



**CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
(NEWFOUNDLAND) INCORPORATED
CCGA (N) INC.**



NEWSLETTER

**TEAM NEWFOUNDLAND CLAIMS
TITLE AS SAR 2000
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

Newfoundland's own SAR Skills '99 winners from District 4, claimed the title of SAR 2000 International Champions at the SAR 2000 National Competition in Lachine, Quebec.

Congratulations are extended to Wesley Snook, District Director and Team members Gerald Courtney, Kerry Hatcher and Randell Snook.

TEAM NEWFOUNDLAND



From Left to Right: Kerry Hatcher, Randell Snook, Winston Pitcher, Joe Price, Wesley Snook and Gerald Courtney.

**EXXON MOBIL CANADA LTD.
CONTRIBUTES \$50,000 TO
CCGA (N) REGION**

Exxon Mobil Canada Ltd. have generously donated \$100,000 to support the Atlantic Search and Rescue Training Program. CCGA (N) Inc. has received \$50,000 of the contribution, the remaining \$50,000 was donated to CCGA (M) Inc.

The Atlantic Search and Rescue Training Program will be managed through the regional CCGA offices. The Program will provide training to qualified Auxiliaries in order to maintain a high level of operational performance.

THANKS EXXON MOBIL CANADA!!!

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SAR SKILLS COMPETITION 2000

The 3rd Annual SAR Skills Competition was held at the Lewisporte Marina on October 28, 2000. Once again this year, 10 eager teams arrived anxious to greet the day. The weather was a little chilly and wet but enthusiasm was high and invigorating. With Neil Peet at the helm and the District Director's and Coast Guard staff keeping score, the games began. The teams were required to compete in six Search and Rescue events including:

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| First Aid | Line Throwing | Search Operations |
| Chart Work | SAR Pump | Courtesy Vessel Examination |

Friends and family were on hand as well to support their Team. The competition was fueled with the knowledge that the winners would be going on to participate at the National SAR 2001 Competition to be held in British Columbia. With the Newfoundland '99 SAR Team returning from this year's competition with the International Trophy, SAR Skills 2000 took on a new meaning.

The competition ended in the late afternoon and the score sheets were tallied. District 8 was the winner!! Congratulations to Harry Strong District Director and his team who will be traveling to British Columbia in 2001 to represent Newfoundland at the National SAR 2001 Competition.



Left: Joe Price, Kevin Lawless and Wayne Follett onboard a CCG FRC.
Below: Line throwing Competition.
Right: First Aid Competition.



SAR SKILLS 2000 OFFICIAL RESULTS

- First Aid—District 4
- Line Throwing—District 6
- Search Operations—District 7
- Chart work—District 10
- SAR pump—District 10
- Courtesy Vessel Exam—District 6

Overall Winners—District 8



Right: SAR Pump Competition.





Left to Right: Michael Donovan, Frederick Barrett, Harry Strong, Randell Webster.

THE 2000 CHAMPS

Congratulations to SAR Skills 2000 Champions, District 8 Team. Even though District 8 did not win any individual events, their combined score was high enough to put them on top. Congratulations to Harry Strong District Director and to Team Members Frederick Barrett, Randell Webster and Michael Donovan.

Good Luck to District 8 at the National SAR 2001 competition in British Columbia.

THE COMPETITORS

DISTRICT 1: Marcel O'Brien—Director

Roderick Normore
Eric O'Brien
Allister Russel

DISTRICT 2: Herbert Pittman— Director

Philip Foley
Ben Foley
Ron Pittman

DISTRICT 3: Howard Noel— Director

Allan Sheppard
David Hann
Keith Chadderton

DISTRICT 4: Wesley Snook— Director

Arthur Pierce
Wesley Snook Jr.
Dwayne Morris

DISTRICT 5: Winston Pitcher— Director

Robert Appleby
George Keeping
Lionel Pinksen

DISTRICT 6: Andrew Careen—Director

George Conway
Jack Bailey
Mike Burke

DISTRICT 7: Charles Roberts— Director

Frank Hutchings
Faron Coffin
Glen Winslow

DIRECTOR 8: Harry Strong— Director

Frederick Barrett
Randell Webster
Michael Donovan

DISTRICT 9: Harold Stagg— Director

Art White
Larry Parsons
Paul Knee

DISTRICT 10: Byron Morey—Director

Rex Coffin
Randy Ryan
Gary Noble





10 YEAR MEMBERS!!

The following is a list of Auxiliaries who received their 10 year memberships in 2000. Congratulations and thank you for your continuing support and efforts.

