



## **CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (NEWFOUNDLAND) INCORPORATED**



# **NEWSLETTER**

### **TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, (CCGA) Newfoundland Incorporated was held on October 1, 1999 at the Battery Hotel and Suites in St. John's. In attendance were:-

Mr. W. Pitcher, President, Director District 5  
Mr. M. O'Brien, 1st. 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. A. Daley, Past Director District 6  
Mr. A. Careen, Director District 6  
Mr. H. Stagg, Director District 9  
Mr. B. Morey, Director District 10

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard were represented by:-

Mr. W. Follett, Regional Director, CCG  
Mr. R. Browne, Director Marine Programs  
Mr. A. Patterson, Regional Superintendent, 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 Officers took place in the afternoon. Mr. Winston Pitcher was re-elected as President; Mr. Marcel O'Brien was elected as 1st. Vice-President; Mr. Herbert Pittman was elected as 2nd. Vice-President; and, Mr. Charles Roberts was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

### **SAR SKILLS '99**

The second annual Search And Rescue Skills Competition was held on October 02, 1999 at the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club in Conception Bay South. A team represented each of the 10 regional districts in a contest that included six Search and Rescue events as follows:-

1. First Aid - evaluation of the team's ability to assess an accident scene;
2. Line Throwing - assessment of the team's ability to throw a heaving line at a stationary, floating target;
3. Search Operations - team's were to organize, prosecute, and resolve a Search and Rescue incident;
4. Chartwork - demonstration of each team's basic chartwork skills;
5. Search and Rescue Pump Operation - evaluation of the accuracy and speed in which each team could operate a de-watering pump, and
6. Courtesy Vessel Inspections - assessment of the team's ability to thoroughly conduct a vessel examination.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) Newfoundland Inc. celebrated its 21st year of successful operation at its Annual General Meeting in St. John's, October 1-2, 1999. We held our second search and rescue SAR Skills competition which was again a tremendous success. We are looking forward to a national competition being held in Quebec in the Fall of 2000.

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 these members and their families.

CCGA (N) Inc. increased membership in 1999 to 836 members, with 405 vessels valued at 156 million dollars supporting the Search and Rescue program in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Auxiliary responded to 230 SAR incidents, representing 36% of all SAR incidents in the province.

1999 was our first year with our own Operations/Training Officer, which proved to be a great success. With his help and the support of the Canadian Coast Guard support staff, we were able to train approximately 100 members with Standard First Aid, and inspect 85% of our boats under 15GRT. We hope to do the remaining 15% during the winter and spring. I want to thank our Operations/Training Officer Ed Bruce and the CCG support staff for this accomplishment.

Again I would like to remind you an organization is only as strong as its members; therefore you, the members, have the right to be proud of the Auxiliary. 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.

## CCGA OPERATIONS/TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

### To All Auxiliarists:

It has been a year since I began working as Operations/Training Officer for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I have worked many hours over the past year and have accomplished many tasks to try and get the organization in a direction in which the goals and objectives can be reached. I feel we are well on the pathway to achieving this.

My many years of experience in the marine field, both as a Captain and a Communications Officer have benefited me greatly, enabling me to perform the work involved as Operations/Training Officer.

I want to thank the many individuals who have helped me throughout the year and would appreciate your continued support in the future. I wish each and everyone of the members and their families a Very Happy and Prosperous 2000.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me any time at 1-800-563-6158, (709) 772-4177 or by cellular telephone at 682-5180.

Edward C. Bruce  
Operations/Training Officer, CCGA (N) Inc.

