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The Value of One. The Power of Many.

Volunteerism impacts every aspect of Canadian society, every day. Throughout Canada, the voluntary sector reflects the full spectrum of our country's social needs, diverse culture, values, and hopes to leave a positive legacy for future generations.

During National Volunteer week, April 22-28, the Government of Canada celebrated International Year of Volunteers by holding special ceremonies to recognize Canadians for their volunteer work helping deliver government programs and services to fellow Canadians.

Among those being honoured at ceremonies in Ottawa and Hull were representatives of the more than 150,000 Canadians who volunteer each year in support of 26 federal departments and agencies. The group of 60 volunteers from across Canada participated in a ceremony with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the Canadian Museum of Civilization and were the guests of honour at the Government of Canada Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on Parliament Hill.

"These individuals represent the true spirit of volunteerism," said Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps. "During this International Year of Volunteers, it is fitting that the Government of Canada join with the private and voluntary sectors in thanking them for their exemplary contributions. Volunteerism has always been an essential aspect of Canadian society and remains one of our nation's greatest strengths to this day."

Prior to these events, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Herb Dhaliwal and Deputy Minister Wayne Wouters, held their own recognition ceremony for the three DFO volunteer representatives. Zo Ann Morten, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Thomas Humphrey, Atlantic Canada Salmon Federation, and Harry Strong, Coast Guard Auxiliary, were three of 60 people from across Canada to attend the Volunteer events.

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Auxiliary High

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Launches National Website

As part of the on-going effort to raise the profile of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA), and to improve communication with our members, the National CCGA website was created.

On April 24, 2001, the Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), officially launched the national website of the CCGA as part of a ceremony celebrating National Volunteer Week and International Year of Volunteers.

"The Coast Guard Auxiliary National website demonstrates the successful co-operation between DFO and the volunteers of the CCGA," said Mr. Dhaliwal. "The CCGA website will permit members of the Auxiliary and the public in general, to be better informed about the organization, its achievements as a major partner in Search and Rescue (SAR), and its role in promoting boating safety."



Present at the recognition ceremony: (from left to right) Deputy Minister Wayne Wouters, Thomas Humphrey, ZoAnn Morten, Harry Strong and Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is one of over 500 volunteer organizations that benefit the various programs of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The CCGA is involved in approximately 25% of the marine search and rescue missions and save over 200 lives in Canada each year.

"The Coast Guard Auxiliary National website demonstrates the successful co-operation between DFO and the volunteers of the CCGA"

"With the launch of this website, I am pleased to recognize the significant contribution of the Auxiliarists to the Search and Rescue (SAR) program of the Canadian Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a prime example of Canadians helping Canadians."

The website address for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is www.ccg-gcac.org

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There were over 175 site visits on the CCGA website on the first day alone!

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Attending the launch ceremony of the CCGA National Web site:
Kathy Needham, SAR Intern, John Adams, Commissioner, CCG, Ron Miller, A/Manager, SAR, Harry Strong, CEO CCGA and Steve Daoust, Superintendent, CCGA, CCG.

National Office

An Audit Affair

The six Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Associations are federally incorporated non-profit organizations that assist the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) in Search and Rescue (SAR) operations and boating safety activities.

While each of the six associations have an arm's length relationship with the Government of Canada and the CCG, the CCG maintains a formal Contribution Agreement that specifies the terms and conditions under which the CCGA and its members are reimbursed for authorised activities. As part of the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement the Manager, Search and Rescue of the Canadian Coast Guard is required to conduct a review of the CCGA periodically.

With this in mind, the Welch & Company, Levesque Marchand, Chartered Accountants of Ottawa will be conducting an expenditure audit of each of the six Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) Associations.

The audit will be conducted over three years, auditing two CCGA Associations per year. The audit schedule is:

2000-2001:

Audit of CCGA Newfoundland and CCGA Central & Arctic for fiscal year 1999/2000.

2001-2002:

Audit of CCGA Laurentian and CCGA Maritimes for fiscal year 2000/2001.

