

# NEWSLETTER



## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

**T**eam Newfoundland and Labrador made their Partners in SAR proud on September 26th and 27th during ISAR 2003. Not only did they win four of the six ISAR competition events, but they won the Canadian overall trophy and the International trophy.

The International Search and Rescue competition (ISAR) was held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this year, helping to mark the 25th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Canada. ISAR provides an opportunity for members of the Canadian and United States Coast Guard Auxiliaries to test their skills and knowledge while allowing for a little friendly competition between the north and south of the 49th parallel.

The competitors were made up of six teams from the United States and six teams from Canada, all vying for the International trophy. Each of the twelve teams consisted

of 4 persons. Of these four people, one member of each team was chosen to be part of an international team. The International teams were made up of 2 American members and 1 Canadian member, or 2 Canadians and 1 American. They participated in 4 events that were considered International events and the Mystery event, in which all teams participated.

It was two days of competition in which all teams exhibited exceptional SAR skills. It should give great comfort to all mariners to know that such competent help is readily available should assistance be required.

Congratulations to Team Newfoundland and Labrador—Randy Ryan, Rodney Gray, Eugene Gray and Lloyd Morey. Congratulations to all participants of ISAR 2003. Although not everyone received a trophy, all the competitors left as winners.



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# JSAR 2003

The 4th Annual International ISAR competition was hosted by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this year, marking the 25th anniversary of the Auxiliary in Canada. 25 years of volunteer service to the mariners of our province and our country is quite an accomplishment, and it was celebrated in style this year.

ISAR took place from Thursday, September 25th to Sunday, September 28th, but many members from the United States and Canadian teams arrived early, having never been to our fair province before. As is normally the case, the hospitality of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians left a lasting impression upon our visitors.

Registration began on Thursday at the Delta Hotel in St. John's where people from as far as Hawaii and Ireland came to register for the competition. The competitors and judges briefings were held on Friday morning, followed by the ISAR 2003 Opening Ceremonies at the Coast Guard Base in St. John's. The CLB Army band performed and greetings were extended by the Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, Mr. John Adams, the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Mr. Harry Strong, the National Commodore of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Mr. Bill Edgerton and the Mayor of St. John's, NL, the Honorable Andy Wells. People were also able to tour the new Cormorant helicopter belonging to 103 Rescue Squadron, Gander.

The first afternoon of competition was held at the Coast Guard Base in St. John's. There competitors took part in Dewatering Pump operations, Marlin Spike (international event), Chartwork (international event) and SAR Planning.

Following a day of briefings and competitions, competitors let their hair down at the Meet and Greet Reception held at the Delta Hotel that evening. Visitors participated in a Newfoundland and Labrador traditional Screech-In and were entertained by local band the Masterless Men. It was not a very late night, however, for the buses heading to the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club for the second day of competition were leaving the next morning at 0800.

It was a beautiful day in Conception Bay South for the second day of competitions. The events began at 0900 and included Heaving Line Skills competitions, Water Rescue and a Mystery Event. The Mystery Event mimicked a ship abandonment and all competitors, including the International teams, competed. One of the highlights of the day was a SAR hoisting exercise between 103 Rescue Squadron's Cormorant helicopter and the CCG Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The 2003 International SAR Skills Competition concluded with a banquet at the Delta Hotel for all participants, volunteers to the competition and many invited guests. There the trophies for each event were awarded and Team Newfoundland and Labrador was bestowed the title "International Champions".

Congratulations to Team Newfoundland and Labrador, all participants and ISAR organizers for a job well done. Many thanks to the CCGA Board of Directors, the CCG Support staff and all volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard and 103 Rescue Squadron, Gander who came out to help put off an amazing event. It should be truly difficult to top ISAR 2003 hosted by Newfoundland and Labrador.