# **SAR SKILLS '99**

## **OFFICIAL RESULTS**

The following are the official results of the 1999 SAR Skills competition held on October 02, 1999 at the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club:-

### **EVENT "A" - FIRST AID**

WINNER - DISTRICT 3

(HOWARD NOEL, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS:-

JOHN DUNNE - CORNER BROOK

DAVID HANN - TROUT RIVER

KEITH CHADDERTON - CORNER BROOK

### **EVENT "B" - LINE THROWING**

WINNER - DISTRICT 5

(WINSTON PITCHER, DIRECTOR)

PARTICIPANTS:-

CLAYTON HARRIS - GARNISH

DONALD PAUL - BURIN

ALFRED PITCHER - BURIN

### **EVENT "C" - SEARCH OPERATIONS**

WINNER - DISTRICT 10

(BYRON MOREY, DIRECTOR)

ANDREW DALEY - NEW BRIDGE

CHAD CARAVAN - MILES COVE

BYRON MOREY - LASCIE

### **EVENT "D" - CHARTWORK**

WINNER - DISTRICT 10

(BYRON MOREY, DIRECTOR)

ANDREW DALEY - NEW BRIDGE

CHAD CARAVAN - MILES COVE

BYRON MOREY - LASCIE

### **EVENT "E" - SAR PUMP**

WINNER - DISTRICT 4

(WESLEY SNOOK, DIRECTOR)

RANDELL SNOOK - HARBOUR BRETON

GERALD COURTNEY - FRANCOIS

KERRY HATCHER - RAMEA

### **EVENT "F" - VESSEL INSPECTIONS**

WINNER - DISTRICT 8

(HARRY STRONG, DIRECTOR)

WALTER PIERCEY - HEARTS CONTENT

ROY WHITE - CLARKES BEACH

CLAYTON HANDRIGAN - MANUELS

The overall winner of the competition was the team from District 4. The team was the proud recipient of the Captain Peter Troake CM Memorial Trophy and each member received a VHF radio.



# SAR SKILLS EVENTS



FIRST AID COMPETITION



LINE THROWING COMPETITION



SEARCH OPERATIONS



CHARTWORK COMPETITION



SAR PUMP COMPETITION



COURTESY VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

# THE AGM BANQUET

The CCGA (N) Inc. Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet were held at the Battery Hotel in St. John's on October 2, 1999, following a day of hearty competition at the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club. The presentation of the 10 year membership certificates followed the dinner, as well as the awarding of prizes for the winners of the competition. All participants and District Directors received Swiss Army Pocket Knives. The evening concluded with a dance. The weekend was enjoyed by all!



THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TREASURER AT THE ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING



MEET AND GREET - FRIDAY NIGHT



10 YEAR MEMBERS WITH CERTIFICATES



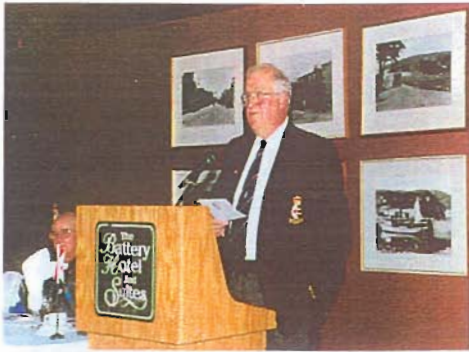
SAR GAMES PARTICIPANTS AND DIRECTORS



THE DANCE









CCGA MEMBER DON PAUL



Harry Strong, CEO National Council CCGA, emcee at the 21st AGM Banquet held at the Battery Hotel October 2, 1999.

## 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 Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre as soon as possible at 1-800-563-2444.
-  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!**

## GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL

1999 has been a very busy year for us. In Ottawa, Steve Daoust and Francois Vezina have launched a number of initiatives that reflect the desire of the National Council to give more visibility to the Auxiliary.

We have developed a new corporate video, a televised public service announcement which I am sure that most of you have seen if you watched the weather channel during Christmas, and a marketing brochure.

We have also expanded our efforts on the International scene. Just this past summer, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with our friends the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, where we agreed to co-operate in areas of mutual concerns. We were involved with the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the British RNLi and the Dutch KNRM. These organizations are made up of volunteers like ourselves. I am sure you will all agree that 175 years is a long time.

