



CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (NEWFOUNDLAND) INCORPORATED



NEWSLETTER

TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first annual SAR Games Competitions were held in St. John's in conjunction with the twentieth annual general meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, (CCGA) Newfoundland Incorporated. The meeting portion was held at the Delta Hotel in St. John's on October 09. Attending were:-

Mr. W. Pitcher, President, Director District 5
 Mr. E. Bruce, 1st. Vice-President, Director District 6
 Mr. M. O'Brien, 2nd. Vice-President, Director District 1
 Mr. C. Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7
 Mr. H. Strong, CEO National Council, Director District 8
 Mr. H. Pittman, Director District 2
 Mr. H. Noel, Director District 3
 Mr. W. Snook, Director District 4
 Mr. H. Stagg, Director District 9
 Mr. B. Morey, Representative District 10

Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard representatives were:-

Mr. J. Price, Regional Director General, DFO
 Mr. J. Bütler, Director General, CCG
 Mr. R. Browne, Director Marine Programs
 Mr. A. Patterson, Regional Supervisor, Maritime SAR
 Mr. N. Peet, Supervisor Marine SAR Programs
 Mr. G. Lacey, Training Officer CCGA (N) Inc.
 Ms. V. Dwyer, CCGA Administrative Support

The election of Officer's took place in the afternoon. Mr. Winston Pitcher was re-elected as President; Mr. Edward Bruce was re-elected as 1st. Vice-President; Mr. Marcel O'Brien was re-elected as 2nd. Vice-President; and, Mr. Charles Roberts was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

SARSCENE '99 - Leading SAR Into The Next Millennium

Look out Newfoundland! SARSCENE '99 is heading your way! The National Search and Rescue Secretariat and the Newfoundland and Labrador Ground SAR Association are proud to bring you another exciting workshop -- featuring presentations, a Trade Show, and outdoor demonstrations. There's something for everyone: ground, air and maritime SAR information and the third annual SARSCENE Games Competition! We'd like to see you there and we'd like to hear your ideas for presentations, too!

Registration Fees: Before Feb 1 '99 -- \$60 Feb 1 - Aug 31 '99 -- \$75 After Aug 31 '99 -- \$90

To register for the workshop, the Games, the Trade Show or to suggest a presenter, please contact the staff of the NSS:

Isabelle Beaumont-Frenette

1-800-727-9414 or (613) 992-8215

Trade Show, General Inquiries

Jennifer Reaney

1-800-727-9414 or (613) 996-3035

Presenters, General Inquiries

SAR GAMES '98

The first annual Search And Rescue Games '98 were held on October 10, 1998 at the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club in Conception Bay South. A team represented each of the 10 regional districts in a contest that included five Search and Rescue events as follows:-

EVENT "A" - FIRST AID - EVALUATED THE TEAM'S ABILITY TO ASSESS AN ACCIDENT SCENE.

WINNER - DISTRICT 2 (HERBERT PITTMAN, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS - RONALD PATEY, CECIL RANDELL, KEITH KEARNEY

EVENT "B" - LINE THROWING - ASSESSED THE TEAM'S ABILITY TO THROW A HEAVING LINE AT A STATIONARY, FLOATING TARGET.

WINNER - DISTRICT 1 (MARCEL O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS - EDWARD TURNBULL, ERN STICKLEY, KEVIN NORMORE

EVENT "C" - SEARCH OPERATIONS - TEAM'S WERE TO ORGANIZE, PROSECUTE, AND RESOLVE A SEARCH AND RESCUE INCIDENT.

WINNER - DISTRICT 7 (CHARLES ROBERTS, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS - GARY EAVIS, GEORGE BURSEY, GLEN WINSLOW

EVENT "D" - CHARTWORK - EACH TEAM HAD TO DEMONSTRATE BASIC CHART WORK SKILLS.

WINNER - DISTRICT 1 (MARCEL O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS - EDWARD TURNBULL, ERN STICKLEY, KEVIN NORMORE

EVENT "E" - SAR PUMP - EACH TEAM HAD TO OPERATE THE PUMP IN THE FASTEST WAY POSSIBLE.

