



Annual Review 2002



Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water



Message of the CEO



Mr. John Adams
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Dear John:

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is proud to present you with our Annual Report of activities for the year 2002.

This past year has kept the volunteers of the CCGA very busy with 2,120 taskings to search and rescue incidents.

With 4,988 members and 1,410 vessels (value of the Auxiliary fleet is \$280 million), the resources made available to the Canadian Coast Guard are considerable and the contribution significant.

Our Safe Boating officers also had a very productive year. The CCGA was present at 492 boat shows and public displays and 3,125 courtesy checks were performed on private vessels.

1,874 training sessions and exercises have allowed Auxiliaries to hone their skills. The CCGA also held five regional SAR skills competitions across Canada and joined the USCG Auxiliary for the International SAR Competition held in Milwaukee last October.

We are pleased to report that 3,990 CCGA members (80% of total membership) have now obtained their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary had a very successful year in 2002. We're looking forward to support Coast Guard Activities in 2003 as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

On behalf of our members, we'd like to thank the Coast Guard for its continued support.

Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

2002 at a Glance

January

Auxiliarists Robert Petitpas, Adrian Lee, Norm Dyck and Zoltan Toth are awarded Canadian Safe Boating (CASBA) Awards at the Toronto International Boat show.

The CCGA joins the CCG celebrating 40 years of Marine Safety and Service to Canadians.

The CCGA C&A holds its Annual General Meeting in Mississauga.

February

CCGA Pacific holds its Annual General Meeting and SAR Skills Competition in Victoria, BC.

Harry Strong is presented with the first ever CCGA Exemplary Service Medal.

CCGA Pacific launches *PFD Loaner Stations* and *Bobbie the Boat* Safe Boating Programs.

March

CCGA Quebec holds its Annual General Meeting in Laval, Quebec.

The CCGA 25th Anniversary logo is approved.

April

The CCGA makes a presentation at the ILF Conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The CCGA signs a five-year Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard.

May

Harry Strong, CEO of the CCGA is presented with Transport Canada's Award of Excellence during Transportation Safety Week.

August

On August 10, CCGA C&A holds its regional SAR Skills Competition in Burlington, Ontario.

Members of CCGA National Council attend the National Convention of the USCG Auxiliary in Orlando.

September

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) make a joint presentation at SARSCENE 2002 in Halifax.

Robert Petitpas, President of CCGA-Q is awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

CCGA Quebec and Maritimes host their regional SAR competitions in Valleyfield and Cheticamp.

A new edition of the CCGA National Guidelines is published and distributed to all Auxiliarists.

October

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary meet in Milwaukee for the third annual Search and Rescue Competition *ISAR 2002*.

Auxiliarist Jeff Eggleton is presented with the Caring Canadian Award.

The CCGA approves a Long Service Medal as part of its National Awards Program.

CCGA Newfoundland hosts its SAR Skills Competition in Burin, NL.

CCGA Exemplary Service Medal is presented to Steve Daoust.

St. John's, Newfoundland is selected to host the *ISAR 2003 Competition*.

Kingston is selected to host CCGA 25th Anniversary National Celebrations on August 9, 2003.

November

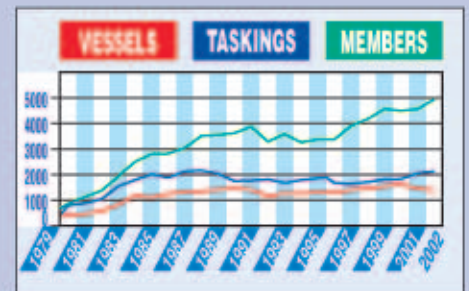
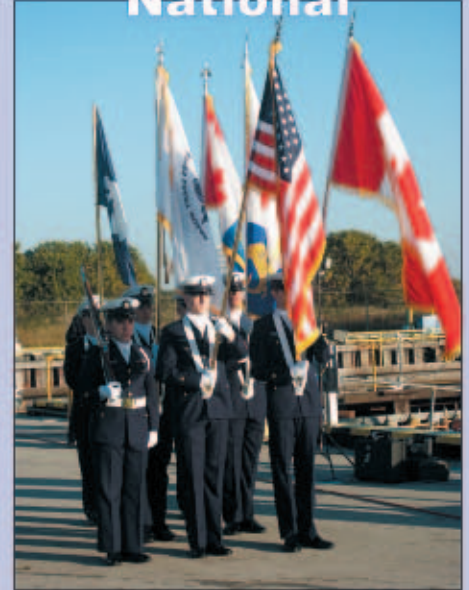
CCGA Maritimes President Frank McLaughlin is presented with the Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Commendation.

December

A CCGA delegation is among 70 representatives from 22 countries to attend the first Caribbean SAR Conference in Miami.

93,600 sessions were recorded on the CCGA National Web Site in 2002.

CCGA National



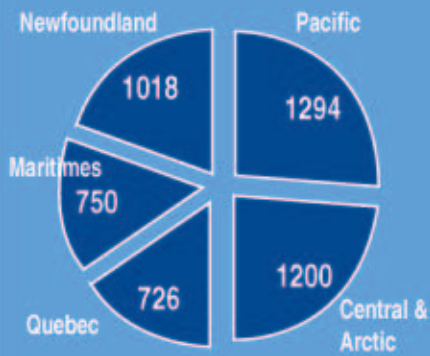
The CCGA currently has 4,988 members and 1,410 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the CCGA were tasked 2,120 times SAR incidents.



