



The Auxiliarist

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A Message from the CEO

Setting Priorities for Challenging Times

In recent years, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has experienced a sizeable increase in membership, training, SAR operations and safe boating activities.

Through our Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard and through our fundraising efforts, we have obtained increases in funding that roughly matched our expanding activities. Additional funding would certainly allow us to do even more, but the current level of funding allows us to fulfill our mission.

Looking ahead however, we are very concerned about the future. The level of funding from the Canadian Coast Guard is expected to be stable over the next four years. At the same time, we are facing significant increases in basic expenditures such as insurance premiums and fuel.

To make matters worse, the Auxiliary is being asked to expand SAR services in geographic locations such as the Labrador Coast and the Canadian Arctic. The Office of Boating Safety has also asked the CCGA to take over some prevention programs. So far, these expensive requests have been made without any offer to increase our funding accordingly.

The initial expansion of the CCGA in the Arctic was mostly financed through a New SAR Initiative project funded by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat. Funding for this three-year project is coming to an end in 2003.

In 2002, we were able to compensate for the sizeable increase of our insurance premiums by using the reserve which is kept in Ottawa to cover unanticipated costs for SAR operations. The CCGA regional associations were spared from using a portion of their budget allocation to cover these increases.

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Harry Strong, CEO of the CCGA.

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Silver Annive

25 Years of Life Saving

Something to Celebrate

On August 9, 1978, the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (CMRA) was formed and consisted of some 700 members and 300 vessels. Over the last 25 years, CMRA evolved into the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and has grown to nearly 5000 members and 1500 vessels. This year, the CCGA celebrates its Silver Jubilee and 25 years of providing exemplary search and rescue and boating safety services across Canada.

2003 marks an important milestone for the CCGA. In acknowledgement of the anniversary, various national and regional celebrations have been planned.

The Central & Arctic Region will host the **National Silver Jubilee** celebrations at Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario on August 9, 2003, 25 years to the day since the creation of the CMRA. The event will include a regional SAR competition at the HMSC Catarauqui, an awards ceremony, a reception and a world famous sunset ceremony at the Fort Henry Historic Site. Representatives of the Canadian Coast Guard, the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and other organisations involved in maritime safety will be invited to attend.



The Quebec region will celebrate the 25th anniversary during their Regional SAR Competition to be held September 5th and 6th, 2003 at the Coast Guard Base in Sorel, Quebec. The event will also mark the official opening of CCGA-Quebec's new headquarters. Activities for CCGA members, special guests and the general public have been planned.

The Newfoundland region will recognise the 25th Anniversary during the International SAR Skills Competition (ISAR 2003) that will be held in St. John's on September 26th and 27th, 2003. During the event, CCGA Newfoundland volunteers who have provided 25 years of service to maritime safety will be honoured and the accomplishments of the last quarter century will be celebrated.

During the first week of May, the Maritimes Region is attending an Emergency Measures Organization ceremony at the Joint Operations Centre in Halifax. There, the Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Justice for Nova Scotia will unveil a plaque on the "Wall of Honour" in recognition of the service provided by CCGA members. Various other events will be held throughout the year in honour of the Silver Jubilee.

In the Pacific region, they have defined the goal of their Silver Jubilee celebration to be interaction between all levels of CCGA-Pacific. Towards this aim, events are being planned that will bring together Zone Directors, Unit Leaders and members, and that will facilitate interaction between different units.

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CCGA Pacific Holds AGM

Outstanding Auxiliarists Recognised

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary—Pacific held its Annual General Meeting at the Coast Westerly Hotel in Courtenay BC from February 20 to 23. The conference brought more than 100 CCGA-P members together to meet, train and recognise outstanding members.

National Awards were given out to 4 outstanding auxiliarists. Mr. Robert Bruce Falkins received the Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his service to the CCGA for 15 years. Mr. Ralph Ashton was awarded

the Administrative Excellence Medal for nearly 20 years of service to the CCGA. Mr. Ryan Woodward received the Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Coxswain, Unit Leader and Director of SAR & Operations for CCGA-P. Finally, the late Mr. Roger Franklin Wishart was awarded the Leadership Medal for his outstanding achievement as Unit Leader of Unit 60 in Comox. His mother accepted the award on his behalf. Congratulations to all four!



Bruce Falkins received a Certificate of Appreciation.



Ryan Woodward received a Certificate of Appreciation.



Ralph Ashton was awarded the Administrative Excellence Medal.



Patricia Wishart, the mother of the late Roger Wishart, accepted the Leadership Medal on his behalf.

Regional AGM

And The Award Goes To...

8 Auxiliarists Recognised with National Awards at Quebec AGM

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary—Quebec held its Annual General Meeting in Trois Rivières on March 8 and 9 2003. Auxiliarists from around the region gathered to meet, plan and celebrate outstanding members.

Eight auxiliarists received National awards at the event. The late Jean-Pierre Petolas was awarded the Operational Merit Medal for his knowledgeable service to the CCGA for over 20 years. Mr. Sylvio Lagacé was awarded the Administrative Excellence Medal in recognition of his service to the CCGA in a number of capacities including Zone Director and Vice-President (Training). Mr. Robert Petitpas received the Exemplary Service Medal for his outstanding achievement while serving the CCGA-Q for over 20 years. Ms. Claudette

Petitpas received the Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated service to the CCGA as editor of the Dolphin Newsletter since 1990. Ms. Jeanne Drolet was awarded the Leadership Medal for her service in numerous leadership roles including Unit Leader and Zone Director. Mr. Louis Arsenault was also awarded the Leadership Medal in recognition of his dedicated service to the CCGA as Secretary of the Board of Directors and as Director of Communications. Mr. Gilbert Léger received the Operational Merit Medal for his work as a Zone Director since 1993. Finally, Mr. Gaétan Frappier was awarded the Administrative Excellence Medal for his dedicated service to the CCGA-Q Board of Directors for over 10 years. Congratulations to all!



Claudette Petitpas received a Certificate of Appreciation.



Sylvio Lagacé was awarded the Administrative Excellence Medal.



Louis Arsenault received the Leadership Medal.



Gilbert Léger was awarded the Operational Merit Medal.



Jeanne Drolet was awarded the Leadership Medal.



Gaétan Frappier received the Administrative Excellence Medal.

MS New Directors Elected

Central & Arctic AGM a Success

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary—Central & Arctic region held its Annual General Meeting on January 11, 2003, at the Stage West Hotel in Mississauga. Harry Strong, C.E.O. CCGA—National and Major Roger Smith, OIC JRCC/CMCC joined approximately 110 members at the successful meeting.