SAR Pump Operations



Team Newfoundland and Labrador



Mystery Event



# OFFICIAL 2003 ISAR RESULTS

## CANADIAN RESULTS

### SAR Planning—Newfoundland and Labrador

- ◆ Randy Ryan
- ◆ Eugene Gray
- ◆ Rodney Gray
- ◆ Lloyd Morey

### On-Water SAREX—Central and Arctic

- ◆ Jim Snow
- ◆ Adrian Spiering
- ◆ Brad Suckling
- ◆ Derek Cartier

### Heaving Line 1—Newfoundland and Labrador

- ◆ Randy Ryan
- ◆ Eugene Gray
- ◆ Rodney Gray
- ◆ Lloyd Morey

### Heaving Line 2—Newfoundland and Labrador

- ◆ Randy Ryan
- ◆ Eugene Gray
- ◆ Rodney Gray
- ◆ Lloyd Morey

### SAR Pump—Central and Arctic

- ◆ Jim Snow
- ◆ Adrian Spiering
- ◆ Brad Suckling
- ◆ Derek Cartier

### Mystery Event—Newfoundland and Labrador

- ◆ Randy Ryan
- ◆ Eugene Gray
- ◆ Rodney Gray
- ◆ Lloyd Morey

## AMERICAN RESULTS

### SAR Planning—13th District (Northwest USA)

- ◆ Daniel Repp
- ◆ Kriss Anderson
- ◆ Kristy Cough
- ◆ David Browning

### On-Water SAREX—1st Northern (New England)

- ◆ Robert Jackle
- ◆ Joseph Jenkins
- ◆ Stephen Laflamme
- ◆ Glen Daviou

### Heaving Line 1—1st Northern (New England)

- ◆ Robert Jackle
- ◆ Joseph Jenkins
- ◆ Stephen Laflamme
- ◆ Glen Daviou

### Heaving Line 2—13th District (Northwest USA)

- ◆ Daniel Repp
- ◆ Kriss Anderson
- ◆ Kristy Cough
- ◆ David Browning

### SAR Pump—9th Central (Central Great Lakes)

- ◆ Dave Gould
- ◆ James Folk
- ◆ Mark Ludwig
- ◆ Timothy Fluary

### Mystery Event—9th Central (Central Great Lakes)

- ◆ Dave Gould
- ◆ James Folk
- ◆ Mark Ludwig
- ◆ Timothy Fluary

Canadian Overall Trophy—Team Newfoundland and Labrador  
United States Overall Trophy—13th District (Northwest USA)  
Sportsmanship Trophy—CCGA Pacific

**ISAR 2003 International Trophy—Team Newfoundland and Labrador**

You can experience more of ISAR 2003 by logging on to the World Wide Web at:

[www.ccg-gcac.org](http://www.ccg-gcac.org)

[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)



## 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. was held on November 7, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, St. John's.

### The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

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  
Edward Bruce—Director District 6  
Aidan Penton—Director District 9  
Byron Morey—Director District 10  
Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Regional Business Manager  
Jeremy Wagg—CCGA Training/Operations Officer

### The Canadian Coast Guard was represented by:

Ray Browne—Director, Marine Programs  
Brian Stone—Superintendent, Maritime Search and Rescue  
Neil Peet—Supervisor, Marine Programs  
Gerard Lacey—Training Officer  
Valerie Dwyer—Administrative Officer

### Invited Guests:

Robert Sonier—Marsh Canada  
Mireille Talbot—Marsh Canada

### DID YOU KNOW?

You are not considered to be on Authorized Activity unless you have been tasked by Search and Rescue and are in receipt of an Incident Case Number. If you do not receive the proper authorization, you are not entitled to any reimbursement, and more importantly, you are liable for any damage done to your vessel.

Remember to notify the Maritime Rescue Sub-Center and obtain an Incident Number. It is for your own protection.

1-800-563-2444



### CCGA (NL) 2003-2004 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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



Left to Right: Herbert Pittman, Marcel O'Brien, Winston Pitcher and Charles Roberts



## 10 YEAR MEMBERS

The following Auxiliary members received their 10 year service awards in 2003. The dedication and continued support shown by you to Search and Rescue is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to respond to the needs of mariners in peril is a comfort to all those who ply our waters. Congratulations to all.

