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# BOATING SAFETY NOTICE

## The Contraventions Act in British Columbia

The *Contraventions Act* is a federal statute that establishes a simplified procedure for prosecuting certain federal offences. The Act provides that an enforcement officer may prosecute an offender by issuing a violation ticket (similar to a provincial traffic ticket) instead of requiring them to attend a mandatory court appearance.

Almost 300 federal offences relating to pleasure craft are designated as ticketable offences under the *Contraventions Act*. These offences can be found in the *Small Vessel Regulations*, *Collision Regulations*, *Boating Restriction Regulations*, *Private Buoy Regulations*, *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations*, and the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. Fines for typical boating offences range from \$100.<sup>00</sup> to \$250.<sup>00</sup>

In June 2004 the governments of Canada and British Columbia signed an agreement to implement the *Contraventions Act* in British Columbia. The agreement is expected to come into force in the Spring of 2005.

By allowing enforcement officers to issue tickets to offenders under a provincial ticketing scheme the *Contraventions Act* gives them a simpler tool for enforcing the law; offenders are treated in a manner that is more appropriate to the seriousness of the violation, and the time of the courts is saved for more serious prosecutions.

Implementation of the *Contraventions Act* will give enforcement agencies in British Columbia the same tools that are available to enforcement officers in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Anecdotal evidence indicates that in the six provinces where the *Contraventions Act* has been implemented there has been a substantial improvement overall in the level of compliance and consequently, boater safety.

### Some typical boating offences:

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| ▪ operating a power-driven vessel without a muffler   | \$100 |
| ▪ fail to carry personal flotation devices, lifejackets or other safety equipment   | \$200 |
| ▪ operating a vessel in a careless manner, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons | \$100 |
| ▪ failure to operate gasoline engine blower for a period not less than 4 minutes  | \$100 |
| ▪ fuelling-- knowingly allow leakage of fuel within or from a small vessel  | \$100 |
| ▪ operating a power-driven pleasure craft less than 4 meters without a Pleasure Craft Operator Card or equivalent               | \$250 |
| ▪ allowing a person under 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft  | \$250 |
| ▪ speeding  | \$100 |

For more information on federal *Contraventions* and their applicable fines, check on-line at <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/index.html>.

From the list of "Frequently Accessed Statutes", click on "Contraventions Act". Scroll down to "Related Regulations" and click on "Contraventions Regulations."



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## **President**

Malcolm Dunderdale is a resident of beautiful Queen Charlotte City, where he is president of a telecommunications company. He has served as the director of Queen Charlotte Regional District, School Board #50 and Northern Savings Credit Union.

Malcolm has been a volunteer with CCGA-P for 26 years and is a member of Unit 66 - Queen Charlotte City. For the last nine years he has served on the Board of Directors, as a Zone Director, Vice President and then as President.



## **Vice President**

Bruce Falkins is a native Vancouver resident, and resides with his wife and two children in the West Vancouver area, where he has owned a marina business for the last 23 years. Currently he actively serves Unit 1 - Howe Sound as a Coxswain.

Bruce has been a volunteer in West Vancouver for 10 years in the local Fire department and 18 years with the CCGA-P. He has served in several roles within CCGA-P: Unit training officer, Unit Leader, Courtesy Examiner, Zone Director, Training Director, Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice President. Bruce has also served on various committees for the CCGA-P, as well as other committees such as, the Local Marine Advisory Committee for Coast Guard.



## **Secretary/Treasurer**

Randy Strandt has been a member of the CCGA-P for five years serving as a Coxswain in both Unit 1 and 2. He will be returning to BC after spending the last two years enjoying an international transfer with his employer to Birmingham, England. During his time in the UK Randy had the opportunity to visit several RNLi stations and vessels around the coast of England, Wales, and Scotland.

Randy is a Chartered Accountant employed as a manager with KPMG in Vancouver and has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University. His career has provided him with some excellent experience in financial reporting, auditing, corporate governance and management.



## **Past President**

Since joining the provincial government in 1984, Frank Hudson has held numerous senior management positions. Since April 2005 he has been acting Executive Director of the Strategic Acquisitions and Intellectual Property Management Branch.

A graduate of the 2003-2004 Leadership Victoria program, Frank is a very active community volunteer. In addition to his current duties as Immediate Past President of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific, he is co-chair of the Fundraising Committee of the Leadership Victoria Advisory Committee, and a volunteer member of the City of Langford Finance and Administration Committee.