Two new directors were elected during the meeting. Dan Pellerin and Rudy Mulack replaced the retiring Austin Gilbert, Director for district 2 and Norm Lloyd, Past President and Director for district 5 respectively.

Several long serving members received National awards. Stu Meeks was awarded (posthumously) the Operational Merit Medal for over 40 years of providing search and rescue facilities and service to the Bay of Quinte area in Ontario. The other three winners are pictured here. Congratulations to all four!



Anthony Buckley received the Operational Merit Medal for his lifetime of service to the CCGA.



Norm Lloyd received the Exemplary Service Medal for his outstanding service to the CCGA for 25 years.



Irene Jardine received the Administrative Excellence Medal for her work as editor and publisher of the CCGA-CA newsletter "Shipmate".

A Message...

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Clearly, the coming years will be challenging for the Organization as we face additional expenditures increases. The National Council along with every regional Board of Directors will have to maintain their efforts by:

- Planning for the future;
- Finding ways to secure additional funding;
- Taking the required cost saving measures;
- Concentrating on our core mission;
- Being very careful when considering any expansion project or increase of services.

To conclude on a positive note, the six CCGA associations have gone through a series of Financial Audits over the last three years.

In recent months, the CCGA was also subjected to a global review by the Program Review Directorate at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The reports and recommendations from these audits and reviews are all extremely positive for the Auxiliary. Studies have shown once again that the essential services provided by our volunteers are simply unequalled in terms of quality, efficiency and value.

Our case has been made once again. The essential role and absolute necessity of the CCGA have been reaffirmed. We now have to keep going after those in the public and private sectors who can support us financially. The existence of our current mandate and future projects depend on their support.

Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer

Recognising Auxiliarists

How to Nominate CCGA Members for the Awards They Deserve

Every year CCGA members dedicate countless volunteer hours to maritime safety in Canada. The following information will help you nominate those outstanding members in your area for the awards they deserve.

NSS Awards

Every year the National Search and Rescue Secretariat presents two awards. The first, the Outstanding SAR Achievement award, honours the person or group who has made the most significant contribution to search and rescue in Canada during that year or over a sustained period. The second is a certificate of achievement that is awarded to a person or group to recognise excellence in search and rescue in a particular field or region. Approximately five certificates are awarded each year.

For further information and nomination forms visit www.nss.gc.ca. Nominations must be received by May 31 to qualify for next year's award program.



CASBA Awards

The Canadian Safe Boating Awards (CASBAs) is an annual celebration of the best and the brightest persons, organisations, promotions and products in the Canadian Boating Industry. Each year several different awards are handed out to deserving persons including Safe Boater of the Year, Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's Rescue of the Year, Top Volunteer Dedicated to Safe Boating, Best Boating Safety Campaign and a Special Recognition Award



For further information and nomination forms visit www.resolutionhost.com/CSBC. Awards are presented at a Gala in January and nominations are usually due in November.

National Transportation Week Awards

Transport Canada hosts the National Transportation Week the first week of June every year in honour of the many thousands of Canadian Workers in the transportation industry. As part of these celebrations, a select number of representatives of the industry receive special recognition for their outstanding contributions to improving transportation in any area including development, education and safety. The four award categories are Transportation Person of the Year, Award of Excellence, Award of Achievement and Award of Bravery.

For further information and nomination forms visit www.ntw-snt.ca. Awards are presented during National Transportation Week in June and nominations are due in March (except for the Transportation Person of the Year which is due in November).



Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award

The Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award is presented each year to one man and woman in honour of those who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to volunteering. The award recognises the voluntary contributions of men and women from communities across Canada whose pioneering spirit, social commitment and persistent endeavours have contributed significantly to the advancement of a cause and the well-being of their fellow citizens. The award includes a \$5000 donation to the charity of the winners choice.

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Auxiliarists

Coming Soon: ISAR 2003

The fourth annual International Search and Rescue Competition is gearing up to be a great event. ISAR 2003 will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland on September 26 and 27, 2003. The venue of events will be the Canadian Coast Guard Base on Friday and the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club (RNYC) in Conception Bay South on Saturday. An awards banquet at the Delta St. John's Hotel and Convention Center on Saturday evening will top off the two-day event.

ISAR is a friendly competition between representatives of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is an opportunity for Auxiliarists from around the continent to showcase their skills, learn from each other and make new friends. ISAR is a symbol of the growing friendship between the USCGA and the CCGA.

Each Auxiliary is represented by 6 teams of 4 members. Three team members will compete together in the following 6 events: Search and Rescue Planning, On-Water SAREX, SAR Pump, Heaving Line 1, Heaving Line 2, and a mystery event. As at ISAR 2002, the fourth team member, who will be chosen at random by the event organizers on September 25, 2003, will join one of 4 International teams. These teams will compete in separate events where individuals can earn points that will be transferred to their region team's score. The events for this group are Chartwork, Marlinspike, Water Rescue, Heaving Line 3, and a mystery event. All events will be presided over by 2 judges, one from the Canadian Coast Guard and one from the USCGA.

In addition to the competition, several different SAR attractions will be present at the event. These include the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir Wilfred Grenfell, a T600 high-endurance offshore SAR cutter, the CCGA Vessel "Roberts Sisters II", and a Cormorant SAR

25 Years of Life Saving

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In addition to the regional celebrations, the CCGA National Council has approved a Long Service Medal in honour of the dedicated service of so many Auxiliary members. The Medal will be awarded to all CCGA volunteers who reach a quarter of a century as a member in good standing with the organisation.

Lastly, but certainly not least the Canadian Coast Guard's National Office of Boating Safety has agreed to honour the Auxiliary by issuing silver Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Stickers with the Auxiliary's 25 year logo emblazoned on it.

Auxiliarists can be proud of the organisation to which they belong. The CCGA has spent the last 25 years growing and improving, and is today a world class voluntary search and rescue organisation. Come out and support the CCGA during its Silver Jubilee. It's definitely something to celebrate!

Jessica Hume
CCG SAR Intern

Helicopter from the 103 Search and Rescue Squadron in Gander, Newfoundland.

For the latest updates on ISAR 2003, visit the ISAR Web site at www.ccg-gcac.org/ISAR2003. Whether you attend as a participant or spectator, ISAR offers an interesting, educational and fun experience. Come out and support the Canadian teams in St. John's!