### District 1

Thomas Normore—L'Anse au Loup  
Caroline O'Brien—L'Anse au Loup  
Aubrey Russell—Mary's Harbour  
Dean Heard—Cartwright  
Lyndon Heard—Cartwright  
Chesley Webb Jr.—Nain  
Henry Webb—Nain  
Ralph Turnbull Sr.—Charlottetown  
Morley Normore—L'Anse au Loup  
Samuel Morris—Happy Valley, Goose Bay  
Sandy Powell—Charlottetown  
Ada Powell—Charlottetown

### District 2

Noble Foley—Conche  
Ralph Randell—Bide Arm  
Ezra Saunders—St. Lunaire

### District 3

Lloyd Roberts—Woody Point

### District 4

Dwayne Morris—Hermitage  
Edward Cokes—Head of Bay d'Espoir  
Maxwell Taylor—Head of Bay d'Espoir  
Lewis Andrews—Francois  
Larry Morris Jr.—Sandyville

### District 5

Harry Meade—Grand Bank  
Wayne Meade—Grand Bank

### District 7

Michael Hearn—Petty Harbour

### District 8

Lindsay Petten—Clarkes Beach  
George Gosse—Dildo

### District 9

Wallace Mouland—Musgrave Harbour  
James Mouland—Musgrave Harbour  
Perry Collins—Seldom  
Douglas Collins—Seldom  
George Collins—Seldom  
Gordon Adams—Joe Batts Arm  
Kevin Reid—Seldom  
Terry Gillingham—Musgrave Harbour  
Glen Norman—Bonavista

### District 10

Peter Jones—Jackson's Arm

## REMINDER

### Send in Your:

- ⇒ Renewal Form
- ⇒ Voting Form
- ⇒ Incident Report Form



Left to Right: Winston Pitcher, President CCGA; Glen Norman, 10 Year Award Recipient; John Butler, Regional Director, CCG.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador was first incorporated on August 30, 1978. In 2003 we celebrated 25 years of service to our fellow mariners. 25 years ago we started out with 164 members and 65 vessels and in 2003 we have grown and prospered to where we stand today, with 1047 members and 481 vessels. The success of this organization is due, in no small part, to members like you who continue to 'push the envelope' and do all you can to assist mariners in trouble. From small beginnings come great things.

In Newfoundland and Labrador this year we hosted the International Search and Rescue Skills Competition in St. John's during the weekend of September 26-28, 2003. The competition was spread out over two days with participants from the United States and Canada. CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador was represented by a team from District 10 (La Scie area). The team consisting of Rodney Gray, Randy Ryan, Lloyd Morey and Eugene Gray walked away with Event Trophies for SAR Planning, Heaving Line 1, Heaving Line 2 and the Mystery Event. This resulted in winning the overall trophy for Canada and the ISAR 2003 International Trophy. Congratulations to the team. They couldn't have performed any better. Of course they were led by their coach, District Director Byron Morey, also from La Scie.

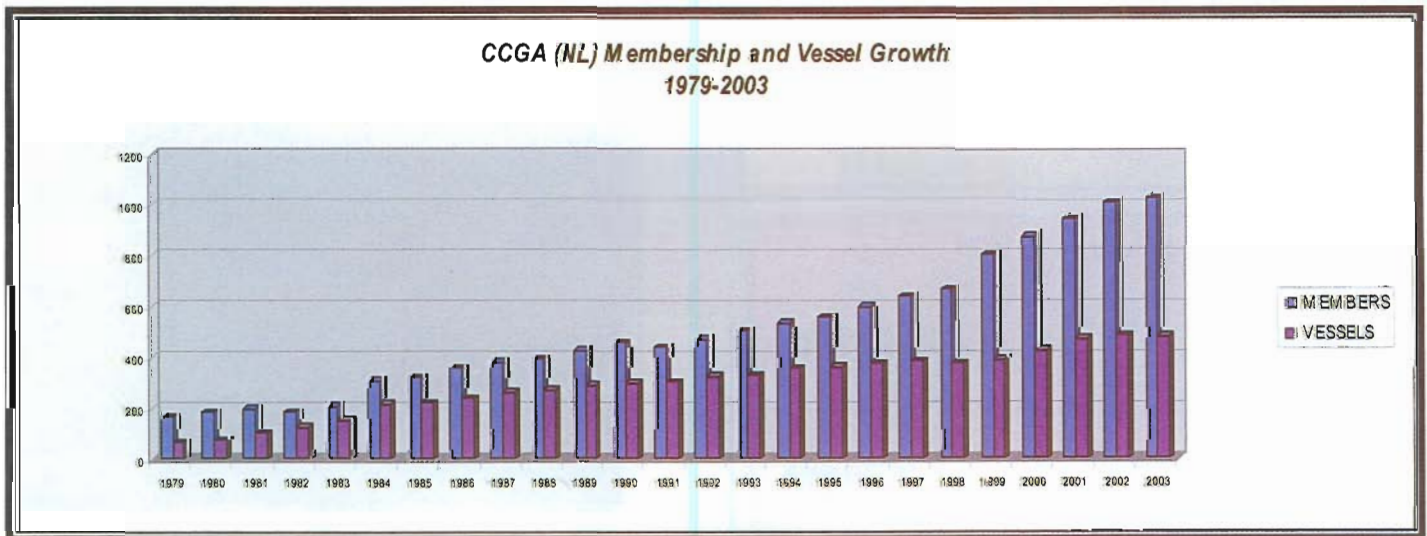
At our 25th Annual General Meeting banquet held in St. John's on November 8, 2003, we honoured