District 1

Sheldon Normore Harold Penney
Doyle Penney Alma O'Brien

District 2

Roy Ward

District 3

Robert Payne Roger Shears

District 4

Arthur Pierce Perry Warren

District 5

Robert Appleby George Keeping

District 6

Rupert O'Rourke

District 7

Frank Hutchings Sid Hynes
William Hayden Adolf Mann
Lewis Petten Newell Hedderson

District 8

Edward Morgan Larry Peddle
Wayne Russell Frederick Barrett
Cyril Hawe Clarence Andrews
Chesley Petten Randell Webster
Ross Petten Barry Tippett
Henry Thorne Alvin Thorne
Michael Donovan James Donovan
Rex Simmonds Clayton Handrigan

District 9

Donald Moulard Eugene Moss

William Winter

District 10

Cecil Young Rodney Rowe
Whitfield Warren Rex Coffin
Alfred Coffin Hayward Coffin
Faron Coffin Stanley Coffin
Bon Pelley George Saunders
Gene Saunders Garry Noble



YOUR DIRECTORS—2001

Each year, Auxiliaries are given the opportunity to vote for a Director in their District. The following is a list of CCGA (N) Inc. Directors for 2001. Please feel free to contact your Director if you have any questions or concerns.

- District 1—Marcel O'Brien—927-5540
- District 2—Herbert Pittman—866-2555
- District 3—Howard Noel—453-2458
- District 4—Wesley Snook—885-2422
- District 5—Winston Pitcher—891-1150
- District 6—Andrew Daley—521-2391
- District 7—Charles Roberts—726-7601
- District 8—Harry Strong—587-2196
- District 9—Harold Stagg—536-2413
- District 10—Byron Morey—675-2898/2269



DISTRICT BOUNDARIES CHANGE

At a Director's Meeting on June 23rd, 2000, it was decided to change the boundaries between Districts 9 and 10. The change came into effect January 2001.

This change involved moving Federal Fisheries Sections 8 and 9 from District 10 to District 9. Those members involved in the change have been notified and will be issued a new membership card with their renewal package.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NF) Inc. celebrated its 23rd year of successful operation at its Annual General Meeting in Gander, October 27-28, 2000. At that time we held our third SAR Skills competition in Lewisporte. I would like to congratulate all the winners especially the overall winner District 8, Harry Strong—Director. They will represent Newfoundland and Labrador in the second National SAR Skills competition in British Columbia in October 2001.

This past year District 4, Wesley Snook—Director, traveled to Montreal and competed against eleven teams, six from the United States Auxiliary and five from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. They brought home the International Trophy. Congratulations to team members Randell Snook, Gerald Courtney and Kerry Hatcher for a fine performance.

During the dinner a number of members were presented with their 10 year membership awards. As well awards were presented to the winners in the different competitions. Congratulations to all Auxiliary members. During the past year eight auxiliarians and two civilians from Harbour Breton received the Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner's Commendation for their lifesaving efforts during a SAR mission. Congratulations and thanks to Wesley Snook Sr., Arthur Pierce, Reuben Rose Jr., Wesley Snook Jr., Gary Snook Sr., Tim Stoodley, Rod Pierce, Todd Pierce, Glen Jarvis and Edward Blackmore.

CCGA (N) Inc. increased its membership in 2000 to 871 and the number of vessels supporting the search and rescue program increased to 422. The Auxiliary responded to 236 SAR incidents representing 41% of all SAR incidents in the province.

Thanks again to all Auxiliary members, Executive, Directors and Coast Guard Staff for helping to make the Newfoundland and Labrador Auxiliary such a great success and a valuable asset to the boating public. An organization is only as strong as its members; therefore, with all of us working together we will continue as an effective organization helping our fellow man as the need arises.

Winston Pitcher
President
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (N) Inc.



**VOTES RECEIVED
DISTRICT PERCENTAGES**



District 1—54%	District 6—77%
District 2—62%	District 7—78%
District 3—80%	District 8—60%
District 4—63%	District 9—62%
District 5—66%	District 10—54%

CCGA members are given the opportunity to elect a District Director annually. Members are encouraged to return their voting form by the deadline to have their vote count. Directors represent their Districts at Annual General Meetings and other functions throughout the year.