Frank proudly resides in the progressive City of Langford with his wife Theresa and youngest son Daniel.



### **Central Area Representative**

Sheila Flynn joined CCGA-P Unit 14-Gibsons, in February 2001, became Deputy Unit Leader about a year later and Unit Leader in February of 2004. She also serves as Secretary for Elphinstone Marine Rescue Society. Sheila moved to the Gulf Islands later that summer, and in September 2004 was appointed Deputy Unit Leader for Unit 25 Gulf Islands and Team Leader for Unit 25 Pender Team, as well as Secretary for Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society.

Sheila's past experiences have included Associate Editor of Hansard for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, Interfaith Palliative Care/Emergency-Acute Care Chaplain for Vancouver General Hospital, and has work with people struggling with addictions, suicide, and domestic vio-



### **South Area Representative**

Robin Gardner is an 11 year resident of Tsawwassen, where he resides with his wife Lea, 8 cats and a 3 legged dog. He has served for 3 years as chair of the Greater Vancouver Regional Emergency Planning Committee and is currently starting a Risk, Security and Emergency Management company

Robin has been a volunteer with Unit 9 since November 2002 and has served as Deputy Unit Leader. He became the Secretary/Treasurer of the CCGA-P Board 2 years ago and is now taking on the new role of Southern Area Representative.



### **North Area Representative**

Duncan Peacock is a resident of Kitimat, where he lives with his wife Sue and three children, Christopher, Nicole, and Karina. Duncan is an electrician and has worked for Alcan as an industrial electrician for the last 25 years.

Duncan has been a volunteer with Unit 63 since January 1992, and has served as Deputy Unit Leader and Unit Leader. He has served on the Board of Directors as Zone 7 Director and is now continuing to serve the membership as the Board's Northern Area Representative.



### **Society Representative**

Dave Lindley is a Vancouver Island native, he resides in Sidney with his wife Sheilagh. Currently Dave is General Manager for Alpine Disposal and Recycling.

In 1981 Dave joined Unit 36 - Saanich and has served as their Deputy Unit Leader and Unit Leader. Dave has served in various positions in the Auxiliary over the years, including Zone 3 Director, SAR/Ops Director, Vice-President and President.



### **Community Representative**

Len Kelsey has held a number of senior executive positions in retail, service and financial businesses. He currently serves as a Commissioner with the British Columbia Utilities Commission. His public service activities included; serving as Board Chair of Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver, Public Administrator and Board Chair for North Shore Health Region and currently, Board Chair, Canadian MedicAlert Foundation.

Len is a resident of West Vancouver, has been an active boater for many years and is a member of the West Vancouver Yacht Club. He has twice served as Commodore and is now Past Commodore and leads a Strategic Planning Committee for the Club. He operates a 10 meter "vintage" Sea Ray which is a registered Auxiliary Vessel. Len has been a member of the Auxiliary since 1993. His son Hugh is a Coxswain on Auxiliary 1, operating from Fishermans Cove in West Vancouver.



### **Community Representative**

George Brown lives in the Vancouver area and is an avid boater who enjoys navigating the blue pacific. He is also an adventure seeker - flying planes, skiing or racing his Porsche.

George is a leading corporate strategist and international authority in sales and marketing. He has thirty years experience in every aspect of sales process engineering, sales motivation, software technology selection and sales training. As a yacht owner and operator, George has chosen to direct his skill to effect change in the approach to safety and training taken by the various brokers and new yacht dealers.



### **Community Representative**

Rear Admiral Russell Moore retired from the Canadian Navy in 1998 after 36 years of service which saw the normal progression of sea going and shore postings on both coasts, Ottawa and outside Canada. In his last posting as Commander Maritime Forces Pacific he was responsible for maritime and aeronautical SAR in BC and the Yukon. Since retirement he has served on the Board of BC Ferries and several volunteer organizations. He enjoys boating and fishing and lives in Saanich on a small horse property with his wife Dianne.

## **CCGA-P Management Team**



### **Manager of Training**

Kim Pearce moved to Victoria to attend the University of Victoria where she has completed both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geography.