We will continue our efforts in the coming year to make the Auxiliary an organization that is well known, respected and recognized by a larger portion of the Canadian Public, especially outside of the boating population.

Today, the CCGA is being asked to do more - more taskings, longer taskings and more involvement in prevention and safe boating activities. There is also great pressure to expand the Auxiliary into remote areas. For volunteers, getting involved in an organization such as the CCGA is very demanding. I don't have to remind you how essential your work is. You know that every year, every day, the presence of Auxiliarists is making a real difference for people in need.

Thank you all for the excellent job you have been doing. A special thank you to your Regional Board of Directors and Executive who have done tremendous work on your behalf this year. It is an honor to serve as your Chief Executive Officer.

Harry Strong  
Chief Executive Officer, CCGA National

### **TO ALL AUXILIARISTS:**

Many of you have been members of the CCGA for a number of years, but may not have a full understanding of the size and effectiveness of this valuable organization in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. I would like to take a moment to share some 1999 statistics with you:

- There are 836 members and 405 vessels, with a total declared value of \$155.6 million, in the CCGA in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- In 1999, CCGA vessels responded to 230 maritime SAR incidents and spent 1528 hours on the water engaged in SAR operations. This equates to approximately 36% of all maritime SAR incidents that were prosecuted by Newfoundland Region in this year.
- The cost of CCGA SAR operations in 1999 was \$190,000.

From the above, one can easily see that the CCGA is a valuable and highly effective member of "Team SAR" and you should be proud to be a member of an organization that is committed to its volunteers, committed to team-work and committed to assisting their fellow mariners in peril on the high seas.

Likewise, the Canadian Coast Guard is also committed to building on its partnership with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. The CCGA is a valued member of the "Team" and we thank you for the important contribution that you make to the Maritime SAR Program in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Anthony Patterson M.M.  
Superintendent Maritime Search and Rescue  
Newfoundland Region

### **TO ALL AUXILIARISTS:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Auxiliarists, for your continued service and support over the past year. As in previous years, this office has enjoyed our close working relationship with the CCGA.

Valerie, Gerard and I have talked to many of you on the telephone, but we look forward to the time when we can meet each and every one of you in person. Our office is located on the ground floor of the Coast Guard Base, Southside Road, St. John's. Please feel free to visit us any time ... we look forward to seeing you!

Neil Peet - A/Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs  
Gerard Lacey - Training Officer  
Valerie Dwyer - Administrative Support



WATER RESCUE DEMONSTRATION BY A LABRADOR HELICOPTER FROM 103 RESCUE SQUADRON, DURING SARSCENE 99.

# SAR SCENE '99

## *"Leading SAR into the Next Millennium"*

SARSCENE 99 was the eighth annual search and rescue workshop hosted by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS). It was held October 13-17 in St. John's. A record 702 participants from across North America, Europe and Asia enjoyed the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with members of volunteer, provincial/territorial and federal SAR organizations.

SARSCENE 99 was the setting for a Joint Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National Council meeting, as well as a tradeshow featuring 45 booths representing a wide variety of SAR services, products and companies. One of the highlights of the tradeshow was the static display and information booth provided by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporate and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

SARSCENE 99 was not all work and no play. To officially welcome all participants to Newfoundland, a mass "Screech-In" was held, hosted by our own Harry Strong, Chief Executive Officer of the CCGA National Council. A select group of volunteers were "Screeched-In" in fine style, given the opportunity to "kiss the cod" and sample our fine Newfoundland rum in the presence of several hundred witnesses.

SARSCENE 2000 will take place October 11-15 in Laval, Quebec and will be the site of the first annual CCGA National SAR Skills Competition.



MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MAN THEIR BOOTHS AT THE TRADE SHOW.



"LONG MAY YOUR BIG JIB DRAW"

### 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



# Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

## ***Mission Statement & Objectives***

*“The Mission of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is to provide a National Volunteer Marine Rescue Service.”*

To fulfill this mission, our objectives are to:

- \* Save 100% of lives at risk.
- \* Reduce the number and severity of SAR Incidents
- \* Promote marine safety.
- \* Support the Canadian Coast Guard.
- \* Provide a humanitarian service.
- \* Maintain the highest professional standards.
- \* Promote dedication and pride of membership.