22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (N) Inc. was held on October 27, 2000 at the Gander Hotel. In Attendance were:


Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5
 Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President, Director District 1
 Herbert Pittman—2nd Vice President, Director District 2
 Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7
 Harry Strong—Immediate Past President, Director District 8
 Howard Noel—Director District 3
 Wesley Snook—Director District 4
 Andrew Careen—Director District 6, 2000
 Harold Stagg—Director District 9
 Byron Morey—Director District 10
 Ed Bruce—CCGA Training/Operations Officer
 Francois Vezina—CCGA Business Manager
 Frank McLaughlin—President CCGA (M)





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 ⇒ Increase your Vessel Value
 ⇒ If you are fishing/operating in an area away from your home port

 Send In Your:
 ⇒ Renewal Form
 ⇒ Voting Form

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

Joe Price—Regional Director General, Fisheries & Oceans
 Wayne Follett—A/Regional Director, Canadian Coast Guard
 Ray Browne—Director Marine Programs, Canadian Coast Guard
 Andy Caines—A/Superintendent, Maritime Search & Rescue
 Neil Peet—Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs
 Gerard Lacey—CCGA (N) Training Officer
 Kim Turchuk—CCGA Admin Assistant



CCGA (N) 2001 EXECUTIVE

Winston Pitcher—President
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President
Herbert Pittman—2nd Vice President
**Charles Roberts—Secretary/
 Treasurer**

From Left to Right: Herb Pittman, Marcel O'Brien, Harry Strong, Winston Pitcher and Charles Roberts.





GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL

The year 2000 has been another great year in the History of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National. I want to comment on a couple of interesting items that took place in 2000.

With increasing activity in the North it was decided to expand the Auxiliary in that area of the country. Two regions Central & Arctic and Newfoundland have begun to recruit members in this area with good results. The remoteness of the area makes this venture very expensive and progress is not as we would like due to difficulties in travel.

Our first National SAR Skills competition was held this year in Lachine, Quebec. Five teams from Canada (one from each CCGA Region) and six teams from the United States traveled to Laval to take part in this competition. After a full day of competition and fun the team from CCGA (N) was declared the winner of the International Trophy. Needless to say this was a great honour for the team and CCGA (N). The next National competition will be held in Vancouver B.C. in October 2001. CCGA (N) will be represented this year by the team from District 8.

On your behalf, I would like to offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to our friends in CCGA Laurentian for organizing and running such a fantastic event. Excellent Job!

This competition is becoming very popular all over the world as we are getting enquiries from other countries expressing interest in becoming involved.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate your Regional Board and indeed all CCGA (N) members for your excellent work in 2000. You may or may not know that CCGA (N) performed 41 percent of all Coast Guard Search and Rescue incidents in the Newfoundland Region last year. These figures speak for themselves when you realize you are all volunteers.

Keep up the good work and please take advantage of any training programs that are offered in your area.

To quote the famous writer Edward Gibbon:

"The wind and waves are always on the side of the ablest Navigator."

Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer
National Council

2001 NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Winston Pitcher
President, CCGA (N) Inc.

Mr. Frank McLaughlin
President, CCGA (M) Inc.

Mr. Robert Petitpas
President, CCGA (L) Inc.

Mr. Frank Hudson
President, CCGA (P) Inc.

Mr. John W. Levantis
President, CCGA (C) Inc.

Mr. Earl Taylor
Secretary

GROUNDING OF THE F/V VALERIE & BROTHERS II

On March 18, 2000 the Maritime Rescue Sub Centre (MRSC) in St. John's received notification, through the Placentia Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS), that the fishing vessel *Valerie & Brothers II* was aground in Wreck Cove, Fortune Bay with four people on board. The vessel went aground due to engine failure shortly after breaking her mooring during a storm.

Three occupants of the *Valerie & Brothers II* managed to reach shore and take shelter in a nearby cabin. The fourth individual sustained injuries in his effort to save the boat and was unable to climb the slippery rocks to safety forcing him to remain with the stricken vessel. At this time the weather was reported to be Northeast winds, 35 to 45 knots, heavy seas, with reduced visibility in heavy snow and freezing spray.

In addition to tasking several primary Search and Rescue (SAR) air and maritime resources and two vessels of opportunity, three Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) vessels were tasked. After approximately one hour on task, the CCGA *Jane and Brothers* stood down due to the severe ice accumulation on the vessel. The other two CCGA vessels, *Trina & Sons* and *Stephen & Jayde*, being larger vessels, were able to press on through the storm and arrive at the scene.

Following a quick assessment of the scene by the Auxiliary members, a small lifeboat was floated to evacuate the injured man. By this time the injured man was unable to walk or help himself due to his injuries and the effects of hypothermia. Once onboard the larger vessel, the injured man was treated for hypothermia and evacuated to hospital in Harbour Breton. The patient had spent a total

of five hours in the water and, in his opinion and the opinion of the receiving physician, was very near death at the time of his rescue.