Kim decided to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary and crewed on the Victoria based rescue boat for 3 years before completing the RHIOT course and upgrading to coxswain in 2001. Since then she has taken an active part in Unit training and joined the ARTE team. She has competed in both the regional and international SAR competitions and is happily involved with the crew and coxswain standards. She is also heavily involved with boating on the sailing side and now lives aboard a 38 foot sailboat in Victoria.

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### **Manager of SAR/Ops**

Curtis Bolton is an engineer for Madill and has been a member of Unit 27 (Nanaimo) for about four years and has served as the Unit Leader for the past two. Throughout his time with the Auxiliary he has been busy in all aspects including SAR, Training, Boating Safety and Fundraising.

Currently there are a number of exciting projects and initiatives in the works. One of Curtis's first tasks will be to start putting together a Team (details to follow) to help achieve the SAR objectives of the CCGA-P. If this interests you, please let him know!!

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### **Manager of Boating Safety**

Neil Goldsmith is a recently retired teacher holding a Masters of Education. He lives on Protection Island (across the harbour from beautiful downtown Nanaimo). He has had over forty years of boating experiences in boats ranging from rowing shells, canoes, kayaks, runabouts and sailboats. In summers he can be found (maybe) cruising the coast on "Windfree", VHF - VY 9877, looking for quiet anchorages in which to BBQ the catch of the day. He believes that boating safety and boater awareness is an essential first step in reducing SAR call outs.

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### **Manager of Financial Development**

Melissa Gervias is an avid boater (34 ft Bayliner "As You Wish"), CCGA-P owner/operator, crewmember CCGA-P Unit 6 Richmond North, President, Strait of Georgia Marine Rescue Society, and a member of Centre Bay Yacht Station and RVYC. She is an active member and past director of the University Women's Club Vancouver and the Hycroft Heritage Preservation Foundation. She enjoys gardening, piano, hanging out with her big red dog and restoring her old Camaro.

Melissa graduated from UVIC and has spent the past 19 years in various aspects of venture capital. Since 1999, Melissa has served as the President and co-founder of a medical device company, Luna Products Inc. Melissa also serves as an advisor and board member for a number of public and private companies.

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### **Manager of Human Resources**

Jim has been a member of the CCGA-P since 1998, and has served as Duty Coxswain, Training Officer and Unit Leader for Unit 27 (Nanaimo). Currently he is an active Coxswain for Unit 58 (French Creek). Jim has been on the Board of Directors for the past year, serving as Director of Human Resources. Under our new Governance model, he will continue as Manager of Human Resources.

Jim is a very active cruising sailor, and has sailed the west coast from Glacier Bay to Costa Rica, including many trips to the Central and North Coasts and around Vancouver Island. Holding a 60 Ton Masters Certificate, he now skippers whale watching boats out of Telegraph Cove "for fun". Professionally Jim has been involved in the clinical counseling field for some 30 years, and recently retired from his private clinical practice in Nanaimo.

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# KIDS DON'T FLOAT

Kids don't float. Well, some of them do. But thanks to a program operated by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific,



now all children can safely stay on the water's surface while playing at the beach, or awaiting rescue after a boating mishap. "We adopted the Kids Don't Float program about five years ago", said Malcolm Dunderdale, CCGA-P President. "It originated with the United States Coast Guard in Alaska, where a high number of that state's children were drowning because they weren't wearing a personal flotation device on the water."

In Alaska, the program comprises some 450 stations strategically located where the majority of people meet the fresh and salty bodies of water. Operating entirely on the honour system, quantities of children's lifejackets are loaned to kids who need one - for a day, or longer. Losses of lifejackets from the unattended loaner stations are rare, and apparently of little concern to the program sponsors according to Dunderdale. "A USCG official said he didn't care if PFD's went missing, because it likely meant that a child somewhere was wearing it - and that was

the whole point of the program. They believe they've seen a tangible reduction in children drowning since they initiated the Kids Don't Float program 13 years ago."

Today, nearly a dozen CCGA-P units either run or are setting up Kids Don't Float loaner stations across the length and breadth of British Columbia, at ocean and lakeside locations on the coast and inland. In addition, through a memorandum of understanding, CCGA-P and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police partnered to establish loaner stations in the more remote north-coast communities. Thanks to sponsorship, each station is stocked with a selection of lifejackets in a range of child sizes. "We appreciate their generous support", said Dunderdale. "They help make this program a reality. Their products are what save kids' lives."

