easterly swell. That means very rough for my 19' Bayliner, Small Change. As we cleared French Creek harbour, I could see Geoff brace himself and go pale. Despite his obvious fear, he wanted to continue as his time here and the opportunities to get out on the water were very limited. I worked Small Change past the Parksville beaches to Northwest Bay and protected water for some sightseeing. By the time we got there, Geoff had relaxed, realizing we were not in imminent danger of breaking apart and sinking. His daughter thought the ride was fun!

Suddenly the radio shrieked '*Pan Pan, Pan Pan. Somebody help us! We're on the rocks and my husband is in the water!*' Before I could reply, Comox Coast Guard radio was talking to them, getting details. The boat was at the east end of Texada Island in an area of dangerous rocks, and had struck one. The boat was not taking on water, but the wind had driven the sailboat onto the shore. The man had jumped onto the slick rocks to try to hold the boat off, and was in the water acting

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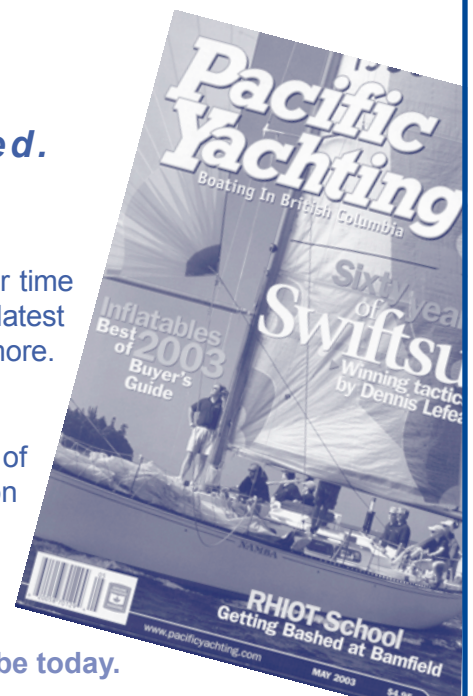
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Dear Members of the Ogden Point Coast Guard Auxiliary,

On 3:40 pm Friday afternoon you responded to a report of a burning vessel between Discovery and Trial Islands. The promptness of your response and the professional way in which you executed our rescue helped avoid what could have potentially been a much worse, more tragic situation.

We appreciate you coordinating our safe return to Oak Bay Marina, and for towing our canoe to the dock. As we were standing on shore watching a flicker of light that we knew was our boat, we could only wonder how the battle was going; to have you return to update us on the succession of the conflagration was unnecessary but enormously helpful and overwhelmingly satisfying.

We realize that all the crew who responded to our mayday situation sacrificed their personal time to come to our aide; we are deeply indebted to you and thank you for your contribution to our safety.

We thank you for all your help last Friday, it was very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Nugent
Peter Sloan
Mark Sloan
Dave Jaul

like a human fender. It was quickly apparent that the call should have been a Mayday call, and we were in a position to respond. With Geoff's hesitant agreement, I headed out to the location, some ten miles across the stormy waters.

The radio continued with the Coast Guard giving directions and getting information from the boat in distress.

We were about half way there when we saw the Kestrel 1 round the east end of Lasquetti Island. The first responder was Pac One from Lasquetti Island, run by members of Unit 58 of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific. The second was the fast response rigid-hull inflatable Coast Guard boat, pounding through the 6' plus waves at some 30 knots. It was too rough for me to do more than 20 to 25 knots, and even then I had to stay sharp. Going faster could destroy the boat; then there would be two boats to rescue.

We listened as the rescue progressed, and arrived on scene just as the Pac One was backing into the waves with the sailboat in tow. One of the full-time Coast Guard boarded the boat to look after the injuries. The man was mildly hypothermic, and had several broken ribs. His wife and children were uninjured, but shaken by the ordeal. The boat was not badly damaged, thanks to the human bumper. I offered to transport the injured man back to French Creek while the RIB towed the boat to port, but the ride was declined, as the man wanted to remain with his boat and family, and his medical condition was stable. He was a medical doctor, so was qualified to make the decision.

We helped transfer some stuff from boat to boat, so the Pac One would not have to make the long crossing to the mainland and could return to its island station, then we headed back to French Creek. The ride back was slower but smoother, running with the large waves, and much more enjoyable.

Jeff Hale

Unit 58 French Creek



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Unit Updates

Unit 6 Richmond North

New Boat

Unit 6 took possession this month of the latest addition to the CCGA-P fleet. Years of fundraising and planning have finally paid off in the form of a Carswell Titan 249 XL.



The vessel sports some interesting customizations, including a pumphouse storage system along the sides under the tubes; angled rear bolster top with a recessed mounting plate and a plexiglass lid; additional storage compartments; and a modified fuel filling configuration. Another nice touch is the Espar diesel heater to keep the windshield clear, with attachments to warm up the inside of a cruiser suit!!

Power is provided by twin Yamaha 200 hp four stroke engines. The boat also boasts some state of the art electronics from Furuno, including a two station Plotter/Radar setup, flux gate compass, Taiyo Direction Finder, 3 Mcom radios, and possibly the largest radar scanner ever seen on a RIB.

If your Unit is looking for a new vessel or is interested in the planning and decision making process involved in choosing a new boat, Unit 6 is more than willing to share their learning experience.

The Strait of Georgia Marine Rescue Society, a proud supporter of Unit 6, will be planning a boat dedication ceremony in Richmond in the next couple of months.