WINNER - DISTRICT 8 (HARRY STRONG, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS - SAM LAMBERT, RODERICK NORMORE, FRED BARRETT

Following a day of friendly competition, CCGA participants, organizers, and volunteers enjoyed an evening banquet at the Delta Hotel in St. John's during which the winners were announced. The overall winner of the SAR Competition was the team from District 8, pictured below. The team was the proud recipient of the Captain Peter Troake CM Memorial Trophy and a Mustang Ocean Commander Immersion Suit.

Additional prizes were awarded to the teams who gave the best performance in each event. All participants and District Directors received engraved trophies.

Many thanks to the following supporters of SAR Games '98:

- National Council - Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Canadian Coast Guard - Newfoundland Region
- Delta St. John's
- Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club
- IMP Group
- Campbells Ship Supplies
- Newfoundland Kubota
- Peridot Automotive
- The Pro-Dive Shop
- O'Regan Agencies
- Beresford Limited



Pictured above (L to R) Sam Lambert, Roderick Normore, Fred Barrett, Harry Strong

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, (CCGA) Newfoundland Incorporated celebrated its 20th year of successful operation at its Annual General Meeting in St. John's on October 9th and 10th, 1998. We held our first search and rescue games competition which were a tremendous success. We are looking forward to a similar type of games in the coming year and hopefully, holding National competitions in the year 2000.

CCGA (N) Inc. increased membership in 1998 to 714 with 384 vessels, valued at \$130.8 million dollars, supporting the SAR program in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Auxiliary responded to 226 SAR incidents representing 40% of all SAR incidents in Newfoundland and Labrador.

During the dinner there were a number of members presented with 10 year Membership Awards. As well, awards were presented to the winners in the different competitions. I personally congratulate those members and their families.

An organization is only as strong as its members, therefore you, the members, have the right to be proud of the Auxiliary's accomplishments. I personally congratulate you and thank you and your families for your continued contribution to such a worthy cause. I too am proud to be a member and more especially, to be your president.

Thank you to the Executive, Directors and Coast Guard Staff for their continued contribution to the success of the Auxiliary. With all of us working together, the CCGA (N) Inc. will continue as a strong and effective organization helping our fellow man for many years to come.

Winston Pitcher

President CCGA (N) Inc.





SAR PUMP COMPETITION



SEARCH OPERATIONS

COURTESY VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

 FISHING VESSEL 15 TONS AND UNDER

 PLEASURE CRAFT

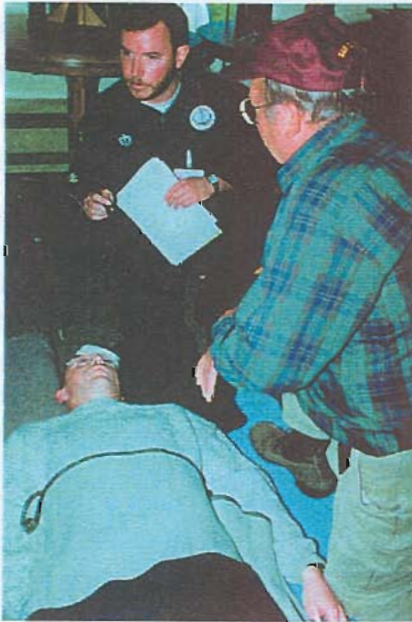
Auxiliary members are reminded of their responsibility to have on board their vessel, and in good operating condition, at least, the mandatory equipment required for Fishing Vessels 15 GRT and under as laid down in the "Small Fishing Vessel Regulations" and Pleasure Craft as laid down in the "Small Vessel Regulations".

Vessels offered for use in Auxiliary activities are subject to periodic examinations as set down in the Operational Guidelines. A representative from the Canadian Coast Guard will be contacting the membership to arrange an examination. If there are questions in this regard please call our toll free number 1-800-563-6158.

W. Pitcher, President



Pictured above H. Strong, CCGA National Chairman, receives the National Search and Rescue Secretariat Outstanding SAR Achievement Award as presented by the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans, David Anderson.



FIRST AID COMPETITION

GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL

As usual, 1998 has been a very exciting and productive year for CCGA. I would like to mention a couple of items that I think were the highlights.

1998 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of CCGA in Canada. All regions held activities to celebrate this milestone in our history. Probably the highlight was a presentation at the SAR Scene Conference in Banff, Alberta when Minister David Anderson presented the President of each region with a memento of the occasion. A presentation was also made by National Commodore Everett Tucker and his International Aide Klaus Bauman of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. We were honored to have these two gentlemen with us for this occasion.