Jessica Hume
CCG SAR Intern

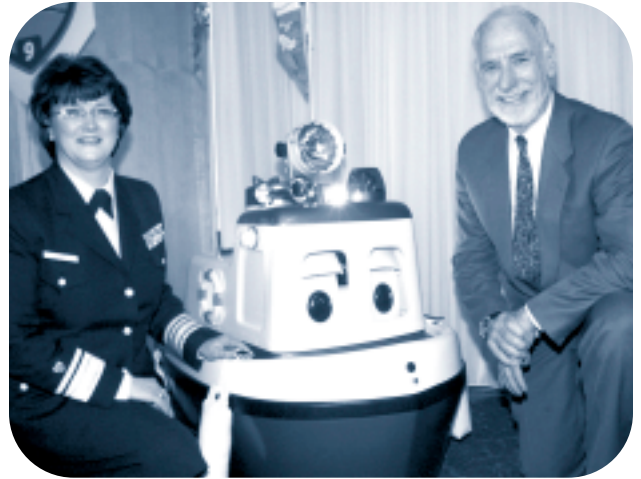


Minister McCallum Approves New Search and Rescue Initiatives

The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of National Defence and Lead Minister for Search and Rescue, has approved search and rescue projects for 2003-2004. The projects will be funded from the New Search and Rescue Initiatives Fund, managed by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

“The prevention program will use ‘Bobbie the Safety Boat’, an animatronic remote controlled robot designed to assist boating safety educators in capturing the attention of children.”

The Fund improves search and rescue efforts through state-of-the-art equipment, technology, research, prevention programs and training. With an annual budget of \$8.1 million, the Fund supports search and rescue projects that enhance air, marine and ground search and rescue activities in Canada. Since 1988, \$120 million has been invested in over 700 projects.



Environment Minister David Anderson and Barbara Sands of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary with Bobbie the Safety boat at last year's Pacific AGM.

Thanks to this year's NIF Program, CCGA Pacific will benefit from a grant of \$142,890 over a three year period to implement a SAR prevention program targeted at children. The prevention program will use “Bobbie the Safety Boat”, an animatronic remote controlled robot designed to assist boating safety educators in capturing the attention of children. Volunteer members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific Region) will present the program to children at schools, hospitals and boat shows.

Congratulations

CCG Honours Auxiliarist

On Friday, January 17th, the Honorable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia presented Frank McLaughlin, President of CCGA Maritimes, with the CCG Commissioner's Commendation.

Mr. McLaughlin has volunteered with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) (Maritimes) for more than 20 years, previously serving as Zone Director and Vice-President of Training before being elected Auxiliary President in 1998. As President, CCGA (Maritimes), he has been involved in shaping the organisation into one of the most capable and cost-effective lifesaving organisations in Canada. Under Mr. McLaughlin's leadership, the CCGA (Maritimes) has grown to over 741 members and 451 vessels in 2002.

The CCG is proud of Mr. McLaughlin's invaluable contributions to maritime safety and search and rescue, and we are delighted that he is part of our team. Let us take this opportunity to thank him for his commitment to saving lives and promoting maritime safety.



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SARSCENE 2003

Canada's Search & Rescue Workshop!

SARSCENE 2003 will see participants from all across Canada and around the world come together to share their stories and learn more about new search and rescue techniques, initiatives and products. This year, the event will be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston Ontario on October 15-18, 2003 with the Ontario Provincial Police acting as co-host, with help from the Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association.

During the four days, delegates will be able to attend presentations on subjects ranging from prevention, to leadership in SAR, to the COSPAS-SARSAT satellite system, visit 50 exhibits with information on new products and technologies, and participate in the popular SAR Games. In addition, the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre and others are organising demonstrations that will include amongst others:

- A helicopter demonstration by the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre

- A marine demonstration by the Canadian Coast Guard
- A heavy urban search and rescue (HUSAR) demonstration by Toronto HUSAR and the Ontario Provincial Emergency Response Team

Representatives from the federal government (Canadian Coast Guard, Department of National Defence, Environment Canada, Parks Canada, RCMP and Transport Canada), provincial and municipal police involved in SAR operations, and International SAR providers, as well as volunteers from ground, air and marine search and rescue teams will attend SARSCENE. For more information visit www.nss.gc.ca or contact Lynn Tremblay at ltremblay@nss.gc.ca. Come out and join the fun!

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Organization			
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City	Prov.	Country	Postal Code
Phone	Fax	E-mail	

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- I will have guest(s) accompanying me to the Banquet
- Vegetarian
- Allergic to seafood/shellfish/fish*

* (For planning purposes only, you are still responsible for ensuring your dinner is suitable for you.)

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Team name:
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Team members: (4 per team)

1

2

3

4

(all members are required to register)

Name and Contact Information for the Games

Name

Address

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City Prov.

Country Postal Code

Phone

Fax

E-mail

Please send me more info on the games

Registration Fees

Workshop	Fee	#	Total
Until Aug. 31/03	\$90 x
From Sept. 1/03	\$125 x
	Workshop Total	 (1)
Banquet	\$40 x
	Banquet Total	 (2)
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Digital Selective Calling

A New Era In Maritime Communications

On February 1, 1999, a new style of communicating between and among ships, boats, and coast stations around the world, the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), officially came into being. Many Auxiliary members think that such matters are the concern of the “big boys”, the tankers and merchant ships, the passenger liners and cruise ships. They believe that because most of our activity is centered around recreational boaters and vessels, the GMDSS is not of concern to us. A division of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary recognised that this is not true and undertook a project to evaluate one of the new technologies, Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

Many Auxiliary members think that such matters are the concern of the “big boys” ...

The big difference between a DSC radio and a regular radio is that the DSC radio contains a unique number, called a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI), that identifies the vessel the radio is associated with. The result is that with a DSC radio, if you send certain kinds of messages like distress messages, whoever receives the message knows which vessel sent the message, without your identifying yourself by voice. Further, DSC radios can be hooked up to your GPS and automatically tell a listener not only who you are, but where you are. A third feature allows two vessels, each with a DSC radio, to send a message from one radio

to the other radio and have the second radio respond by sounding an audible alert and automatically switching to a channel picked by the first vessel.

Through the cooperation of two radio manufacturers, the willingness of three vessel owners to offer their vessels as test beds, and the commander and crew of Station Los Angeles, USCGA Division 3 of 11 Southern Region was able to conduct a real life, on the water test of this new technology.

Three tests were completed during the exercise. First was a periodic interrogation of each vessels DSC that was maintained for a period of about 1 hour and clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of the DSC tool as a tracking device.

The second test involved one vessel using his DSC radio to interrogate the radio of another vessel in order to retrieve the location of the second vessel without any voice communications.

The final test determined that this form of data transmission was effective at gathering position information from vessels in areas that are notorious for their difficulty in maintaining voice comms with Station LA.

All aspects of the test were completed to the satisfaction of those involved. The test illustrates the many possibilities available for the use of DSC in auxiliary operations primarily as a safety tool but with other applications as well. DSC will be a major safety enhancement, but only if the boating public understands how to use it, and the auxiliary understands how to integrate it into the maritime communications world.