How great is the need to promote the wearing of lifejackets? It's huge, according to RCMP constable Robert Pikola. "On average, every tenth boat I inspect - mainly pleasure craft - gets a ticket for having absolutely no PFD's onboard. We (RCMP) got involved with the Kids Don't Float program because so few people in the more remote areas have the proper safety gear. Perhaps, some day, the focus on kids can be expanded to also provide PFD's for adults." Today, Pikola's detachment is spearheading efforts to install loaner

stations in many north-coast communities.

Just like the pilot project in Alaska, which later spread across USA, CCGA-P's Kids Don't Float program is garnering interest from other Canadian locales. Presently, CCGA-Quebec is looking at the BC experience, with a view to initiating something similar.

Besides just saving children's lives, the Kids Don't Float program encourages everyone to think about water safety. And, sometimes it's the kids who counsel their parents to be more safety-conscious, according to Dunderdale. "At our local dock, I overheard a child remark, 'Mom, you've got to have a lifejacket on'. So, maybe the program will help save a few adults, too." The program isn't just aimed at boaters, as there are safety benefits for beach-goers, too, according to Laura McCann



(Unit #55, Powell River). "Some older kids say they don't need a lifejacket because they can swim, but now we're seeing more children putting on PFD's for a day at the beach. We've already seen a child's life saved because they wore a



PFD while out swimming."

In many locations, the Kids Don't Float program seems to be self-promoting. "We just put up the sign that explains the program, stocked up the life-jackets, and immediately people began using them", said Harold Weise (Unit #58, French Creek). "The public is very appreciative of having this access to PFD's, especially when they get unexpected visitors. Lately, we've



even heard some interest in also having PFD's for dogs."

The lifejackets at many loaner stations appear to be self-propagating, according to most reports. People see the value of the program, and donate - mostly anonymously - their outgrown PFD's. Sometimes, CCGA-P members find brand new PFD's hanging on the hooks, and end the season with more than they began with. In a few locations, lifejackets have permanently disappeared but most CCGA-P units share Alaska's philosophy. According to Bob Clayton (Unit #106, Shuswap), "Losing some lifejackets isn't so bad, if it means that kids are wearing them. We have more visitors than residents, so I'm sure that some of our missing PFD's are helping to protect kids in Alberta



and elsewhere."

The value of the Kids Don't Float program is seen to be so great that some CCGA-P units want to help expand its scope beyond their own area of operations, according to Ian Arklie (Unit #39, Port Alberni). "Our marine rescue society offered to sponsor a loaner station for any community that can't afford to set one up."

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## BOATING SAFETY UPDATE

Hello All,

We have now entered into a chapter in the CCGA-P's history, moving to a Board of Governance structure. The Boating Safety portfolio has changed from a Director to a Manager of Boating Safety. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Manager of Boating Safety, Neil Goldsmith. I'm sure Neil will be looking for and recruiting his 'Team', so please keep an eye out for requests for assistance.

Other than that, here is what else has been happening through the month of May.

\* Some "Kids Don't Float" (KDF) sites received new PFD's that are now marked with CCGA-P labelling.

\* Some PCCC and refresher training has taken place and has been well received.

\* The Photo ID system is slowly being deployed. Kyu-Chang is working his

way through the Units. Kyu-Chang will prompt a Unit for photos of it's members and then produce the cards.

\* New Bobbie trailers have been obtained and have had the decaling completed. Two of these units will replace the trailers currently used in the interior. The older trailers have been found to be difficult to use on the highways. They are big and spacious and are better suited for community travel. Those Units that may be interested in one of these trailers, contact the office, a sale to the Unit may be possible.

\* Boating Safety Special Events have been quite active, certainly compared to last year. Again, a great demand for Bobbie to visit schools.

\* The Knowledge Network is now airing a series called "Safe Passage", see link on the CCGA-P web site for run times. The CCGA-P participated in the filming of portions of this

series.

\* I've done a call out to find out interest for PCCC courses and PCCC instructors course. We needed to check out the 'head count' to see if a course is worthwhile putting together. We need to tally the responses and this will be forwarded on to both Neil and Tyson (OBS). The current plan is if something can be done in August, but after that the time is booked as well as most people are gone on holidays.

I am, obviously, no further your Director of Boating Safety, so this will be the last Status Report from me.