The other three crew members remained at the cabin in Wreck Cove until the weather was favourable for them to return home.

Roger Slaney, the Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) officer, was at the radio position in Placentia and heard the very weak distress call on Channel 16. The detecting of this initial call and follow-up calls determined an emergency (grounding) had occurred. The high level of skill shown by the MCTS officer in detecting the initial call and obtaining essential information in very terrible radio conditions resulted in the successful rescue of the stranded crew member.

This Search and Rescue mission incident lasted 6 ½ hours from start to finish. Due to the bravery, skill and dedication of the 8 CCGA members, two Auxiliary vessel crewmembers and the CCG employee this case ended successfully.

CANADIAN COAST GUARD COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION

For their valour and bravery shown by their life saving efforts during this Search and Rescue incident, eight members of the CCGA (N) Inc. from Harbour Breton and two Auxiliary vessel crewmembers received the Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner's Commendation at an Awards Ceremony held at the Lion's Club in Harbour Breton.

Recipients were:

Wesley Snook, Sr.
Reuben Rose, Jr.
Gary Snook, Sr.
Rod Pierce
Glen Jarvis

Arthur Pierce
Wesley Snook, Jr.
Tim Stoodly
Todd Pierce
Edward Blackmore

"Safety First, Service Always"

KIDZ OWN

HEY KIDS!! IT'S A COLOURING CONTEST...

The CCGA (N) Inc. is once again sponsoring a Colouring Contest. The contest is open to the children of Auxiliarists only. All submissions will be judged by the Executive of the CCGA (N) Inc.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded in the following age groups:

- 3-4 years 5-6 years
- 7-8 years 9-11 years

Entries must be received in the CCGA (N) Inc. office in St. John's, not later than Friday, June 22, 2001. Address your entry to:

Coloring Contest
C/O CCGA (N) Inc.
P.O. Box 938, Station "C"
St. John's, NF A1C 5M3



Look for the entry form with this Newsletter. Good Luck!!



Megan Gill, Age 3



Neil Collins, Age 8

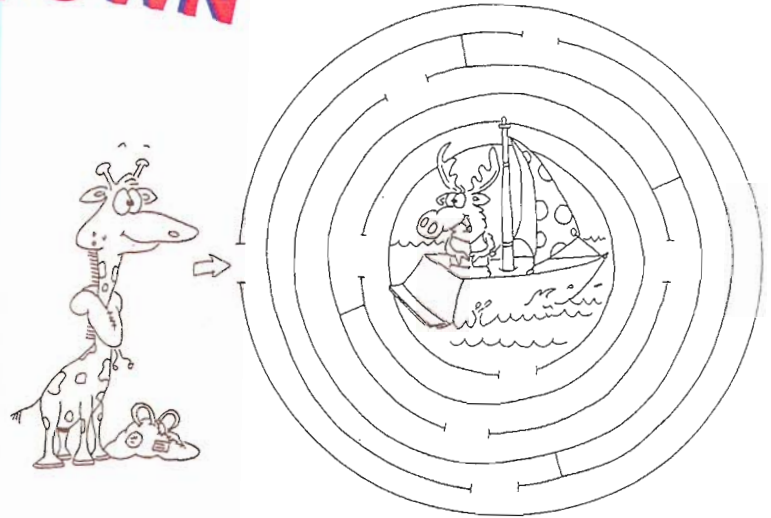
FIRST PRIZES
3-4 YEARS



Brent Gill, Age 6



Nicole Marsh,, Age 11



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CCGA 3RD ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| Ages 3-4 | 1st—Megan Gill
2nd—Spencer Snook
3rd—Robyn Lundrigan |
| Ages 5-6 | 1st—Brent Gill
2nd—Scott Lundrigan
3rd—Patrick Webb |
| Ages 7-8 | 1st—Neil Collins
2nd—Dylan Northcott
3rd—Emily Doyle |
| Ages 9-11 | 1st—Nicole Marsh
2nd—Trevor Pittman
3rd—Katherine Jones |

SAR SKILLS COMPETITION 2000 CORPORATE SPONSORS

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TO ALL AUXILIARISTS

Congratulations to each and every member of the CCGA (N) Inc. on another successful year. 2001 marks the International Year of the Volunteer and we at the Canadian Coast Guard recognize the vital role of volunteers in achieving our mandate to effectively respond to maritime Search and Rescue Incidents.

Auxiliarists throughout the province should be proud of the image you have all created for CCGA (N) Inc. Not only did the Auxiliary respond to 41% of all SAR incidents in Newfoundland we also portrayed our organization as a highly skilled and professional group by winning the SAR 2000 International Competition in Lachine, Quebec.