Adapted from Telecommunications Division Comms Bulletin #15: DSC Testing, written by Bill Scholz, R. Vanleir, W. Schneider, Joseph Rzucidlo, and Daniel Amoroso.

Blue Flashing Light

Changes to Regulations Affect CCGA Vessels

On January 30, 2003 Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels were extended permission to exhibit the Blue Flashing Light during SAR operations, as per Rule 45 of the Collision Regulations.

Rule 45 allows a 'government ship' to exhibit as an identification signal a blue flashing light when providing assistance in a search and rescue operation or when engaged in law enforcement activities. The amendment to this Rule allows CCGA vessels to also exhibit the blue flashing light while engaged in SAR activities.

Rule 45 was amended in response to a request from the CCGA that was fully supported by the Canadian Coast Guard. The CCG felt that the number of SAR incidents to which CCGA vessels respond (approximately 1700 each year) supports and justifies the use of the blue flashing light by CCGA vessels.

Use of the blue flashing light by the CCGA will identify CCGA vessels to other vessel and aircraft operators during SAR operations. It is particularly important during night operations and during searches in poor weather conditions. This issue has arisen on numerous occasions when the distressed vessel had difficulty identifying the CCGA vessel. In addition, other search vessels or aircraft have also had difficulty identifying a CCGA vessel as a search and rescue vessel. This is especially important when an aircraft wants to direct a CCGA vessel towards a stricken vessel.

Guidelines on Use of Blue Flashing Light by CCGA Vessels

- Strict adherence to the proper use of the blue flashing light is essential. CCGA vessels are only permitted to exhibit the blue flashing light during authorized response to SAR incidents when tasked by the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre/Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre.
- CCGA vessels shall only exhibit the light when the CCGA vessel needs to identify itself while providing assistance to any vessel or other craft, aircraft or person that is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requires immediate assistance.
- CCGA vessels shall only exhibit the light at or near the scene of the SAR incident.
- The blue flashing light is NOT to be exhibited during transit to and from an incident.
- The blue flashing light is NOT a towing light.
- CCGA Vessels no longer involved in SAR operations shall not exhibit the blue flashing light
- It should be noted that the blue flashing light provides no special privileges with respect to rules of the road.

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CSAR 2002

The CCGA Attends CSAR 2002

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was among the 70 representatives from 22 countries to attend the Caribbean Volunteer Maritime SAR Conference (CSAR) in Miami on December 5-8, 2002. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary hosted the Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Miami.

According to Commodore Everette Tucker, past National Commodore and Director of International Affairs of the USCGA, one of the main objectives of the conference was to “enhance the ability and capability of the nations in the Caribbean to provide safety at sea services.”

In support of this goal, representatives of almost all Caribbean nations were invited to send a representative of their Navy, Coast Guard or police force to the conference. As well, a representative of the country’s volunteer search and rescue association or if no such

organisation exists, a local citizen interested in establishing a volunteer SAR organisation were invited to attend.

The conference topics included the establishment of volunteer SAR organisations, the development and expansion of the capability to conduct SAR operations and the improvement of SAR control and coordination.

“The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was among the 70 representatives from 22 countries...”

Representatives from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Venezuela and several international Maritime organizations attended the event, in addition to the United States and the Caribbean Countries. It was an excellent opportunity for the CCGA to share resources and develop relationships with other SAR organisations. The event was definitely a success. Since the conference, 2 Caribbean countries have started their own volunteer maritime rescue service.

Jessica Hume
CCG SAR Intern



Delegates gather at CSAR.

In Memoriam

Commodore H. Edward Mackenzie
1932 – 2003

Commodore Edward MacKenzie of the First District, Northern Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, sadly passed away on February 10, 2003. A valued member of the USCGA, Commodore MacKenzie was also an ardent supporter of cooperation between the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Having served as an active duty Coast Guard radarman, Commodore MacKenzie joined the Auxiliary to support safe boating practices as an instructor and a vessel examiner. His many roles within the USCGA included coxswain, Flotilla Commander, Division Vice-Captain, Division Captain and the National Branch Chief-Editor for the USCGA's national publication "Navigator." For his many years of service, Commodore MacKenzie was awarded several different awards including two Auxiliary Achievement Awards, The Department of Transportation Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation, and a Special Operations Service ribbon. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Suzanne and his son Ross.



Commodore Edward Mackenzie of the USCGA.

Blue Flashing Light

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- The blue flashing light is also used as an identification signal by Canadian and United States law enforcement ships when engaged on law enforcement duties. Any misuse of the blue flashing light will not only detract from its effectiveness both as a safety and an enforcement identification signal, but may create confusion, distract vessels or have other serious consequences. Since in the United States, the blue flashing light is only permitted to be exhibited by law enforcement vessels, proper use by CCGA vessels in boundary waters is particularly important.
- Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels are not required to outfit their vessels with a blue flashing light. Installation of the light by CCGA vessels is strictly voluntary and contribution funds are not to be used to purchase these for members' vessels.
- The change to the regulations will facilitate the identification of CCGA vessels and help auxiliarists carry out SAR operations more effectively.
- Penalties for contravening the Collision Regulations are prescribed in the Canada Shipping Act with fines of up to \$2,000 for vessels up to 20m in length.

CCGA Activities On Inland Waters

As requested at the CCGA National Council Meeting on October 3, 2002, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the following provides clarification on CCGA activities on inland waters as detailed in the CCGA National Guidelines.

CCGA SAR Operations—CCGA SAR Operations are restricted to operations only on those waters under the federal area of maritime SAR responsibility of the CCG. The Auxiliary is normally not authorized to participate in SAR Operations outside federal areas of responsibility, namely, inland waters.

CCGA SAR Prevention—The Auxiliary is permitted to participate in authorized SAR Prevention and boating safety activities anywhere in Canada. Participation in authorized SAR Prevention and boating safety activities must be pre-approved by the CCG.

However, in order to eliminate confusion by the general public and to avoid mission creep of

SAR Operations, the Auxiliary is not authorized to use vessels on these inland waters for which the CCG has not accepted responsibility in support of SAR Prevention and boating safety activities. The CCG will not authorize the use of CCGA vessels to deliver SAR Prevention and boating safety activities while at sea or underway. Since this is not an authorized activity, CCGA members and their vessels would not be covered by the CCGA insurance policies.

For clarification purposes, the context of this memo inland waters are those waters that are outside the normal federal area of accepted responsibility for maritime SAR. Inland waters are mainly those waters within the territorial limits of the provinces and territories where the responsibility for SAR Operations falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial or territorial government.