Take care one and all, have a safe and enjoyable present and future. Boating Safety - Saving lives, without getting wet.

Rgds,  
Mike Janicki  
(ex)Director of Boating Safety

## DONOR PROFILE

We bought our first boat in 1993 and try to spend about 6 months of the year exploring the waters of the inside passage of the BC Coast. While far from crowded, it is noticeable that more and more people are buying or renting boats to take advantage of the beautiful playground we have at our doorstep. What is also noticeable is that as boating popularity increases, so do distress calls on the VHF radio and the reporting of mishaps and casualties in the newscasts.

Over the years we have met a few of the volunteers who so generously donate their time to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are also

aware of the shortage of boats, particularly in the remote areas of BC, where the lack of rescue vessels often hinder the chances for a successful rescue mission.

The Boundless II is a 27 foot twin engine power boat, built on a Thunderbird style hull in 1976 for Horst Langner. We purchased the boat from him in 2001. Thanks to his diligent care it is still a sound vessel with years of service left in her, according to her last survey. Then we fell victim to "six-foot-itis". The purchase of a new boat left us debating what to do with the Boundless II. We read about people donating their



boats to the CCGA-P and we thought it was a worthy cause.

Whether she finds herself as a rescue boat, or a boat being rescued during training exercises, hopefully she'll make a small difference in CCGA's program to make boating safer. (And the charitable donation receipt helps our cause along as well).

*Safe & Happy Boating!*

Rudy & Liz Froese



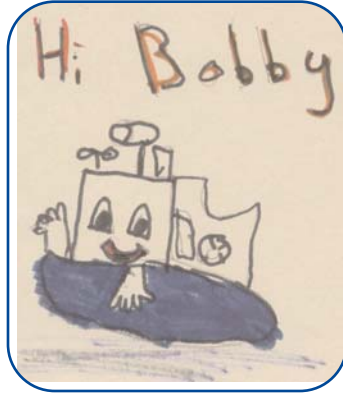
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# BC KIDS LOVE BOBBIE THE SAFETY BOAT



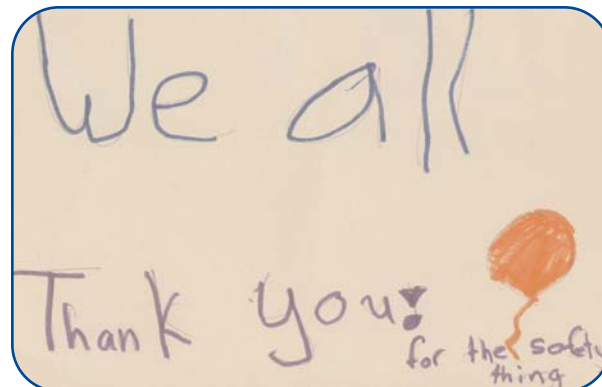
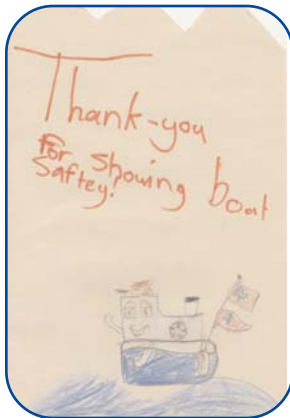
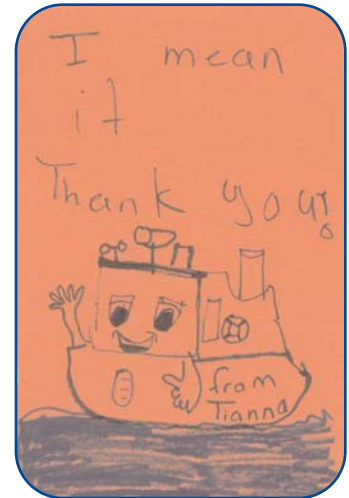
WOW...

I have been so busy this summer, visiting and talking about Boating Safety with so many kids of all ages. It has been so much fun. We sing my BOBBIE the SAFETY BOAT song and talk about my Boating Safety Rules. I really like the nice pictures kids draw and send to me after talking with them at their schools.



Remember Kids, always wear your PFD when you go boating and be Boat Safe!