Incidentally, the SAR Scene Conference for 1999 will be held in St. John's, Nfld. In mid October. I strongly urge any member to attend this conference.

As you will see elsewhere in this publication we have held our first SAR skills competition in the Newfoundland Region. This event was a tremendous success and we plan to make it an annual event. Our plan, nationally, is to get these competitions up and running in all regions and then have a National competition. Our target for our first National event is the fall of 2000....so polish up on your SAR skills.

In our budget allocation this year a sum of money was allocated to hire Operational/Business Managers for each regional auxiliary. These positions will take some of the workload off our volunteers. To date a National Business Manager has been hired and each region is in the process of finalizing their plans. I understand Newfoundland Region has just about completed the process.

These positions will make our regional Auxiliaries more efficient in delivering the program to our members and the public at large.

As we look forward to this year and all the strange things that might happen on New Year's Eve and into the year 2000, I wish you all a safe and prosperous 1999.

Harry Strong

Chief Executive Officer, CCGA National

TO ALL AUXILIARISTS:

CCGA (N) Inc. has a successful and productive year in 1998. As mentioned in the President's report, your involvement in nearly 40% of the maritime SAR incidents in Newfoundland Region, once again demonstrates your commitment to the Association and to your fellow mariners.

1998 was also a productive year for the Associations training and equipment programs:

- Many of you received first-aid training in the beginning of the year;
- Funding through the New SAR Initiatives program was committed to provide a large number of floater suits, PFD's and emergency dewatering pumps to Auxiliarists. 1999 will see a continuation of this program;
- CCGA (N) Inc. held its 1st Annual SAR Games Competition, which proved to be an overwhelming success; and,
- Several Auxiliary vessels participated in SAR exercises with Labrador Helicopters from 103 Rescue Squadron, Gander.

We hope that 1999 will see a continuation of these valuable programs plus extensive participation in SARSCENE '99.

The mission of the CCGA is to provide a National Volunteer Rescue Service. The Association in Newfoundland in an organization that is committed to it's volunteers, committed to team-work and committed to assisting their fellow mariners in peril on the high seas.

Likewise, the Canadian Coast Guard is committed to its partnership with the CCGA by assisting the Association in evolving into a more effective, capable organization. The CCGA is a valued member of "Team SAR" and we thank you for the important contribution that you make to the maritime SAR program in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Neil Peet

A/Coordinator - CCGA (N) Inc.



A Labrador Helicopter from 103 Rescue Squadron exercises with a CCGA vessel in Notre Dame Bay

GREETINGS FROM THE RSMS:

1998 saw a drastic increase in SAR response activities of the CCGA in Newfoundland and Labrador. In 1998 Auxiliary vessels spent 1967 hours on task; almost a 100% increase from 1997!

Many of you responded to calls for assistance during periods of extreme weather and ice conditions, once again demonstrating your commitment to the Auxiliary, the maritime SAR program and to assisting your fellow mariners in peril.

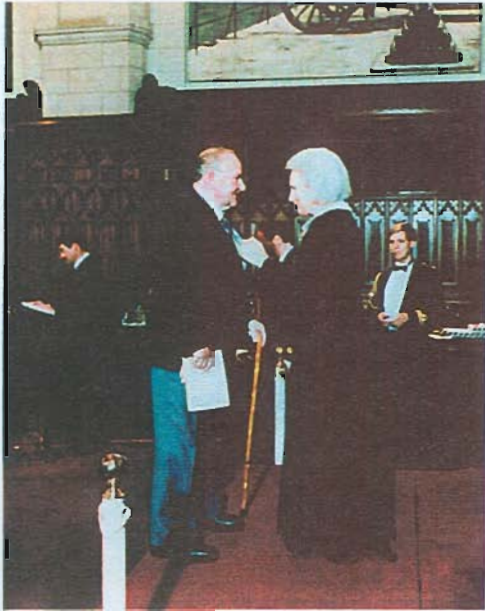
On behalf of the Maritime SAR Coordinators at MRSC St. John's; Clarence Peddle, Wes Pretty, Brian Stone; Ward George, Andy Gaines, Merv Wiseman, Dan Frampton and Myself, I would like to offer our sincere thanks for your dedication to duty. Knowing that the Auxiliary is "on the job" certainly makes our job a little easier.