Steve Troy
Director, Safety and Environmental Response Systems

Commodore Viggo Bertelsen Presents Awards to Canadians

While attending the meeting of the CCGA National Council in Montreal on March 28-29, USCG Auxiliary Immediate Past National Commodore Viggo Bertelsen presented Meritorious Team Commendations to 12 Canadians who contributed in various ways to the ISAR 2002 competition:

- From the CCGA: Don Limoges;
- From the CCG: Mark Gagnon, David Northmore, Lloyd Brown, Andy Maillet, John Palliser, Neil Peet, Brian Stone, Mike Voigt, Andre Audet and Steve Daoust;
- Other: Donna Peet.

Commodore Bertelsen also presented CCGA's Business Manager François Vézina with the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Make Improvements a Reality

NIF Web Site Tells You How

Have an idea on how to make our search and rescue system better? You should consider making a proposal to the New SAR Initiatives Fund (NIF) through your regional CCGA Association. Every year, this fund allocates \$8.1 million to support new ideas to improve Search and Rescue prevention and response in Canada. Since 1988, the NIF has funded 700 projects totalling over \$120 million.

The Canadian Coast Guard recently added a NIF page to its Web site (www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/sar/NIF/nif_e.htm) to provide in-depth information on what the NIF fund has achieved for SAR in Canada.

Among other things, the page describes current and completed projects, as well as proposals from past years. Please look at these Web pages to ensure that your proposal is not too similar to a project that has previously been submitted. As well, you must discuss your idea with HQ SAR office before writing a full proposal.

The NIF page also allows you to share your plans in the “Ideas” section, if you do not have the time or resources to carry out the project yourself. This way, others may be inspired to make your plan a reality.

Proposals for 2004-2005 are being accepted until the last Friday in June (June 27, 2003). No proposals for the 2004-2005 year will be accepted after that date.

For a full guide to the NIF program, take a look at the National SAR Secretariat (NSS) Web site at www.nss.gc.ca/NIF/index_e.html.

Recognising Auxiliarists

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For more information and nomination forms visit www.volunteeraward.gc.ca. Nominations are due March 1st of each year.

Governor General Caring Canadian Award

The Governor General Caring Canadian Award was created in 1995 to celebrate Canada's unsung heroes. The award is presented to Canadians who have given extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups, or supported community service or humanitarian causes on a voluntary basis. Recipients usually have been involved in these activities for several years and normally have not received a national or provincial honour.

For more information and nomination forms visit www.gg.ca/honours/caring_e.asp. There is no deadline for this award.

Transport Canada Marine Safety Award

The Transport Canada Marine Safety Award was established to stimulate an awareness of marine safety in Canada and recognize persons, groups, companies, organizations, agencies or departments that have contributed, in an exceptional way, to this objective. The award includes a certificate, a pen set and a lapel pin.

For more information and nomination forms visit www.tc.gc.ca/cmacc/award.htm. The deadline to submit nominations is March 15th of each year.



Annual Review 2002

Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water



Message of the CEO



Mr. John Adams
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Dear John:

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is proud to present you with our Annual Report of activities for the year 2002.

This past year has kept the volunteers of the CCGA very busy with 2,120 taskings to search and rescue incidents.

With 4,988 members and 1,410 vessels (value of the Auxiliary fleet is \$280 million), the resources made available to the Canadian Coast Guard are considerable and the contribution significant.

Our Safe Boating officers also had a very productive year. The CCGA was present at 492 boat shows and public displays and 3,125 courtesy checks were performed on private vessels.

1,874 training sessions and exercises have allowed Auxiliarists to hone their skills. The CCGA also held five regional SAR skills competitions across Canada and joined the USCG Auxiliary for the International SAR Competition held in Milwaukee last October.

We are pleased to report that 3,990 CCGA members (80% of total membership) have now obtained their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary had a very successful year in 2002. We're looking forward to support Coast Guard Activities in 2003 as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

On behalf of our members, we'd like to thank the Coast Guard for its continued support.

Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

2002 at a Glance

January

Auxiliarists Robert Petitpas, Adrian Lee, Norm Dyck and Zoltan Toth are awarded Canadian Safe Boating (CASBA) Awards at the Toronto International Boat show.

The CCGA joins the CCG celebrating 40 years of Marine Safety and Service to Canadians.

The CCGA C&A holds its Annual General Meeting in Mississauga.

February

CCGA Pacific holds its Annual General Meeting and SAR Skills Competition in Victoria, BC.

Harry Strong is presented with the first ever CCGA Exemplary Service Medal.

CCGA Pacific launches *PFD Loaner Stations* and *Bobbie the Boat* Safe Boating Programs.

March

CCGA Quebec holds its Annual General Meeting in Laval, Quebec.

The CCGA 25th Anniversary logo is approved.

April

The CCGA makes a presentation at the ILF Conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The CCGA signs a five-year Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard.

May

Harry Strong, CEO of the CCGA is presented with Transport Canada's Award of Excellence during Transportation Safety Week.

August

On August 10, CCGA C&A holds its regional SAR Skills Competition in Burlington, Ontario.

Members of CCGA National Council attend the National Convention of the USCG Auxiliary in Orlando.

September

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) make a joint presentation at SARSCENE 2002 in Halifax.

Robert Petitpas, President of CCGA-Q is awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

CCGA Quebec and Maritimes host their regional SAR competitions in Valleyfield and Cheticamp.

A new edition of the CCGA National Guidelines is published and distributed to all Auxiliarists.

October

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary meet in Milwaukee for the third annual Search and Rescue Competition *ISAR 2002*.

Auxiliarist Jeff Eggleton is presented with the Caring Canadian Award.

The CCGA approves a Long Service Medal as part of its National Awards Program.

CCGA Newfoundland hosts its SAR Skills Competition in Burin, NL.

CCGA Exemplary Service Medal is presented to Steve Daoust.

St. John's, Newfoundland is selected to host the *ISAR 2003 Competition*.

Kingston is selected to host CCGA 25th Anniversary National Celebrations on August 9, 2003.

November

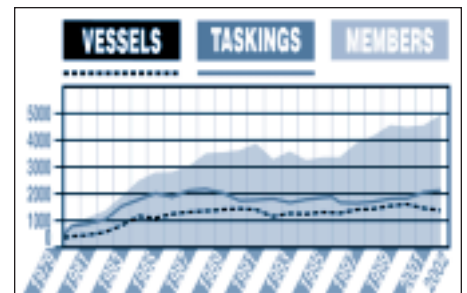
CCGA Maritimes President Frank McLaughlin is presented with the Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Commendation.

December

A CCGA delegation is among 70 representatives from 22 countries to attend the first Caribbean SAR Conference in Miami.