2002-2003:

Audit of CCGA Pacific and CCGA National for fiscal year 2001/2002.

The objective of the audit will be a report detailing the accounting of all CCGA expenditures for SAR operations, boating safety activities, administrative costs, all purchases, organizational costs and all other items of expenditure. In addition, the auditors will report and identify any anomalies and recommend an easily adopted accounting computer software that will standardize the accounting processes of the six volunteer CCGA Associations.

Did you know?

Making a bailer out of a 4-litre bleach bottle is useful for small, open boats.

Step 1: Secure the lid

Step 2: Cut off the bottom

Step 3: Cut along side with handle



Valuing Volunteer Collaboration

Did you know that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) collaborates regularly with approximately 500 voluntary sector organizations across Canada?

Recognizing the importance of the voluntary sector to DFO policy development and program delivery, DFO wishes to strengthen and expand these valued relationships through the National Voluntary Sector Initiative (NVTI).

The Government of Canada set up the NVTI on June 9, 2000 as a five year initiative intended to confirm and reinforce the government's commitment to building a stronger relationship with Canada's voluntary sector.

Several National committees were set up for this purpose and each put in place a working table with chosen representatives of the volunteer organizations, with which they collaborate regularly. Robert Petitpas, National Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) vice chairman attended on behalf of the CCGA.

In conjunction with the NVTI, the Government of Canada and DFO are celebrating the United Nations International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in 2001.

For additional information on the NVTI, visit the Privy Council's website at <http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca/volunteer>

Non-Authorized CCGA Activities

As was discussed at the recent National Council Meeting in Sarnia, in keeping with current CCG policy, I wish to remind all CCGA members that CCGA diving activities will continue to not be authorized by Coast Guard.

No type of diving activity will be authorized by the Canadian Coast Guard including, but not limited to, rescue diving, recovery diving and investigative diving. Any CCGA member who participates in any diving activity will be doing so on their own outside the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreements and therefore will not be covered by the CCGA insurance policies. There will be no exceptions.

R.W. Miller,
A/Manager, SAR



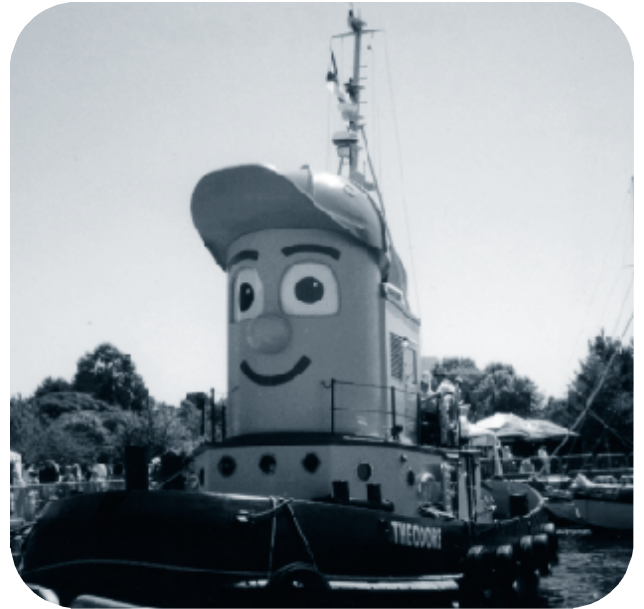
Friendly Tugboat Made Honourary Member

The new CCG “spokesboat” for safe boating has been named Honourary member for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