our six 25 year members by presenting them with Long Service Medals. The 25 year members are Austin Sheppard, Harry Strong, Thomas Mills, Linda Clenche, John Troake and Ross Osmond. A number of 5, 10, 15 and 20 year awards were given out as well. Medals were awarded to Marcel O'Brien and Neil Peet, and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Harold Stagg and Glen Winslow. Congratulations and thank you to all. Keep up the good work.

One of our first members, Mr. Harry Strong CM, was awarded the 'Order of Canada' in 2003. In addition to being Director for District 8 and Immediate Past President for CCGA (NL) Inc., Mr. Strong is the Chief Executive Officer for CCGA National. He has been instrumental in putting the CCGA 'on the map' both Nationally and Internationally, and has been awarded the 'Order of Canada' for his efforts. We congratulate Mr. Harry Strong CM on his achievements and feel both honoured and privileged to have him as one of our core members.

Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

Winston Pitcher  
President  
CCGA (NL) Inc.





## DID YOU KNOW?

The current CCGA Insurance Policy includes two age exclusions. The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has attempted to purchase insurance coverage that would not have these exclusions but no insurance company will provide coverage.

The first exclusion affects CCGA members aged 65 years or older. Under the insurance policy, CCGA members 65 years or older are not covered if they suffer a Heart or Circulatory Malfunction during any authorized CCGA activity.

Heart or Circulatory Malfunction coverage applies only if the following conditions are met:

- ◆ The Heart or Circulatory Malfunction of the Insured Person occurs within twenty-four (24) hours of participating in a tasking authorized by the Policy Holder; and
- ◆ **The Insured Person is under sixty-five (65) years of age on the date of such Heart or Circulatory Malfunction ;** and
- ◆ The first symptom of Heart or Circulatory Malfunction is medically diagnosed within twenty-four (24) hours of such participation; and
- ◆ Within two (2) years prior to the date of such participation, the Insured Person:
  - i) has not been medically diagnosed with a Heart or Circulatory Malfunction; or
  - ii) has not been receiving any medication or treatment for a Heart or Circulatory Malfunction

Basically what this means is that if a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary member is 65 years of age or older, there is no Heart or Circulatory Malfunction coverage for them.

The second exclusion is that CCGA members aged 70 years or older are not covered by the Permanent Total Disability Benefit if they should become permanently and totally disabled during any authorized CCGA activity.

Permanent Total Disability means that Accidental Body Injuries sustained in a covered Accident solely and directly:

- Prevent the Insured Person from performing all the substantial and material duties of the Insured Person's occupation; and
- Cause a condition which is medically determined, by a Physician approved by the Company, to be of continuous and indefinite duration; and
- Require the continuous care of a Physician, unless the Insured Person has reached his/her maximum point of recovery; and
- Prevent the Insured Person from engaging in any gainful occupation for which the Insured Person is qualified, or could be qualified, by reason of education, training, experience, or skill during and immediately after the Elimination Period.