93,600 sessions were recorded on the CCGA National Web Site in 2002.

CCGA National



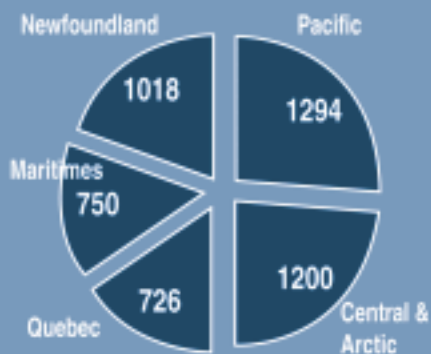
The CCGA currently has 4,988 members and 1,410 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the CCGA were tasked 2,120 times SAR incidents.



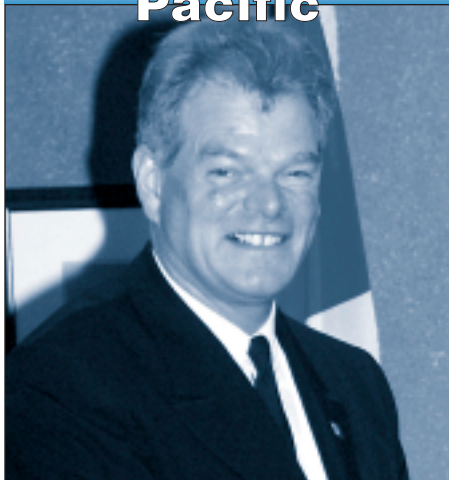
Across Canada, auxiliarists participated in 1,874 training exercises and 492 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 3,125 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 80% of the CCGA members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).

CCGA Membership 2002



CCGA Pacific



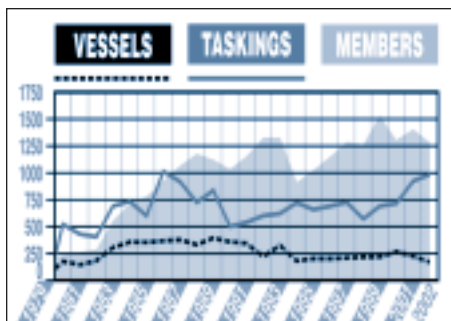
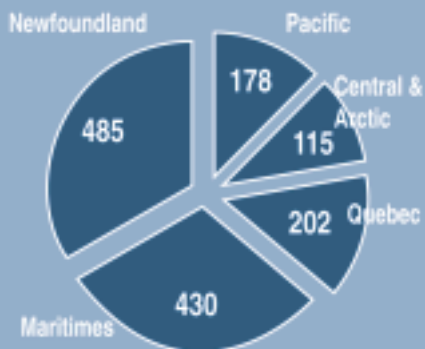
Frank Hudson, President

CCGA Central & Arctic

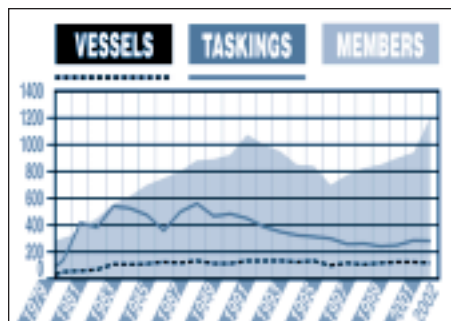


John Levantis, President

CCGA Vessels 2002

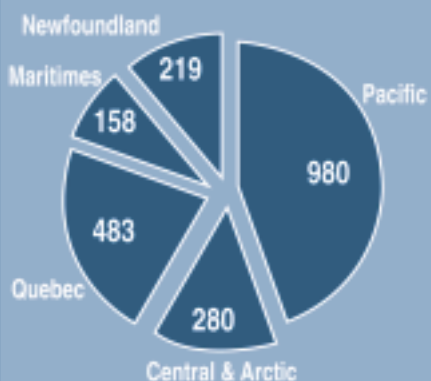


CCGA Pacific currently has 1,294 members and 178 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Pacific region were tasked 980 times to SAR incidents. Members participated in 706 training exercises, 63 boat shows, exhibitions and displays.



CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 1,200 members and 115 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Central and Arctic were tasked 280 times to SAR incidents. The auxiliary also met the challenge in beginning operations in Nunavut.

CCGA Taskings 2002



Members organize demonstrations, displays and pleasure craft conduct courtesy checks year round (981 in 2002). Two new safe boating program were introduced: **Bobbie the Safety Boat** and **Kids Don't Float**.

Currently, 75% of CCGA-Pacific members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.



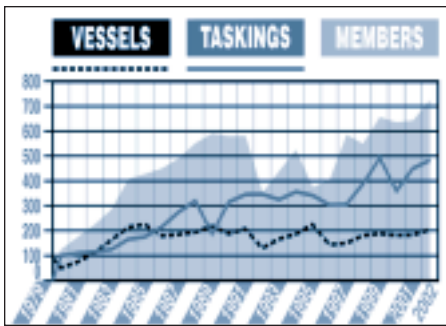
Auxiliarists participated in 1026 training exercises and 200 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They conducted 1,026 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 95% of CCGA C&A members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

CCGA Quebec



Robert Petitpas, President



CCGA Quebec currently has 726 members and 202 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Quebec region were tasked 483 times to SAR incidents.



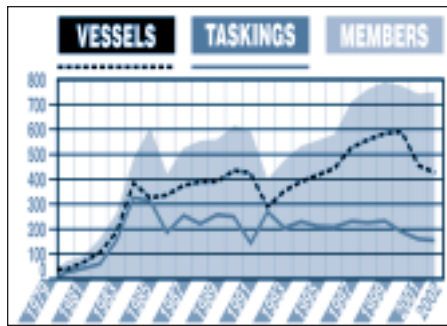
Auxiliarists also participated in 40 training exercises and 200 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They conducted 852 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 97% of CCGA-Q members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card. CCGA Quebec is active as a course provider for the PCOC program.

CCGA Maritimes



Frank McLaughlin, President



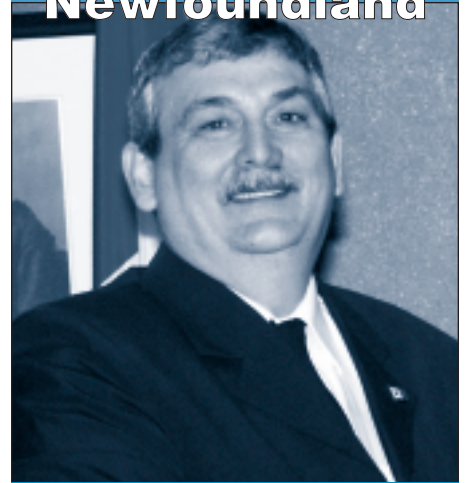
CCGA Maritimes currently has 750 members and 430 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in the Maritimes region were tasked 158 times to SAR incidents.