The Maritime Rescue Sub Centre is located on the third floor of the Coast Guard Base, Southside Road, St. John's. Should your travels ever bring you to St. John's, please drop in to say hello... we look forward to meeting you!

Anthony Patterson

Regional Supervisor - Maritime Search and Rescue

IN MEMORIAM (1908-1997)



Pictured above is Capt. Peter Troake receiving the 'Order of Canada' from Governor General Madama Jean Sauvé.

On December 10, 1997 the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador bid a sad farewell to its founding President, Captain Peter Troake CM.

Capt. Troake became a member of the Auxiliary in 1978 and was appointed President at the first Annual General Meeting on February 16, 1979. He continued to remain active in the Auxiliary and was presented with an "Honourary Membership" on November 01, 1985.

On October 28, 1987 Capt. Troake was inducted into the "Order of Canada" The award was presented for his years of dedicated service to the rural population of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Capt. Peter Troake CM will be sadly missed by his peers at both the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard.

*"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore....."*

J. L. MCCREERY









LINE THROWING COMPETITION



CHARTWORK COMPETITION

REMINDERS

-  Our toll free number is 1-800-563-6158
-  If you are involved in a Search and Rescue incident make sure you notify the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre as soon as possible.
-  Let us know if you sell your boat.
-  Let us know if your boat is winterized or out of the water.
-  Let us know if you have made changes to your boat to increase its value.
-  Let us know if you are fishing/operating in an area away from your home port.
- Send in your renewal form.
- Send in your voting form.
- Order from our video loan library list.

•WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TO ALL AUXILIARISTS

I commenced employment with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on February 1, 1999 as **Operations/ Training Officer**. Therefore, I have resigned as First Vice-President of the auxiliary and as Director of District 6. Sometime in the near future, there will be an election for a Director in this District.

If I can be of assistance to anyone at any time, I can be reached by telephone at (709) 772-4177, by E-Mail at brucee@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, or you can drop by my office located in the Coast Guard Building on the Southside of St. John's.

At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members in District 6 for voting me as Director for the past 19 years. Your vote of confidence was much appreciated and it was, indeed a pleasure to represent you. I wish you and your families the very best in all your future endeavors.

Edward C. Bruce



Pictured above: D. Noseworthy receives CCGA Honorary Member certificate and gift, presented by CCGA President W. Pitcher.

A Fond Farewell

On March 08, 1982, I started employment with the Search and Rescue branch of the Canadian Coast Guard. In October of 1983 I was offered full time employment as Administrative Support to the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary, now called the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

During my tenure as Administrative Support to the CCGA, I had the pleasure to work with and meet some of the finest people in Newfoundland and Labrador. The members who volunteer to respond to a Search and Rescue incident to help their fellow mariner, and the worried family members they leave behind, have my deepest respect.

On July 08, 1998, due to health problems, I regretfully had to leave my position and retire prematurely. In October, 1998 I was named an Honorary Member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I feel deeply honored to be a part of this organization that was part of my heart and soul for 16 years.

To the President, Executive, Board of Directors, and Members I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. May you all have smooth sails and following seas.

Debbie Noseworthy

DISTRICT DIRECTORS - 1999

The following Directors were elected to represent their District for 1999. If you have any concerns, feel free to call your District Director.

District 1 - Marcel O'Brien, L'Anse au Loup, 927-5540

District 2 - Herbert Pittman, Englee, 866-2555

District 3 - Howard Noel, Woody Point, 453-2458

District 4 - Wesley Snook, Hr. Breton, 885-2422

District 5 - Winston Pitcher, Burin, 891-1150

District 6 - Edward Bruce, Long Hr., 228-2386

District 7 - Charles Roberts, St. John's, 726-7601

District 8 - Harry Strong, Old Perlican, 587-2196

District 9 - Harold Stagg, Wesleyville, 536-2413

District 10- Chesley Coish, Hillgrade, 628-5258

IN MEMORIAM

The President, Board of Directors, and members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland extend their sincere condolences to the families, colleagues, and friends of the crew of Labrador Helicopter Rescue 305 from 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron, Greenwood, Nova Scotia who so tragically lost their lives while engaged in a humanitarian mission on 02 October, 1998.