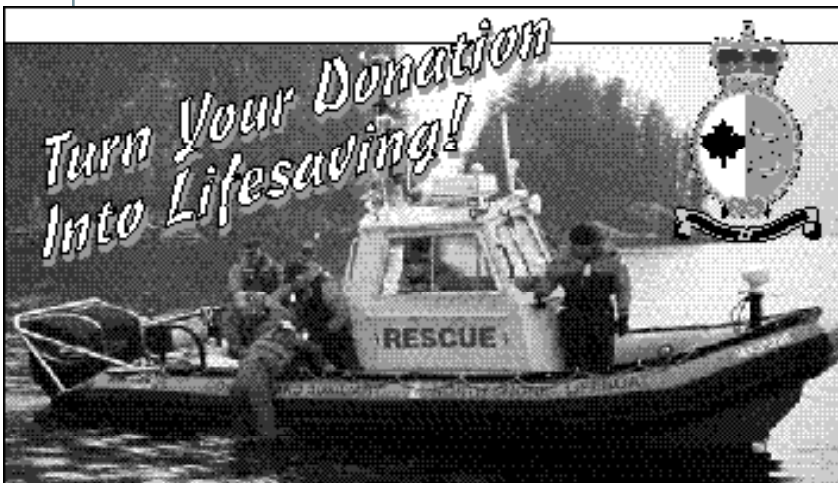
Theodore Too, the life-size replica of Theodore Tugboat, of the children’s television show of the same name, was introduced as the new safe boating ambassador for the Canadian Coast Guard. Thousands of children and their parents crowded the Halifax waterfront on May 6 to greet the “spokesboat”. In support of the CCG, the Auxiliary has made Theodore Too an Honourary member of the CCGA.

The television program which is produced in Halifax and seen in approximately 80 countries around the world, features characters based on vessels frequently seen in Halifax Harbour (The Big Harbour), including tugs, CCG and navy vessels, oil rigs, recreational vessels and more.

Theodore’s new role will help promote boating safety and educate a new generation of boaters.



Theodore Too becomes an honorary member of the CCGA.



Every year, the 5000 volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) participate in more than 1700 search and rescue missions, resulting in over 200 lives saved.

To reach all those that need help, we need your financial support.

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Newfoundland



Frank McLaughlin

CCGA
Maritimes



National Council Members

From left to right:
Robert Petitpas,
Frank McLaughlin,
Winston Pitcher,
Harry Strong,
Earl Taylor,
John Levantis,
Frank Hudson

Regional News

New Fast Craft to the Rescue

Chuck Hester smoothed his hair down after zooming around in the new eight-metre fast rescue craft launched by the Oak Bay Sea Rescue Society.

“It was great,” laughed Hester, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and treasurer of the Oak Bay Sea Rescue Society. “Tight fittings. Brand new tubes. As much as the wind could blow through my hair, it was flying through it. It’s going to be a great boat for us. There’s lots of room for the crew to work around in.”



The \$120,000 Oak Bay Sea Rescue was christened, commissioned and launched under sunny skies and onto calm seas at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club Sunday afternoon.

“Keep safe all those who sail on her,” said Kathy Holmes, whacking the aluminum hull four times with a champagne bottle.

The crowd, which included Oak Bay firefighters, Nanaimo RCMP marine officers and members of the Canadian Coast Guard and Auxiliary, cheered as the powerful new vessel was lowered into the water.

“It will be able to handle 99 per cent of what’s dished out,” said Craig Dunn, of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary for the Pacific Region.

The Oak Bay Sea Rescue will be staffed by the eight crews who are on call day and night for one week of each month. Although the vessel’s primary area of operation is D’Arcy Shoal to Trial Island in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the vessel can be tasked anywhere by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre, said Dunn.

“Our mandate is to have the boat under way in under 30 minutes,” said Dunn. “Typically, Oak Bay responds in under 20 minutes.”

The Canadian Coast Guard has no primary resources in the Victoria area because it’s so well covered by the auxiliary units, said Dunn.

The Oak Bay Sea Rescue will be ready to respond to emergencies in about a month, as soon as it is fitted with a self-righting bag. When it is fully operational, the vessel will replace the auxiliary zodiac The Jack Groves.

The Oak Bay auxiliary unit, made up of about 60 members, responds to about 50 or 60 calls in a busy year, said Alex Muir of the Society.