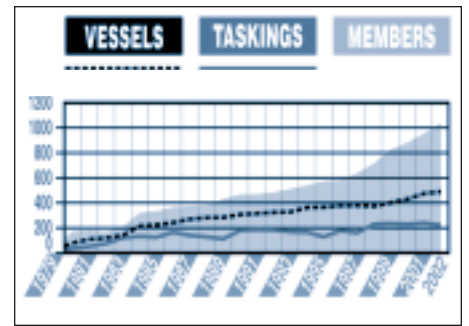
Auxiliarists participated in 89 training exercises and 24 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. They also conducted 266 courtesy checks on private vessels.

Currently, 86% of CCGA-M members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

CCGA Newfoundland



Winston Pitcher, President



CCGA Newfoundland currently has 1018 members and 485 enrolled vessels. In 2002, the auxiliary in Newfoundland were tasked 219 times to SAR incidents.



Auxiliarists participated in 13 training exercises and 5 boat shows, exhibitions and displays to aid the boating safety program. 184 auxiliarists have received St. John Ambulance advanced first aid training.

Currently, 45% of CCGA-Nfld members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

Jubilee Medals

A Tip of the Crown to Seven CCGA Members

Seven members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary have been awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal. The Medal, created to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's ascension to the throne, recognises those who have made significant contributions to their communities, to the country as a whole or on an international level. These Auxiliarists certainly fit the description.

NORM DYCK, LIFE MEMBER OF CCGA

As a founding member and a former unit leader of the Delta Volunteer Marine Rescue Unit, which later became CCGA Pacific, Mr. Dyck has spent countless hours on the water and teaching in the Auxiliary. Today, Mr. Dyck is involved in boating safety in a number of capacities including director of the Canadian Safe Boating Council and the United Safe Boating Institute, and chair of the Regional Recreational Boating Advisory Council.

Mr. Dyck has been previously recognised for his volunteer commitments. In 1977, he was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for his service with the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserve and Militia, and in 2002, the Canadian Safe Boating Awards named him Boater of the Year.



Frank Hudson, with his MP Gary Lunn, after receiving the Golden Jubilee medal.

FRANK HUDSON, PRESIDENT OF CCGA PACIFIC

Mr. Hudson has volunteered with CCGA-P for over 10 years in a number of roles, including his current term as President. As CCGA Pacific President, Mr. Hudson has been involved in shaping the CCGA Pacific into one of the most capable and cost-effective lifesaving organisations in Canada. Mr. Hudson played a crucial role in arranging and hosting the 2nd Annual International Search and Rescue Competition, held in Vancouver in October 2001.

At an awards ceremony on November 7, 2002, Gary Lunn, Member of Parliament for the Saanich-Gulf Islands region, praised Mr. Hudson and his fellow Jubilee Medal recipients.

“We are here to pay tribute to some of Saanich-Gulf Islands’ best and most dedicated community leaders, who have made Canada great through their sacrifice, their generosity and their dedication,” said Mr. Lunn. “They are community builders, innovators and educators.”



MP John Cummings presents Norm Dyck with the Golden Jubilee Medal.

al Winners

JACK KRUGER, VICE-PRESIDENT CCGA CENTRAL & ARCTIC

Mr. Kruger is a Staff/Sgt with the RCMP and is the District Commander (South) for the Northwest Territories. He is extensively involved with the CCGA, primarily as District Director for District 9 (NWT/Alberta) and as Vice-President of the Central & Arctic region. Mr. Kruger has played a role in supporting the active SAR component within the Northwest Territories and facilitating the co-operation between the Canadian Coast Guard, the CCGA and the RCMP. Mr. Kruger currently resides in Hay River, NWT, with his wife and four children.

FRANK MCLAUGHLIN, PRESIDENT OF CCGA MARITIMES

Since joining the Auxiliary in 1983, Mr. McLaughlin has shown integrity and dedication to providing maritime safety. Mr. McLaughlin, an experienced fisherman, has used his knowledge and experience to the benefit of all Auxiliarists. As the current President of CCGA Maritimes, Mr. McLaughlin's vision has helped the CCGA develop into an exemplary search and rescue organization that provides exceptional service to the Coast Guard and the general public.

HARRY STRONG, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CCGA

Mr. Strong's credentials for the award are quite impressive. Over the last 22 years, Mr. Strong has donated thousands of hours to the CCGA, often volunteering more than 40-45 hours a week. Mr. Strong has been with CCGA Newfoundland since its formation in 1978 and first became CEO of the Auxiliary in 1990.

His commitment to Canadian maritime safety has earned Mr. Strong an unparalleled reputation in the international Search and

Rescue community, making him instrumental in forging alliances such as the 1999 Memorandum of Understanding between the CCGA and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



MP Paul Bonwick presents the Golden Jubilee Medal to Rodney Turcotte with daughter Mackenzie.

RODNEY TURCOTTE

Mr. Turcotte's involvement in the maritime community extends beyond the CCGA. For 15 years, he volunteered with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets and the Navy League Cadets. As well, Mr Turcotte has been a co-chair of the HMCS NORTH BAY Gun Crest refurbishing and rededication committee, has organised naval remembrance services for the battle of the Atlantic, and was active as a founding member of the naval association in the North Bay area.

Since 2001, Mr. Turcotte has been the Unit Prevention Officer for District 4 of the Central & Arctic region. His work with the CCGA has focussed primarily on prevention and safety, and he is active in attending boat shows and conducting pleasure craft courtesy checks.

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Guiding the Course for the CCGA

Honouring Our Presidents, Past and Present

Since its formation, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has been a prominent force in the international SAR community. Each year, the 5000 members of the CCGA save approximately 200 lives and reach thousands more through its safe boating campaigns.

Over the past 25 years, the key to the success of the CCGA has been the guidance of its regional and national presidents, who co-ordinate and consult with other organizations and regions and set new goals for the future. In doing so, they have been instrumental in weathering the storms and keeping the Auxiliary on course throughout its history. Thanks to its presidents, the CCGA has become one of the strongest volunteer organizations of its kind in the world.

To honour the contributions of the CCGA's presidents, past and present, we have compiled a list of the Presidential Terms of Office for each region and for the nation. Listed here are the admirable people who have volunteered their time and talents as a CCGA president and made a difference to mariners in Canadian waters.