Captain Peter Mussleman

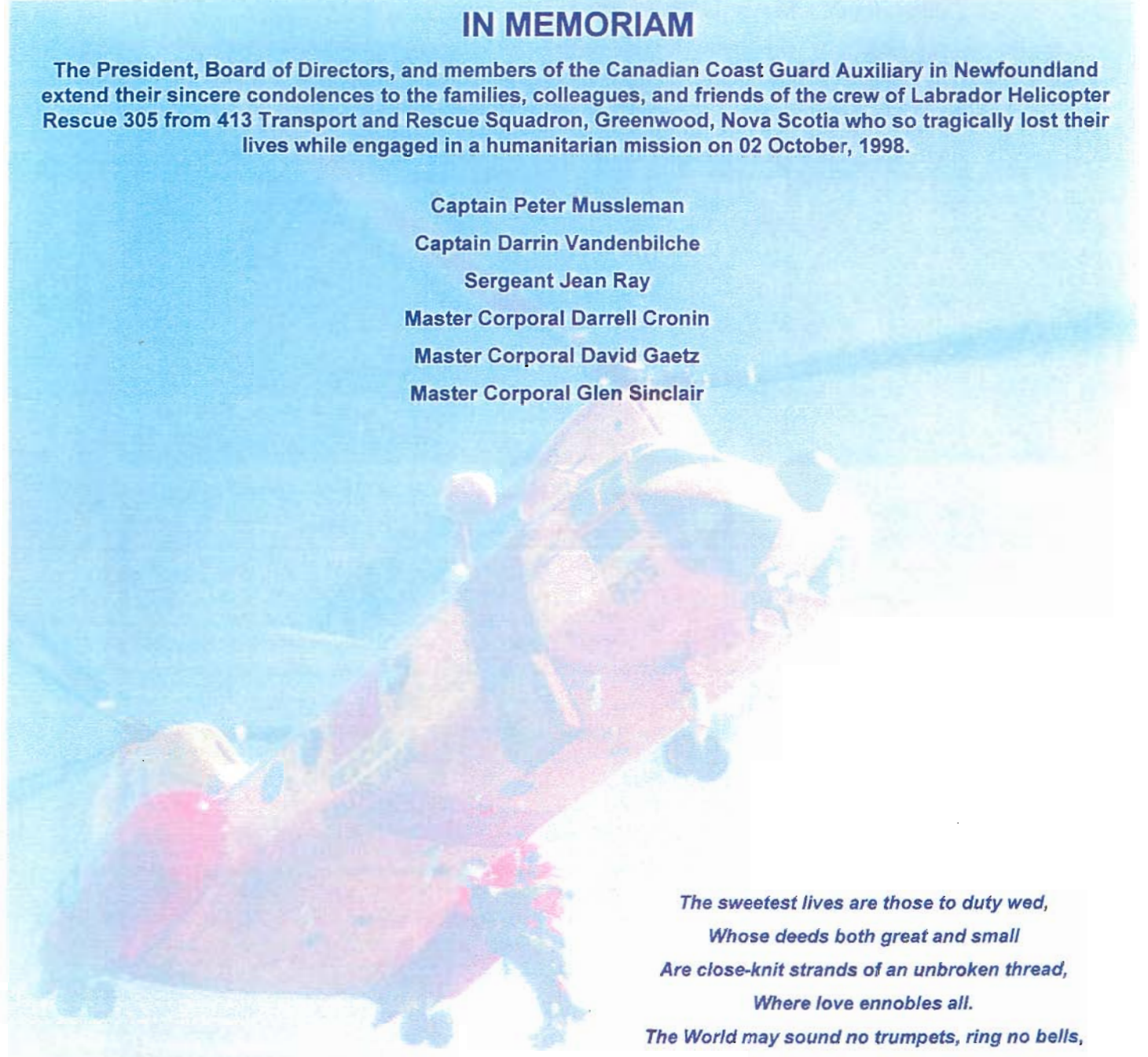
Captain Darrin Vandenbilche

Sergeant Jean Ray

Master Corporal Darrell Cronin

Master Corporal David Gaetz

Master Corporal Glen Sinclair



*The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.*

*The World may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the slurring record tells.*

*Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes,
After its own life workings. A child's kiss
Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.*

-"Reward of Service" by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

TO THE **CHILDREN OF ALL AUXILIARISTS:**



The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporated sponsored a **COLOURING CONTEST** for the children of Auxiliarists in Newfoundland and Labrador in 1998. This year we will be sponsoring a similar contest as follows.