“The calls range from boats running out of gas and drifting, to very serious injury incidents and even loss of life,” said Muir. “We have had fatalities. We don’t like to deal with that but you have to be prepared... .”

Funding for the new boat came from the B.C. Gaming Commission, Oak Bay and the B.C. Marine Trades Association and Canadian National Sportsmen’s Shows.

Written by Louise Dickson

Reprinted from Times Colonist (Victoria),

Mon 18 Dec 2000

Le Rimouskois to the Rescue

The City of Rimouski has just made the 7.3-metre inflatable boat Le Rimouskois available to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary for maritime search and rescue use.

During the summer, Le Rimouskois carries tourists between the Rimouski marina and Saint-Barnabé Island.

The importance of this agreement was highlighted by Robert Petitpas, the President of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Laurentian Region, at a news conference in the Rimouski Municipal Council chamber. Thirty-four per cent of search and rescue cases in Quebec are handled by the Auxiliary's force of 650 volunteers. The two-engine Le Rimouskois can travel at speeds of up to 38 kilometres an hour.



Three people have received training to operate the Le Rimouskois in difficult sea conditions, and others will be trained to do so over the course of the year.

Another important milestone will also be recorded for marine emergency measures when the Canadian Coast Guard is equipped with two new home ports—in East Quebec and on the North Shore—in April 2002 according to current plans.

The vessel currently stationed closest to this area is the Île Rouge, based at the Tadoussac wharf.

East Quebec and the North Shore have experienced several tragic incidents in recent years, such as the sinking of the scallop boat Brier Mist in 1998 and the crash of an Air Satellite airplane off Pointe-Label.

The Canadian Coast Guard has ordered eight new vessels at a cost of \$155 million. Two of them are destined for East Quebec. The areas served by these two vessels will be the St Lawrence Estuary, the north of the Gulf as far as the Lower North Shore, and the Gaspé coast.

Written by Carl Thériault

Mon 27 Nov 2000, Le Soleil

Correction

January 2001, Issue 19, page 5

Team 3- Laurentian region was composed of Jacques Gagnon, Omer Cloutier and Lisette Pouliot-Tremblay.

Wind and Tides Raise the bar at Rescue Challenge 2000

MONTAGUE — The winds howled, the tide was strong, and the boys representing the Island loved every minute. They'd already scoured the navigation charts of Georgetown Bay to know every point and cove. And now, based on the turn of the tide and a raging north east wind, took their best collective guess. The countdown was on and when the call came in, they jumped into a Zodiac and zipped down the Montague River decked out in orange survival suits. Their quarry was a stricken boat and someone overboard, and there was no time to delay.

"It's a great day for a rescue," shouted fisherman Art MacDonald as Kevin Llewellyn took the wheel and Jeff MacNeill manned the radio.

The trio had a mission. Not only locate the target victim floundering somewhere in the cold, choppy waters, but do it fast enough that they might even win this division of the Rescue Challenge.

"It took us only 25 minutes," said Llewellyn, a fisherman from Gaspereaux, when the Island contingent arrived back at the Montague wharf. "That's pretty darn good, especially if you were the one in the water waiting for rescue."

It was Saturday afternoon and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was hosting Rescue Challenge 2000, a friendly competition to test the skills of the Maritime auxiliaries on call for emergency rescue on the high seas. There are 16 zones in the Maritimes and teams from each were represented. And like rural firemen or EMO ground rescue teams,

the dozens of competitors gathered from three provinces here this weekend were volunteers.

"We get a situation to plot out and we have to find the victim," said MacDonald, a Souris fisherman pulling off the hood of his survival suit. "We have to project, based on the tide and the wind, where the target might be. Where it drifted or was blown . . . and time is everything if you're the one out there in the water."

"It's a friendly competition, but they take it dead serious"

The Island trio ran a search pattern as part of the SAREX competition – search and rescue – which is the main event of the six different categories. The teams also participated in vessel safety checks, first aid, communications, line throwing, and pump operations.