This insurance does not apply to persons age seventy (70) or older. CCGA members age 70 or older are not covered by the Permanent Total Disability benefit if they become totally and permanently disabled during an authorized CCGA activity.

It is important to note that these two age exclusions are only for these two benefits and that all members, regardless of age, are insured by the other CCGA insurance coverages.

In light of these exclusions, it is recommended that all CCGA members 65 or older consider whether they wish to continue participating in authorized search and rescue operations or other CCGA activities. As well, it is recommended that these members consult with their doctors to ensure that they are medically fit to participate in search and rescue operations and other CCGA activities.





# CCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003/2004

Each year, as active members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador), you are asked to vote for a Director to represent your District. The following people were elected by you for 2003/2004:-

- 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—Edward Bruce—228-2386
- District 7—Charles Roberts—726-7601
- District 8—Harry Strong—587-2196
- District 9—Aidan Penton—658-3683
- District 10—Byron Morey—675-2898/2269

Feel free to contact your District Director if you have any questions or concerns.

## VOTES RECEIVED DISTRICT PERCENTAGES 2003

District 1—68%	District 6—84%
District 2—65%	District 7—76%
District 3—79%	District 8—62%
District 4—70%	District 9—57%
District 5—64%	District 10—67%

Voting returns were down in 2003 from 2002 by 5%. 33% of the membership did not vote. It is the CCGA (NL) members’ right to vote for their District Director each year. Members are encouraged to return their voting form by the deadline in order for their vote to count.



Back Row (L-R): Harry Strong, Byron Morey, Howard Noel, Aidan Penton, Edward Bruce, Wesley Snook. Front Row (L-R): Herbert Pittman, Marcel O’Brien, Winston Pitcher, Charles Roberts.

## REMINDER

### Let Us Know If You:

- ◆ Sell your vessel
- ◆ Change your address or telephone number
- ◆ Remove your vessel from the water
- ◆ Increase the value of your vessel
- ◆ Fish/Operate in an area away from your home port
- ◆ Change Alternate Skippers







# GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL

Learning and benefiting from each other.

The five CCGA Regional Associations are very different from one another. They operate in different environments, have different membership profiles and operational priorities. Even though they all focus on the same basic mission, it is no surprise to see them develop and evolve in ways which are very different.

Each region has its strengths and each Board of Directors has to deal with needs and challenges which are specific to their respective region.

In other cases however, methods, tools and procedures that have been found effective in one region can certainly be put to good use somewhere else in our organization. In times of budget constraints, this is something to which each CCGA President is paying closer attention.

With the development of material such as our National Training Standards, Training Log, SAR Competitions, etc., the work of Auxiliarists from one region now benefits Auxiliarists of all regions. The same principle applies when the material developed by one Coast Guard Region for their volunteers becomes available to Auxiliarists in other regions. The principle extends even beyond our borders with the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement signed with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary that led to the implementation of new Safe Boating Programs here in Canada.

If you have an idea that can benefit others or if you feel you could use something already developed by Auxiliarists elsewhere in Canada, by all means: Join the sharing of ideas.

To find out more about the projects initiated by our members across the country, pay a visit to the National Web site at [www.ccg-a-gcac.org](http://www.ccg-a-gcac.org). You'll be surprised to see the innovative ideas implemented by the volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Harry Strong  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary



## 2003 Award Recipients

*The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary awarded medals at the 25th AGM Banquet in St. John's on November 8, 2003.*

*Harold Stagg—Wesleyville  
Certificate of Appreciation*

*Glen Winslow—St. John's  
Certificate of Appreciation*

*Marcel O'Brien—L'Anse au Loup  
Administrative Excellence*

*Winston Pitcher—Burin Bay Arm  
Commissioner's Commendation*

*Neil Peet—St. Johns  
Leadership Medal*

*Congratulations to All Award  
Recipients.*



Harry Strong, Director District 8 presents Harold Stagg with a Certificate of Appreciation at the 25th Annual AGM Banquet.



## GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE

**C**ongratulations to all Coast Guard Auxiliarists on another extraordinary year. The Auxiliary was involved in over 38% of the search and rescue incidents in the Newfoundland and Labrador Region during 2003. The International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR) was a huge success, showcasing Newfoundland and Labrador's talents and skills in SAR. Congratulations to Team Newfoundland and Labrador for the outstanding job of representing our province and taking Top Honours. It was a truly deserving achievement. Your continuing dedication and support to the Search and Rescue program is greatly appreciated.

You, the members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador, are valued members of the "Team Search and Rescue" community. The Coast Guard has come to rely on your willingness to respond and to provide assistance where and when required. The dedication shown to the maritime search and rescue program and the professionalism you've demonstrated during this past year were both noted and very much appreciated. Your presence enables a much faster and more comprehensive response than would otherwise be possible. Your partnership role is highly regarded by mariners and members of the public who know of your work. It should bring comfort to all mariners to know that such a readiness to assist in times of peril exists on the waters off Newfoundland and Labrador. The contribution of the CCGA is even more highly valued by the members of the Canadian Coast Guard who know how essential your services are. The Canadian Coast Guard would not be able to achieve the province's consistently high level of search and rescue without Auxiliary volunteer support.

As I enter my third year as Superintendent, Maritime Search and Rescue, I can certainly say I have a much better perspective as to the valuable role you play in Team SAR. Your professionalism and willingness to involve yourselves in sometimes precarious situations has proven your dedication to assisting your fellow mariner. I am grateful to have met many of you this year through ISAR and the 25th CCGA Annual General Meeting, and I feel privileged to have had this opportunity. We all recognize that volunteers are the people who choose to give of their time, of their energy and of their knowledge—to show solidarity with their fellow mariners. You are the people who reach out and support others in need, and we thank you for it.

On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, myself and my colleagues in the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre in St. John's, I would like to take this opportunity to offer you, your crew and families sincere thanks and applaud you for your dedication and efforts. We can always count on the enthusiasm of the Auxiliary, and we appreciate your continued support in our Search and Rescue efforts. The Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre is located on the third floor of the Coast Guard building on Southside Road. Please feel free to drop by for a visit.

Brian Stone  
Superintendent, Maritime Search and Rescue  
Canadian Coast Guard, NL Region



### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2003, there were approximately 145 hours spent on Search and Rescue cases that were not claimed by Auxiliarists.

It is the responsibility of the members to keep accurate data on SAR cases and submit their incident claim forms in a timely manner.

Incident report forms must contain precise times and as many details as can be recorded to ensure timely processing and accurate payment of the claim.





# Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary 20 Year Members

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. would like to congratulate the following members on their 20 years of continued dedication and service:-

Eric O'Brien—L'Anse au Loup  
 Marcel O'Brien—L'Anse au Loup  
 Roy Giles—Ramea  
 Hartland Wellman—McCallum  
 Eli Skinner—Francois  
 George Durnford—Francois  
 Archibald Pink—Ramea  
 Lorne Whittle—St. Bernard's  
 Stanley Bennett—Trepassey  
 Newton Morgan—Manuels  
 Albert Newhook—New Harbour  
 Albert Hiscock—Bareneed  
 Sam Lambert—Southport  
 Graham Osborne—Harbour Grace  
 Percy Wareham—Harbour Grace

Vernon Petten—Port de Grave  
 James Pond—Badger's Quay  
 Rick Kean—Badger's Quay  
 John Hancock—Joe Batts Arm  
 Scott Hancock—Joe Batts Arm  
 Scott Heath—Seldom  
 Frank Harnett—Seldom  
 George Starkes—Nipper's Harbour  
 Melvin Starkes—Nipper's Harbour  
 Rodger Noble—Nipper's Harbour  
 Mark Small—Wild Cove  
 Wallace Noble—Nipper's Harbour  
 Boyce Bath—La Scie  
 Aubrey (Tom) Bath—La Scie

*The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.*

DeAnn Hollis

## DID YOU KNOW?

The CCGA (NL) Office in St. John's must have an up-to-date copy of your vessel's Canadian Steamship Inspection (CSI) certificate. All vessels that become delinquent in their CSIs are flagged in the Search and Rescue System and are considered unavailable for tasking.