Your Friend,  
Bobbie



## Powell River Kids Don't Float School Project

The Kids Don't Float school project for 2005 was a year to remember. The students responded to the program with open arms. This year grades 1-7 learned about the importance of communication while or near the water. And kindergarten students learned once again about lifejackets and PFDs. Bobbie was a huge asset to each of the presentations and we were able to do a great presentation with Bobbie.

Communication .....we learned to use our own voice and body parts, whistles, air horns, and cell phones. We learned how to call the Coast Guard radio station with various problems (simple calling, Pan-Pan and Mayday). We also talked about the importance of the radio, (it is NOT a toy) and touched on flares.

Life jackets and PFDs.....the what, how, when and why. Colour, size, buddy system and whistle.

In the classroom we start-

ed with an introduction of the instructor, making sure the students were aware of what the Coast Guard and Auxiliary is. An introduction of Bobbie and then we had a review of what students learned in the past. The difference between Lifejackets and PFDs was discussed and the importance of colour. We also asked the students what they remembered about the 'Spot the Danger' poster...and why this poster was shown to them.

The communication presentation was filled with scenarios of local places and possible situations. Bobbie and I took turns asking questions, and giving answers while keeping to the half hour per class presentation. We added some humor as well as important scenarios that could happen while on or near the water.

This year we were fortunate to have a number of children with disabilities, both psychical and mental join our school project.

These children were able

to grasp what we were trying to do this year, and they were able to join in with the question and answers along with all the other children. Many students talked to their parents about the presentations and taught them what they learned about staying safe by the water. All the students felt comfortable asking Bobbie all sorts of questions we haven't encountered in the past. And I have to say I'm most proud of how our presentation was received.

This year Bobbie and I visited 1,496 students in the Powell River area ranging in ages between 5-13 years old. This years presentation was such a huge success that teachers and parents are already looking forward to next year's program.

Both Bobbie 7 and I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Laura McCann  
Unit 55  
Powell River



## International Lifeboat Federation

Seeing farther over the horizon is the desire of many mariners facing difficult conditions. Today, members of Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific can see almost completely around the planet when navigating through complex issues concerning training, communications, SAR methods and emerging trade-specific technology. Thanks to CCGA-P partnering with organizations such as International Lifeboat Federation (ILF), units and members benefit from the experience and innovation of other marine rescue organizations in 62 other countries.

The ILF is a partner of the International Maritime Organization, an agency of the United Nations, and is described as the one truly global body meant for sharing expertise and technology, to achieve the common aim of preventing loss of life on the water.

Rescuing helpless mariners isn't a new idea, with the first such volunteer organization on record being the 16th-century "Dare to Die Society" in China. Linking lifeboats worldwide isn't a

new concept, either. In 1924, Japan proposed the establishment of an international organization to coordinate all lifeboat services, to be aligned with the then League of Nations. The notion percolated and evolved during the ensuing eight decades, and now comprises some 90 member agencies. There is still



Gerry Keiling - CEO ILF

a long way to go, as it is estimated that some two-thirds of the world has no organized search and rescue capability, mostly in countries that need it the most.

CCGA-P joined the ILF - which is based in England - about six years ago, in an effort to assist its own ongoing development and to deepen the pool of expertise from which to

learn. "We didn't want to waste our time and resources to re-invent the wheel", said Malcolm Dunderdale, CCGA-P President. "So, we took advantage of the ILF's substantial body of knowledge, which has been amassed over a number of years, from a broad spectrum of methods and circumstances. Our membership paid off in many ways, one of which is the development of our crew training manual."

Marine rescue methods often differ among countries. How the service is delivered follows distinct models - North American models are mostly government-paid, while European models are more of a community service, funded by charity. Regardless of those differences, one common thing inextricably binds all marine rescue organizations - that is the goal to save the approximately 140,000 people around the world who die on the water each year.

"It's a fallacy that paid professionals provide a better service than volunteers", said Gerry Keiling, CEO of the International Lifeboat Federation. "In the old

days, most volunteers were experienced mariners, but that's not so anymore. Now, we ask a huge amount from our volunteers, to dedicate themselves to training and high standards. This is necessary in part due to the prevalence of litigation in our society, but also to ensure that rescuers provide the best and safest possible response to an emergency."

Crew safety is an important issue for the Federation, which has studied the medical concerns arising from prolonged exposures to rough conditions, according

to Keeling. "Ideally, the upper limit for crews on open boats should be age 45 years, and age 55 for those in all-weather vessels."