2001 will be another challenging year for the Auxiliary. Our membership is increasing steadily and interest in the organization is growing as well. Our growth and evolution is key to continuing our successes in the future.

Myself, Gerard Lacey, Valerie Dwyer, Kim Turchuk and Debbie Noseworthy will strive to provide the best service possible and to support members in their efforts with the CCGA (N) Inc.

We invite you to drop by and visit whenever you are in St. John's. Our office is located at the Canadian Coast Guard Base, South Side Road. We look forward to meeting you.

Neil Peet
Supervisor Marine SAR Programs
Canadian Coast Guard



**FROM THE ACTING
SUPERINTENDENT MARITIME
SEARCH & RESCUE**

Greetings from the RSMS office.

In the past ten years as a SAR Coordinator my contact with the Auxiliary has been on the operational side. Now that I have been acting Superintendent Maritime Search & Rescue for the past six months I have seen the organizational and administrative side. What a pleasure it was to be part of the SAR competitions held in Lachine, Quebec and to participate in the Awards ceremony in Harbour Breton.

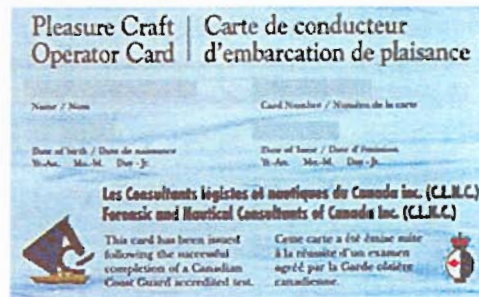
Last year the CCGA responded to 236 incidents representing 41% of the total incidents. The cost of CCGA SAR operations in the Newfoundland Region was \$245,000.

On behalf of the SAR Coordinators I would like to thank all of you for your sincere dedication you all continue to demonstrate and wish you all the best. At any time you may happen to be in the St. John's area, please feel free to drop into the MRSC to say hello and have a look at the facilities.

Andy Caines
Acting Superintendent
Maritime Search & Rescue

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

- SAR Scene—Whitehorse, Yukon—September 12-16
- 23rd Annual General Meeting, Corner Brook, October 12
- SAR Skills 2001—Corner Brook, October 13
- International SAR Skills 2001—Vancouver, B.C. October 19-21



**CCGA OPERATIONS/TRAINING
OFFICER'S REPORT**

To All Auxiliary Members:

It has been two years since I began working for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Since this time, I traveled North, South, East and West of Newfoundland and Labrador. It takes a great deal of time and effort to do such a widespread area but I feel much has been accomplished. A lot of our goals and objectives are still ongoing. Things such as First Aid Courses to include an Advanced Marine First Aid Course, Proficiency Tests and Boat Inspections are done on a continuous basis. The Advanced Marine Course is mandatory for anyone who possesses a Marine Ticket.

I want to thank the many individuals who helped me throughout the past year and would appreciate your continued support in the future. I hope 2001 will be a happy and prosperous one for you and your families. 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 (709) 682-5180.

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

**IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A SEARCH AND RESCUE
INCIDENT, MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY THE MARITIME
RESCUE SUB-CENTRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!**

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Or FAX us at (709) 772-4109

DID YOU KNOW???

Cellular Telephone Service – (*16) Marine Emergencies

Marine Communications and Traffic Services Centres in certain parts of Canada are connected to the Cellular Telephone network system. Cellular telephone users can, in an **emergency** situation, dial *16 on their telephone to access an MCTS centre in order to obtain assistance. Details of this service may be obtained by contacting the local Cellular telephone company.

Mariners are cautioned that the maritime mobile radio safety system in the southern waters of Canada is based principally on VHF communications. VHF has the advantage that a call can be heard by the closest MCTS Centre (s) and by ships in the vicinity which could provide immediate assistance. On the other hand, the cellular telephone network is a party-to-party system and the benefit of the broadcast mode in an emergency situation cannot be obtained.

Mariners are reminded that the use of a radiotelephone set to obtain assistance in an emergency situation is the best option and that cellular telephone should be used only as an alternative should the VHF radiotelephone set not be available. Standard distress alerting equipment, such as radiotelephone and EPIRBS should never be replaced by cellular telephone alone.

*Please note that in the Newfoundland Region, *16 emergency service is available in the island portion of the province where cellular coverage exists. This service is not currently available in Labrador. All *16 calls received are routed to St. John's MCTS centre for action.*