Unit 6 has sold their existing Zodiac 733 to Unit 38 Long Beach where the vessel will continue her Auxiliary service on the West Coast.

Paddy Ryan

Unit 6 Richmond North

Unit 8 Delta

In the Swim

Unit 8 (Delta) were 'in the swim' of the Christmas season this year by participating in two local 'cultural events' – the arrival of Santa and the Polar Bear Swim in Boundary Bay. Both events went off swimmingly and there were lots of smiling faces, albeit; in the latter event some of them took on a bit of a blue hue!

The team appreciated the opportunity to assist their community in such positive activities and recognizes how their participation at events such as these helps when it comes to asking members of their community to reach into their pocket-books and their hearts to help fund their life saving activities.

Bruce Adams

Unit 8 Delta

Unit 5 Crescent Beach

Unit 14 Gibsons

Unit 38 Long Beach

Unit 63 Kitimat

New Shields

Just in time for this year's AGM, these four units finalized their new shields and brought the colourful banners along for unveiling.

Each shield is unique to the unit and/or their particular area. Crescent Beach chose to have their boat as the focal point of their new shield. Gibsons decided that their area is well-known for the Molly's Reach landmark.

Kitimat incorporated the mountain's and snowflake of their town's logo along with the life ring of the Auxiliary. Long Beach also chose to feature their boat along with the image of big waves.



All Units are encouraged to develop their own unique shield. To start the process, please call (250) 592-5357 or email Robin Ashforth at ashforth@shaw.ca.

Unit 27 Nanaimo

Relationship with the Nanaimo Yacht Club

Auxiliary 27 Nanaimo has developed a new relationship with the Nanaimo Yacht Club (NYC) assisting the club with special on-the-water events and conducting courtesy exams. Nanaimo Marine Search and Rescue Society was also happy to accept a \$5,125 donation from the NYC, a contribution prompted by presentations made by the Unit outlining their fundraising goals.

Other news includes Nanaimo's January Unit meeting, at which Commander Barry Sparks, from CF Maritime Experimental Test Ranges in Nanoose, educated the Unit about one of the only torpedo test ranges on the West Coast of North America which happens to be in the Nanaimo area.

Steve Jackson

Unit 27 Nanaimo

People on the Move

Alex Ross, remembered

Tribute to Alex Ross

This past November 29, 2003 our community and Unit 69 Sandspit lost a wonderful and valued friend and member. His participation, enthusiasm and energy helped us to accomplish many of our objectives.

He had a real love for the water and although a retired school teacher from the Kootenays, he worked as a Salmon fish guide in the summer. Because of his knowledge of the local waters and that many of his friends and associates boated in these waters, he joined the Auxiliary so he could help those in trouble.

He worked well with all the members of the Unit, participating and contributing whether in a meeting, training, or on a call out. He brought experience, practical solutions, a helpful hand and always infectious humor to the Unit's activities.

He will be missed by the Unit, the community, his family and his many fishing clients and associates. He would surely say each of us has something to contribute to the Auxiliary whether you are a crew person, coxswain, Unit Leader or part of the support organization. He would appreciate that contribution and encourage the other volunteers in their efforts.

Jim Henry

Unit Leader
Unit 69 Sandspit

Ken Moore, Director Zone 6, retired

Ken Moore has devoted his life to 'the sea' and has served the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific for over 20 years. After stints as Unit Leader for Unit 12 Halfmoon Bay, Boating Safety Director from 1998 to 2001 and Zone 6 Director from 2001 to 2004, Ken has decided to step back, take it easy, smell the roses and let someone else do all the work. Thanks for your many years of dedication to the organization Ken and enjoy!

Steve Sawyer, Unit Leader, 14 Gibsons, retired

Since 2000, Steve Sawyer has been the Unit Leader of Unit 14 Gibsons. Due to work and family commitments, Sawyer recently decided to take a leave of absence from the operations of the Unit where he remains a member.

Steve began his time as Unit Leader with several clear goals in sight: obtaining a permanent building for the Unit station, obtaining a new rescue boat for the community, and building up the Unit with highly-trained volunteers. Due to his unflagging enthusiasm and tireless leadership, all of these goals have been accomplished. Steve also dedicated his own vessel, the M V. Pearkes, to the Unit for both training and search-and-rescue operations. Thank you, Steve, for all your hard work!

Simon Pearce, CCGA-P Equipment Officer, moved

Simon Pearce, Unit 35 Victoria, has flown the coop. He's flying off into the wild blue yonder to follow his dream of becoming a commercial pilot. Unfortunately, he'll be doing it in the wilds of Northern Ontario so our loss is North Bay, Ontario's gain.

Simon became a member of Unit 35 in 1999. During his brief stint with the CCGA-P he quickly got involved and served as Deputy Unit Leader, Unit Leader and CCGA-P Equipment Officer. Simon is married to Kim Pearce, also an Auxiliarist, who will remain with us until she finishes school. Best of luck in your new endeavours Simon!

Robin Ashforth, Special Projects Officer, independent graphic designer

Though only with the CCGA-P for a short time, Robin Ashforth put her graphic design talents to work producing the Dolphin, Training Log Book, Annual Report, public awareness materials, advertisements and much more.

Though she will no longer be working day-to-day as the Special Projects Officer, she'll still be producing a variety of print materials for the Auxiliary as an independent graphic designer and can be reached at (250) 592-5357 or by email at ashforth@shaw.ca.