The **CONTEST** is open to the children of Auxiliarists only, and all submissions will be judged by the Executive of the CCGA (N) Inc.

1st., 2nd., 3rd. prizes will be awarded in each of the following age categories:-

3 years to 5 years,

5 years to 7 years;

7 years to 9 years;

9 years to 11 years.

All participating children are asked to **COLOUR** "Safety Sam" and his friends on the front page and "Safety Sam" on the back page and don't forget to fill in your name, address, telephone number, and age!

All submissions to the **COLOURING CONTEST** must be received at the CCGA office in St. John's no later than Friday, 04 June, 1999. All entries will be judged and the prizes distributed by Friday, 02 July, 1999.

Mail your entries to:-

COLOURING CONTEST

c/o CCGA (N) Inc.

P.O. Box 938, Stn "C"

St. John's, NF

A1C 5M3

GOOD LUCK !!



Miranda Rose,
St. Anthony
Age 5



Sharra Lane,
Joe Batts Arm
Age 7



Leslie Earle,
Red Bay, Lab.
Age 8



Jessica Wells,
Jackson's Arm
Age 11

VOTES RECEIVED DISTRICT PERCENTAGES

DISTRICT 1	- 68% (increase of 2)
DISTRICT 2	- 82% (increase of 12)
DISTRICT 3	- 85% (increase of 1)
DISTRICT 4	- 73% (increase of 1)
DISTRICT 5	- 73% (decrease of 13)
DISTRICT 6	- 85% (increase of 10)
DISTRICT 7	- 61% (decrease of 12)
DISTRICT 8	- 66% (decrease of 3)
DISTRICT 9	- 62% (decrease of 8)
DISTRICT 10	- 65% (decrease of 3)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOES AN AUXILIARIST HAVE TO COMPLETE A TASKING RIGHT AWAY?

No. As an Auxiliarist you have the right to refuse a tasking if you believe the response is beyond the capability of your vessel or crew. You also have the right to delay your response to a tasking if you wish. For example, if you are tasked in good weather to tow a vessel, that is not in immediate danger, to the nearest safe haven and you have one more fleet of nets to haul, or string of pots, you do have the option to haul your nets or pots before you proceed to assist the vessel. You must inform the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre in St. John's of your intention to haul your gear before you respond to the tasking. It would be advisable to provide the Rescue Centre with your estimated departure for the disabled vessel.



SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST FLY THE CCGA FLAG?

As an Auxiliarist you are required to fly the CCGA flag when tasked on an authorized activity. However, you are not limited to only flying the flag on these occasions. Many Auxiliarists fly the CCGA flag all year round. If a replacement flag is needed we will forward one to the vessel owner, immediately, upon request.

**TOLL FREE
1-800-563-6158**

THE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published annually for the members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are looking for stories and pictures from you!! If you have any news items and/or photographs please send them to:-

Editor: Auxiliary Newsletter, P.O. Box 938
St. John's, NF A1C 5M3

SHOULD I CONTACT COAST GUARD SUPPORT STAFF IF I CHANGE MY VESSEL?

Yes. If you sell your vessel and acquire a new one and you wish to enroll your new vessel into the Auxiliary you must notify the office and complete a new application on your new vessel. When the new information is received on your vessel it is entered into the database at the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre at St. John's. This will enable you to be reimbursed and ensures insurance coverage if in the case of an accident whilst on authorized activity.

SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST SEND IN AN INCIDENT REPORT FORM?

Yes. Completing an incident report form is the initiating step for an Auxiliarist to be reimbursed for an incident tasking. Without the completed incident report form we cannot initiate payment to the member for services rendered. If assistance is required in completing this form please call our toll free number.

WHAT DO I DO IF I CHANGE ALTERNATE SKIPPERS?

Vessels enrolled in the CCGA must be skippered by an auxiliary member in order to be entitled to insurance coverage and reimbursement if tasked on an incident. If you change skippers at any time please notify the office in St. John's to have the new skipper enrolled in the CCGA to ensure coverage.

SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST SEND IN A VOTING FORM?

Yes. The ten district directors elected represent the CCGA members in their district. They are elected by those members who return their voting forms. To have a say in who you would like to represent you at the Annual General meeting, and other functions, you should return your voting form before the deadline date.