"From the time the phone rang to alert us, we had eight miles to go until we got there to rescue them," said MacNeill, another Souris fisherman.

This year, the event faced fierce winds whipping down the river and the problem of one Zodiac conking out. Last year, when the event was held in Dartmouth, N.S., competitors actually participated in a real rescue when a sail boat foundered in Bedford Basin.

“It’s a friendly competition, but they take it dead serious,” said Paul Kendrick, supervisor of Search and Rescue Programs in Dartmouth. “They can test their skills against each other and it keeps them sharp so they’re up to the standards we ask them to meet.”

Kendrick said while the Coast Guard might pick up incidental costs such as meals or fuel, the 750 auxiliarists across Atlantic Canada are all volunteers, mainly fishermen and pleasure boaters.



“They do it to help their own communities and believe me, they are all dedicated.”

Since the auxiliary began in 1979, members have participated in over 34,000 search and rescue incidents, almost 25 per cent of all maritime incidents annually.

Written by Steve Sharratt

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Mon 02 Oct 2000

Advertising!

The Auxiliarist has undergone some major changes in the past few months, and to help accommodate for some of our upgrades, the Auxiliarist is seeking sponsorship in the form of advertisers for upcoming issues.

The Auxiliarist has a distribution list of over 5000 Coast Guard Auxiliary members across Canada, covering many different demographics. Readership extends well beyond CCGA members to include individuals from other industries who are actively involved in or interested in the many different aspects of maritime safety.

In addition to the 5000 – plus copies of the Auxiliarist that circulate in print, the magazine is also available to a large number of people on our website <http://www.ccg-gcac.org>

For further information regarding web or print advertising, please contact François Vezina, at CCGA National Headquarters:

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CCG Pays Tribute to Members of CCGA and a CCG Employee

Ten members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) from Harbour Breton and a CCG employee, were honoured February 1, 2001 by the Canadian Coast Guard for their lifesaving efforts during a search and rescue mission. Joe Price, Regional Director General of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Newfoundland Region, presented the Auxiliary members with a CCG Commissioner's Commendation and the Coast Guard employee with an Immediate Award at a special reception held at the Lion's Club, in Harbour Breton.

Commissioner's Commendations are presented to individual(s) in recognition of outstanding performance and/or courageous action. The ten Auxiliariet are being recognized for their bravery during a Search and Rescue mission on March 18, 2000. Despite perilous weather and sea conditions and at risk to their own safety, the Auxiliariet voluntarily responded to a distress call during a severe spring storm, resulting in the rescue of a mariner.

Mr. Price praised the valour and bravery shown by each of these men during this search and rescue case. "Through the quick thinking and assessment of the situation, the crew members of Trinia & Sons and

Stephen & Jayde were able to bring this search and rescue case to a successful conclusion. These men are to be commended for their willingness to help others in such severe weather conditions. It is brave people like these that make up our Coast Guard Auxiliary," said Joe Price, "and we are very proud of them."

Also recognized, with an Immediate Award, was Roger Slaney, the Marine Communications and Traffic Services officer based in Placentia who detected the initial distress call. Immediate Awards are given to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) employees as a form of recognition for their excellent work, in this case exceptionally high level of service to clients. Despite very poor radio conditions, Mr. Slaney obtained essential information that resulted in the successful rescue of a stranded crewmember.

"The high level of skill and professionalism shown by Mr. Slaney during this case," said Mr. Price, "is shared by many of our employees at DFO. We are pleased to have such dedicated employees. Mr. Slaney's conduct during this long and stressful search and rescue case was integral in rescuing the crewmember. A job well-done."



To get more details about this and other rescues, check out the "press release" section of our website:

www.ccg-gcac.org

Recipients of the Commissioner's Commendations were:

Wesley Snook, Sr.:

Master, CCGA V/L Trinia & Sons

Arthur Pierce:

Master, CCGA V/L Stephen & Jayde

Reuben Rose, Jr.:

Master, CCGA V/L Jane & Brothers

Wesley Snook, Jr.:

Crewmember, CCGA V/L Trinia & Sons

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Article based on the News Release issued
Feb 01 2001.