# 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 1999. 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 4 years,

5 years to 6 years;

7 years to 8 years;

9 years to 11 years.

All participating children are asked to **colour** "Pukta the Boating Safety Bear" and his friends 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, 16 June, 2000. All entries will be judged and the prizes distributed by Friday, 14 July, 2000.

Mail your entries to:-

## Colouring Contest

c/o CCGA (N) Inc.

P.O. Box 938, Strn "C"

St. John's, NF

A1C 5M3

**GOOD LUCK!!**



They with your best if it contains and **PLEASE USE!**  
**REMEMBER-CCG** Inc. & Federation of the district.

Cody Batten,  
Port de Grave  
Age 4



They with your best if it contains and **PLEASE USE!**  
**REMEMBER-CCG** Inc. & Federation of the district.

Demi Pelley,  
Springdale  
Age 5



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**REMEMBER-CCG** Inc. & Federation of the district.

Cordell Cassell,  
Roddickton  
Age 8



They with your best if it contains and **PLEASE USE!**  
**REMEMBER-CCG** Inc. & Federation of the district.

Chelsea Brown,  
Burin  
Age 9

### VOTES RECEIVED DISTRICT PERCENTAGES

DISTRICT 1	- 64% (decrease of 04)
DISTRICT 2	- 72% (decrease of 10)
DISTRICT 3	- 73% (decrease of 12)
DISTRICT 4	- 70% (decrease of 03)
DISTRICT 5	- 62% (decrease of 11)
DISTRICT 6	- 70% (decrease of 15)
DISTRICT 7	- 58% (decrease of 03)
DISTRICT 8	- 59% (decrease of 07)
DISTRICT 9	- 73% (increase of 11)
DISTRICT 10	- 50% (decrease of 15)



## VIDEO LOAN LIBRARY

The following videos are available through our video loan library. To obtain these videos please contact Gerard Lacey or Valerie Dwyer at our toll free number 1-800-563-6158.

1. Guide to Weekend Cruises
2. 12 Volts Made Easy
3. Haul Out
4. GPS Navigation
5. Powerboat Navigation
6. Radar Navigation and Collision Avoidance
7. Rules of the Road
8. VHF Made Easy
9. Weather to go Boating
10. Medical Emergency Video
11. Fire Prevention
12. Personal Floation Devices
13. Visual Distress Signals
14. Improve Your Sailing Skills
15. Sailing in Heavy Weather
16. Sailing with Confidence
17. Fishing Boat Stability
18. Buoyage System A
19. Meteorological Conditions at Sea
20. Part 1 - Fire Prevention
21. Part 2 - Basic Firefighting
22. Helicopter Assistance at Sea
23. Connecting a Tow at Sea

24. GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System)
25. Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance
26. Marine Gas Engine Maintenance
27. Spring Commissioning
28. Winterizing Your Boat
29. Basic Navigation Rules of the Road
30. Loran C: A Navigator's Approach
31. Modern Coastal Piloting
32. Handling and Anchoring Your Boat
33. Heavy Weather Power Boat Handling
34. Pleasure Boating: The Basics of Boating
35. Single Side Band
36. Using Marine Electronics
37. Abandon Ship
38. Cold Water Survival
39. Marine Hurricane Preparedness
40. E05 ABC of Diesel Engine
41. E06 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems D-53-PT.1
42. E07 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems D-53-PT.2
44. E08 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems G.M. Unit Injector
45. E23 Practical Marine Electrical Knowledge  
Part 1 - Ships Electrical
46. E32 Hydraulics Systems  
Hydraulic Troubleshooting

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (N) Office 1-800-563-6158

Maritime Rescue Subcentre Office 1-800-563-2444

## 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.