If your vessel has been flagged and it participates in an incident, you will not be eligible for compensation, and more importantly, your vessel will not be covered by insurance should it incur damages.

You will be notified that your vessel is unavailable for Search and Rescue. Upon receipt of this notification, please forward a copy of your current CSI or notify the office in St. John's of any delays so that your vessel is not removed from the SAR system permanently.



## REMINDER



CCGA (NL) Toll Free  
1-800-563-6158



CCGA (NL) Fax  
(709) 772-4439/4109



MRSC St. John's  
1-800-563-2444



# COLOURING CONTEST

Hi Kids!

It's that time of the year again. The CCGA (NL) Annual Colouring Contest is back and it's open to the children of Auxiliary members only. All submissions will be judged by the Executive of the CCGA (NL) Inc.

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

3-4 years  
7-8 years

5-6 years  
9-11 years

All entries must be received at the CCGA (NL) office in St. John's no later than Friday, June 25, 2004.

Please send your entry to:

Colouring Contest  
c/o CCGA (NL) Inc.  
P.O. Box 938, Station "C"  
St. John's, NL A1C 5M3



Kaitlyn Collins, Age 3



Adam Drake, Age 6

## 2003 First Place Winners



Ian Drake, Age 8



Brittany Barrett, Age 11

## CCGA (NL) INC. 6TH ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

Ages 3-4    1st—Kaitlyn Collins  
                  2nd—Matt Chauk  
                  3rd—Kayla Tulk

Ages 5-6    1st—Adam Drake  
                  2nd—Dylan Wheaton  
                  3rd—Caitlin Giles

Ages 7-8    1st—Ian Drake  
                  2nd—Sarah Peach  
                  3rd—Joshua Thomas

Ages 9-11    1st—Brittany Barrett  
                  2nd—Cassandra Ryan  
                  3rd—Dustin Fowler



## TO ALL AUXILIARISTS

I would like to congratulate you on an exceptional year. The CCGA (NL) was responsible for prosecuting 38% of Newfoundland and Labrador's search and rescue incidents, and as well, 2003 marked the 25th anniversary of the CCGA all across Canada. For 25 years, the mariners on the waters of Newfoundland and Labrador have had the comfort of knowing the Coast Guard Auxiliary was there to provide assistance in times of need.

The CCGA (NL) hosted the 4th International Search and Rescue competition in 2003, and we were made proud by Team Newfoundland and Labrador. Not only did they take four of seven events, they won the title of International Champions. Competitors came from all over Canada and the United States and despite being impressed with the skill shown by our team, they were also impressed with the hospitality shown to them by Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in general. ISAR 2004 will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia, USA. We will be represented by a team from District 2 (Northern Peninsula) and I am sure they will make us proud.

It was a busy year for the CCGA (NL) Inc. Aside from hosting ISAR 2003 in September, the 25th Annual General Meeting and Banquet was held in St. John's in November where thirty-six 10 year members

and six 25 year members were invited to receive membership awards. Membership increased to 1035. 190 Auxiliarists received St. John Ambulance Marine Advance First Aid training, 56 Pleasure Craft Operator Cards were issued, 27 Courtesy Vessel Examinations were performed and 55 CCGA briefings were conducted for new members. Auxiliarists spent approximately 1350 hours on task in 2003.

The 6th Annual CCGA Rescue Competition will be held in Lewisporte in 2004. The winning team will then represent Newfoundland and Labrador in ISAR 2005.

Let me take this opportunity to say thank you for the dedication and support you have shown this past year, not only to the CCGA and Team SAR, but to all Newfoundland and Labrador mariners who have come to rely on your willingness and readiness to help in times of distress and sometimes grave peril.

Neil Peet  
Marine SAR Programs  
Canadian Coast Guard



### DID YOU KNOW?

An auxiliary vessel **MUST** be under the command of a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (ie owner or alternate skipper) before accepting a tasking from the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre. It is imperative that the Rescue Centre be informed if no qualified Auxiliarist is onboard the vessel at the time of a request for tasking.