Did you know?

Hundreds of thousands of Canadians enjoy the boating lifestyle every summer. But sadly, many of these people have had boating experiences that could have been avoided by using a little common sense and forethought.

Did you know that...

- In 1999, the Canadian Government introduced new Boating Safety Regulations. Do you know them? Do you consistently practice safe boating? 38% of all water-related fatalities involve boats.
- 71% of these fatalities involve recreational boats. Of this 71%, 53% involve small powerboats; 30% canoes

Conclusion: Small, open boats continue to be the type of craft most involved in fatal boating accidents.

Did you know that...

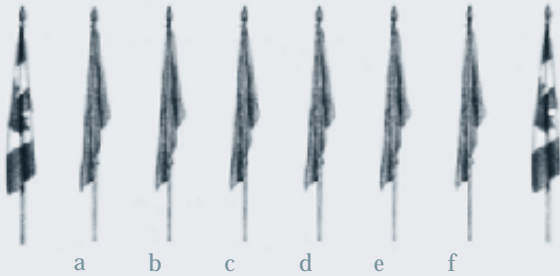
- Young adult males, 18 to 24 years of age, have the highest preventable water-related death rate mostly due to alcohol consumption and not wearing a Personal Flotation Device.

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Flag Protocol

With flags of sovereign nations, provinces/territories, international organizations, cities, companies, etc.

When there are more than three staffs, the National Flag of Canada should be flown on the left of the observer facing the flags, followed by the flags representing other sovereign nations ordered alphabetically, flags of provinces/territories, international organizations, cities, companies, etc. An additional National Flag of Canada may be flown at the end of the line.



- A. Sovereign nation (alphabetical order)
- B. Sovereign nation (alphabetical order)
- C. Province/territory
- D. International organization
- E. City
- F. Company pennant

Flown on ships and boats

The National Flag of Canada is the proper national colours for all Canadian ships and boats, including pleasure craft. The Canadian Shipping Act states that a Canadian ship shall hoist the flag on a signal being made to her by one of Her Majesty's Canadian ships, or any ship in the service of and belonging to the Government of Canada; on entering or leaving any foreign port; and if of 50 tonnes gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any Commonwealth port.

Foreign vessels may fly the Canadian flag as a "courtesy flag" when they are berthed in a Canadian port. The flag then is customarily flown from the foremast.

General rules governing merchant vessels and pleasure craft are as follow:

- the flag should be worn in harbour and in territorial waters but need not be worn while under way on the high seas unless the vessel wishes to identify her nationality to another ship;
- whenever possible, the proper place for a vessel to display the national colours is at the stern, except that when at sea, the flag may be flown from a gaff;
- when in harbour the flag should be hoisted at 0800 hours and lowered at sunset;

- when a merchant ship and a warship of any nationality pass or overtake one another, the merchant ship should dip the flag as a gesture of courtesy. If on a staff, the lowest corner of the flag should be brought to the level of the rail and kept there until the salutation is acknowledged by the naval vessel. If flown from a gaff, the flag should be lowered to six feet (1.80m) above the level of the deck, until the salute is acknowledged;
- in times of mourning, the flag may be flown at half-mast, which places the upper corner of the flag next to the staff at approximately three-quarters of full-hoist. As on land, a flag hoisted to or lowered from half-mast position must first be hauled close-up.

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/ceremonial-symb/Etiquette/chap2-e.htm>

Heritage Canada

National Guidelines Respecting Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Activities

3.14 - Flying of Auxiliary Pennant

During daylight hours when engaged in an authorized activity, Auxiliary vessels should fly the Auxiliary pennant for identification.

Did you know? (con't)

- Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among those under 55 years of age.

Only 10% of boating-related drowning victims were wearing an approved flotation device properly.

Conclusion: Drinking and not wearing a PFD are primary safety concerns.

Did you know that...