Across Canada, auxiliarists participated in 1,874 training exercises and 492 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 3,125 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 80% of the CCGA members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).

CCGA Membership 2002



CCGA Pacific



Frank Hudson, President

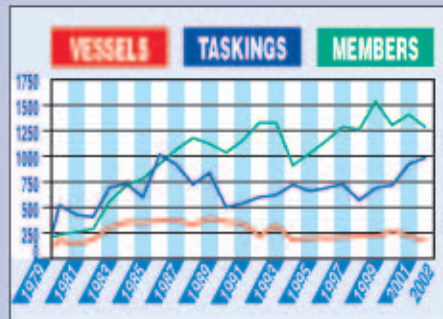
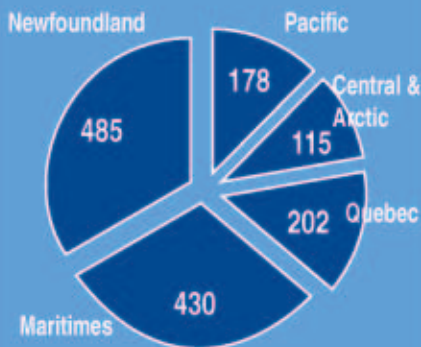
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Central & Arctic

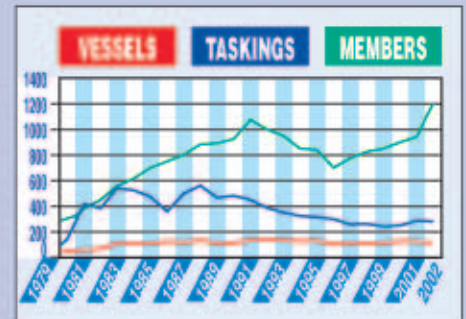


John Levantis, President

CCGA Vessels 2002

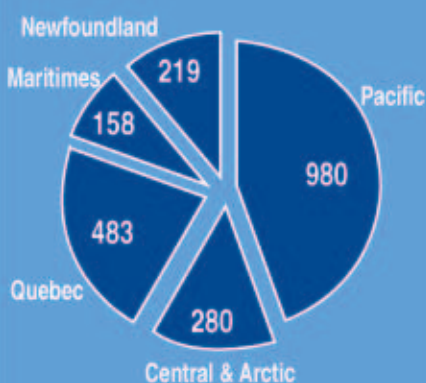


CCGA Pacific currently has 1,294 members and 178 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Pacific region were tasked 980 times to SAR incidents. Members participated in 706 training exercises, 63 boat shows, exhibitions and displays.



CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 1,200 members and 115 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Central and Arctic were tasked 280 times to SAR incidents. The auxiliary also met the challenge in beginning operations in Nunavut.

CCGA Taskings 2002



Members organize demonstrations, displays and pleasure craft conduct courtesy checks year round (981 in 2002). Two new safe boating program were introduced: **Bobbie the Safety Boat** and **Kids Don't Float**.

Currently, 75% of CCGA-Pacific members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.



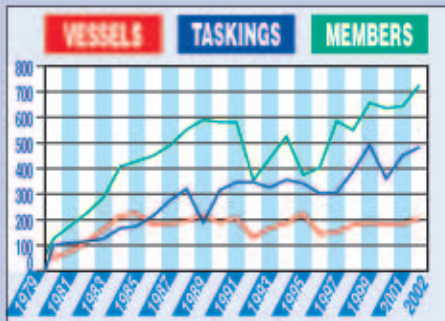
Auxiliarists participated in 1026 training exercises and 200 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They conducted 1,026 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 95% of CCGA C&A members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

CCGA Quebec



Robert Petitpas, President



CCGA Quebec currently has 726 members and 202 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Quebec region were tasked 483 times to SAR incidents.



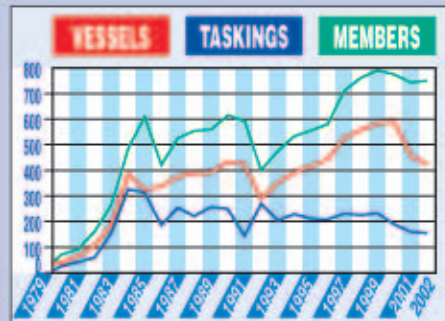
Auxiliarists also participated in 40 training exercises and 200 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They conducted 852 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 97% of CCGA-Q members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card. CCGA Quebec is active as a course provider for the PCOC program.

CCGA Maritimes



Frank McLaughlin, President



CCGA Maritimes currently has 750 members and 430 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Maritimes region were tasked 158 times to SAR incidents.



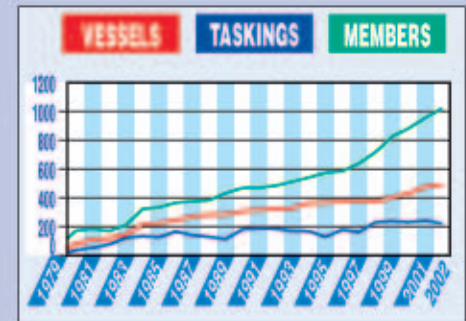
Auxiliarists participated in 89 training exercises and 24 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They also conducted 266 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 86% of CCGA-M members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

CCGA Newfoundland



Winston Pitcher, President



CCGA Newfoundland currently has 1018 members and 485 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in Newfoundland were tasked 219 times to SAR incidents.



Auxiliarists participated in 13 training exercises and 5 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. 184 auxiliarists have received St. John Ambulance advanced first aid training.

Currently, 45% of CCGA-Nfld members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.