Being part of the Federation has given CCGA-P the benefit, for free, of countless worldwide studies, tests and experiences, the value of which would have been prohibitively expensive to acquire on its own, according to Dunderdale. "Based on SAR experience in Holland, we're learning a lot about the kind of craft that is best suited for this kind of work in bad conditions (they

use 60' RHIBs). But, being a member of the Federation requires that each organization contribute something of value for everyone's benefit. So far, CCGA-P designed the Federation's website, and has shared our crew training manual with other SAR organizations. In return, I expect to see significant changes for the better in what we do, and how we do it."

Story and Photo Provided  
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## ANSWERING THE CALL....



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The 2005 CCGA -Pacific Regional SAR competition was held in Richmond (Steveston) on 13 /14 May with great success. The overall aim of this event was to:

- \* demonstrate SAR skills from the whole region
- \* evaluate training levels throughout the region
- \* provide some valuable training opportunities (not normally available at the unit)



- \* allow the units to exchange training ideas and approaches
- \* have FUN
- \* Select a Pacific Region Team that will represent us at ISAR 2005

Units participated as a crew and were scored on crew /

teamwork as well as on individual performance and contribution. It was decided, for this year that the ISAR Team would be comprised of the top individuals at this event.

The events this year included two on-water scenarios, that tested their teamwork and SAR abilities and a theory stand to look at coxswain and crew member knowledge levels. Of course we had our training stands and a mystery event that was set up to display seamanship and fun (this event was scored separately and a prize was awarded).

This year the results were as follows:

1. The best score on the night exercise - night chart work, SAR planning and execution  
*Unit 63 - Kitimat  
Mike Colongard, Luc Lachance, Cody Anderson*
2. The Mystery Event (based on best time)  
*Unit 12 Halfmoon Bay  
Scott Baker, Kellei Bulmer, Bruce Arbo*

The Top Individuals that

were selected to form the Pacific Region Team that will represent us at ISAR 2005 were:



- Scott Baker,  
Unit 12 - Halfmoon Bay*
- Shawn Burchett,  
Unit 01 - Howe Sound*
- Kellei Bulmer,  
Unit 12 - Halfmoon Bay*
- Sidney Clare,  
Unit 14 - Gibson*
- Campbell Good,  
Unit 33 - Oak Bay*

It was difficult picking the top individuals at an event like this but these individuals not only excelled at a personal level but also at a team level. These individuals will represent Pacific Region at the ISAR in Halifax in 30 Sep - 02 Oct 2005 where they will be randomly divided (according to ISAR rules) into a Pacific Region Team, part of a Team Canada team and part of an international team.

Brian Cameron



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The valiant efforts of the members of the Canadian Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, clearly demonstrated efficiency of response during a intense situation, while minimizing the danger to life and property.



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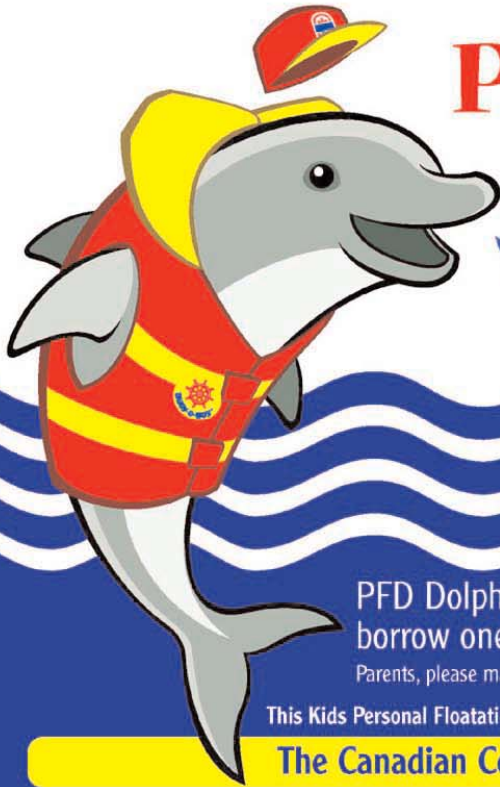
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## Correction

In the Spring 2005 Issue Frank Hudson was awarded the Commissioner's Award and not the Commissionaires Award as reported. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused



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