Pleasure craft account for more than 50% of the average reported 6,000 search and rescue incidents in Canada.

Conclusion: Better boating education and safety practices are required to reduce the number of incidents and reduce both health care and rescue costs.

* Based on data obtained from The Lifesaving Society and the Canadian Coast Guard

Special thanks to Kathy Needham and Philip Hasek, SAR Interns, for their help in writing and designing this issue of the Auxiliarist.

Letters

SARSCENE and the Competition

A word from Como James L. Anderson District Commodore, First District Northern Region Addressed to Harry Strong, Robert Petitpas, Francois Vezina and Steve Daoust:

Gentlemen,

I want to once again thank you all for your kindness and generosity extended to me and all my members of First Northern. You really made us feel most welcome and very much a part of the "Team". Your warmth and friendship made the time together a real pleasure and you went out of your way to extend to us every courtesy. We are deeply in your debt for all that you did.

The competition was so much fun, but also a real learning experience. My people still are calling and e-mailing and saying what a wonderful time they had. I even have two members of one of our teams say they would like to go next year even if they have to pay everything themselves. They had more fun and more friends with the judges and Canadian competitors that they wanted to see them again. I would say you really created a "hands across the sea" relationship that is going to be very positive for many years to come.

We laughed and joked, ribbed and got ribbed and through it all, there was fellowship and a sharing of ideas that was truly wonderful. My people learned several new ways to do some of our tasks and also developed a greater appreciation of how well trained your members are.

Best of all, they saw that we are similar in our love of the sea, our caring for our fellow man, and our willingness to reach out and help.

The games did a lot more then just provide a competition. Through the hard work of all you, we have entered on a path that can only improve our knowledge and skills and make us closer in many more areas. Thank you for your vision and your extensive labor to make this happen.

Thank you also for your friendship and generosity and we hope to see you all very, very soon.

COMO James L. Anderson
District Commodore
First District Northern Region



Members of the USCG Auxiliary enjoying themselves at Sarscene 2000 in Lachine, Quebec.

A Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

I just thought I would make note of the CCGA involvement in the SAR Case 491-Pleasure Craft (p/c) Christopher Lynn Disabled/Drifting towards shore with four persons on board. My first alert was from Sam Lambert (CCGA Adventure 1), who reported a weak pan broadcast on VHF from the subject vessel with little details other than the name of the vessel and the mention of Smith Sound. This was my only notification. While I was investigating I also asked Sam if he could make some calls to people in the area that he knew. Sam found out that the vessel had departed Petley bound for Little Harbour. By this time I had contacted and tasked the CCGA Lois Elaine II. In fact, Sam already had contact with the CCGA Lois Elaine II. During the initial period of uncertainty Sam was quick to indicate that he was willing to go out in either of his boats, whichever was quickest and most suited to the circumstances, even though the weather was foggy and winds of 20-25 kts. Fortunately his assistance was not required as the CCGA Lois Elaine II resolved the situation.

The p/c Christopher Lynn had become disabled and was drifting towards shore. On board were the owner, his wife and two small children. The vessel was located and subsequently towed to port.

It is noteworthy that the CCGA involvement not only resolved the case but they were our eyes and ears. They confirmed the existence of the vessel, the last known location and destination. They also provided the on scene weather conditions and assisted

in communications. Most importantly, they were willing to drop everything to complete a tasking, despite the adverse weather conditions.

“ The CCGA involvement not only resolved the case but they were our eyes and ears.”

We sometimes just see the statistical data of the Coast Guard Auxiliary involvement in Search and Rescue operations. It is the kind of contribution referred to here however, that we see time and time again, that is difficult to measure, yet is equally as important in making our job easier and often significantly impacting on the success of the search and rescue operation.

Clarence Peddle
Maritime SAR Coordinator
MRSC St. John's

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- Illustrator (v 9.0)
- Photoshop (v 5.5 & 6.0)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (v 4.0)

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- Microsoft Word (v 8.0)
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