It is a commonly mistaken belief that because a vessel is registered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, it automatically implies that the crew onboard can prosecute a Search and Rescue incident. This is not true. Upon acceptance of a vessel into the CCGA, the owner/operator designates an alternate skipper. This skipper is deemed to have the proper qualifications to operate the vessel, in accordance with the rules and regulations set by Transport Canada. If a qualified Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary skipper is not onboard a vessel at the time of an incident, the tasking must be refused.

If a vessel accepts a tasking without a qualified Auxiliary member onboard, the vessel would not be reimbursed for the incident. More importantly, there would be no insurance coverage if damages were to occur during the prosecution of the incident.

Please remember, before accepting a tasking from the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, advise the Rescue Centre if there is no qualified Auxiliarist onboard.





# Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary 25 Year Members



For the first time in the history of the CCGA, the CCGA in Newfoundland and Labrador would like to commend the following Auxiliarists on receiving their 25 year awards at the AGM Banquet, November 8, 2003.



- Austin Sheppard—Lark Harbour
- Ross Osmond—Jackson's Cove
- Harry Strong—Old Perlican
- Linda Clenche—Random Island
- Thomas Mills—Random Island
- John Troake—Durrell

**Congratulations on 25 years of dedicated,  
continuous service.**

*I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

Mahatma Gandhi

Winston Pitcher, President of the CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador was presented with the Canadian Coast Guard's Commissioner's Commendation during the 25th Annual General Meeting held in St. John's on November 8.

Winston joined the CCGA (NL) in 1986 and has been President since 1990.

Congratulations Winston on your outstanding achievement and thank you for the constant level of dedication you show to the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador and to the Search and Rescue program.



John Butler of the CCG presents the Commissioner's Commendation to Winston Pitcher, President of the CCGA (NL).



## THANK YOU

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the 2003 International Search and Rescue Competition a huge success. Special thanks to the Delta Hotel, the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club for the use of your facilities, the volunteers from the Canadian Coast Guard and 103 Rescue Squadron, Gander, the CCGA employees and support staff and to all CCGA members and friends who competed or extended their hand and their time to support the competition.



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CCGA RECEIVES ORDER OF CANADA

**H**arry Strong, CEO of CCGA National Council and Director of District 8, Newfoundland and Labrador Region, received the country's highest honour, the Order of Canada, on February 20, 2004. The Order of Canada recognizes people who have made a difference to Canada. It is Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement. The announcement was made on August 5, 2003 by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.

"Harry Strong has selflessly dedicated much of his life to volunteerism, not only within his own community but to the country as a whole", said the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable Robert Thibault. "His years with the Coast Guard Auxiliary have resulted in a strong team of dedicated volunteers ready to respond to any maritime search and rescue call. Canadians, out on our waters, are safer today because of the dedication of Mr. Strong."

When the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was formed in 1978, Harry Strong stepped forward with his 45 foot fishing vessel to offer his services to the newly formed organization. Today he is the Chief Executive Officer of the CCGA nationally, volunteering over 40 hours a week to the position. In addition, he has been a volunteer firefighter, a union representative and served more than 20 years on his Town Council, including two terms as mayor.



Harry Strong being awarded the Order of Canada by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson.

Mr. Strong has worked hard to expand the Auxiliary and increase its effectiveness across the Country. He has been instrumental in earning for the CCGA an outstanding reputation as one of the best life-saving operations in Canada.

Congratulations to Harry on his outstanding achievements and for being awarded Canada's top honour.

### THE NEWSLETTER

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### DID YOU KNOW?

It is the responsibility of the CCGA owner/operator to report to your regional Coast Guard Representative any damage or suspected damage incurred to your vessel immediately following the conclusion of a Search and Rescue incident. In addition, if damage occurs during a SAR case, every effort should be made to notify the Maritime Rescue Sub-Center (MRSC) of the damage, especially if the safety of the CCGA vessel and its crew is jeopardized. MRSC must be notified so they can monitor the progress of the CCGA vessel to ensure it reaches port safely.

The owner/operator must complete a "Collision, Wreck and Injury form and submit it to the CCGA Office in St. John's.





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