National

John Hanbidge	1986 - 1987
Mike Lucas	1987 - 1989
Earl Taylor	1991 - 1993
Harry Strong	1990 - 1991, 1993 - present

Central & Arctic

John Hanbidge	1979 - 1984
Don Johnson	1984 - 1986
Earl Taylor	1986 - 1994
Bill Vanderburg	1994 - 1995
John Parsonage	1995 - 1999
Norm Lloyd	1999 - 2001
John Levantis	2001 - present

Maritimes

John E. S. Briggs	1978 - 1980
John A. Harwood	1980 - 1981
Leo MacDonald	1981 - 1983
Charles Clarke	1983 - 1986
David Muggah	1986 - 1987
John Waldron	1987 - 1989
George Lohnes	1989 - 1993
Gary Masson	1993 - 1998
Frank McLaughlin	1998 - present

Pacific

Phil Matty	1978 - 1980
Jack Simpson	1980 - 1982
Rick Weldon	1982 - 1983
Hugh Chamberlain	1983 - 1985
Mike Lucas	1985 - 1987
Gordon Hall	1987 - 1989
Dave Lindley	1989 - 1991
Fred Switzer	1991 - 1993
Ralph Ashton	1993 - 1994
Alex Muir	1994 - 1998
Ed Brooke	1998 - 1999
Craig Dunn	1999 - 2001
Frank Hudson	2001 - present

Quebec

Robert Charbonneau	1979 - 1981
André Clossey	1981 - 1987
Jacques Gingras	1987 - 1991
Pierre Drolet	1991 - 1992
Alain Labillois	1992 - 1993
Robert Petitpas	1993 - present

Newfoundland

Capt. Peter Troake CM	1979 - 1981
Harry Strong	1981 - 1989
Winston Pitcher	1989 - present

Fundraiser Benefits the CCGA

During the federal government's recent Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC 2002), employees of Integrated Business Management (IBM-CCG, HQ), and other Directorates of the Coast Guard and the department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, chipped in to help support CCGA in their critical efforts on behalf of persons in peril.

Through the efforts of IBM, a fundraising draw for Ottawa Senators' hockey tickets was held during the GCWCC. The fundraiser was very successful in tapping into the generosity of departmental employees. Upon its conclusion, Kate Fawkes, Director General of IBM, CCG-HQ, presented a cheque for \$900 to Harry Strong, CEO, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National Inc.



Kate Fawkes, Director General of IBM CCG-HQ, with Paul Hoffman and Ted Reed, also of IBM, presents a cheque to Harry Strong, CEO CCGA National.

The CCGA depends on outside donations to supplement the partial funding it receives from the Government of Canada. The Auxiliary finds that it must raise these additional contributions in order to maintain its rescue services, keep its units equipped with the proper search and rescue equipment, and to train its members to save lives at sea.

Jubilee...

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RONALD WILLIAMS

For over 20 years, Mr. Williams has shown his dedication to boating safety. He has taught various Canadian Power Squadron's Safe Boating courses, provided the VHF Marine Restricted Radio Operators Licence and, since its inception, administered the CCG Pleasure Craft Operators Card course. His boat, the Kingfisher, is on standby with the CCGA during the summer months and he is active in providing pleasure craft courtesy inspections.

Mr. Williams's service to his community and to the country extends beyond boating safety. He was a member of the RCAF/CAF for 29 years and accumulated over 243 days of service in support missions with the United Nations. For this, he received the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal. He currently supports his local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and became "Sergeant-of-Arms" and Branch Services Officer in April.

The CCGA is proud of its many volunteers who provide such exemplary and dedicated service. Congratulations to all Golden Jubilee Medal winners!

By contributing to any of Canada's six Auxiliary Associations, individuals, clubs, societies, trusts and companies can help save more lives! In addition, charitable donations made to any of Canada's six CG Auxiliaries are tax deductible.



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

Vessel Donation Program

You've enjoyed boating or fishing for many years but the time has now come to enjoy life from ashore. Like a true and reliable friend, your vessel has provided countless days of unforgettable adventure and great times for you, your friends and family members.

The legacy can live on and your vessel can fulfill yet another important mission: Help the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) in saving more lives on the water.

Donating your vessel to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is a quick and easy procedure. Once you have decided to transfer ownership to the CCGA, we look after the costs of moorage and transportation. Of course, there is more: As a Registered Charity (87029 8494 RR 0001), the Auxiliary will issue you a tax receipt for fair market value which allows you to claim a deduction on your tax returns.

With your contribution, you will become a Benefactor Member of the CCGA and receive all the benefits that come with this prestigious appointment, including a lifetime subscription to our National Newsletter **The Auxiliarist**.

All types of vessels are accepted, including fishing vessels, pleasure craft, sail boats, etc.

If suitable to conduct search and rescue missions, your vessel will be equipped and assigned to a CCGA unit. If the vessel is not suitable for search and rescue or training, it will be auctioned or sold and all the proceeds will go directly to support the training and missions conducted by our volunteers.



How to proceed:

- 1) Get in touch with our National Office and let us know to which CCGA Association you wish to donate your vessel;
- 2) We will send you a proposed Agreement for Transfer of Ownership to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary;
- 3) We will arrange and cover the cost of an independent survey.
- 4) As soon as the surveyor's report is completed, we will issue you a tax receipt for the appraised value of your vessel and confirm your Benefactor Membership with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- 5) Once the transfer of ownership is completed, the CCGA will take full responsibility and

assume all costs for moorage, storage, transport, maintenance and insurance for the vessel.

After many years of reliable service to you, there can be no greater reward than to know that your vessel will remain active, assist in saving lives and make boating safer for yet another generation of mariners in Canada.

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Memorial Donation

I wish to make a donation to the
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in memory of:

Please Print Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please notify next of kin:

Name: _____

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City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

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**Please complete and mail with your donation to:
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Support the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

Our volunteers face blizzards, gales and freezing temperatures to help others. Will you help them?

As a responsible mariner, you will hopefully never need to call on the services of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA). But disaster can strike at any moment when you're at sea. Your vessel could spring a leak, suffer engine failure or catch fire. Even if you take every possible precaution, you could still find yourself in trouble.

When that happens, you can always depend on the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The men and women who make up the Auxiliary seek no reward for their lifesaving work. All they ask is the best equipment and training - which depends on voluntary contributions - to carry out their vital task of saving lives. They are prepared to give their best...

Will you give them your support?

Year after year, the number of people who call on the CCGA for assistance continues to rise.

The dedication and devotion of our volunteer lifesavers has resulted in 4,000 lives saved since 1978.



Each year, Coast Guard Auxiliarists are called out 1,700 times, saving over 200 men, women and children from life-threatening situations.

Now you can help the CCGA save more lives. Make a **tax-deductible** contribution today and start saving lives with us. Each donor also gets a free subscription to our national search and rescue newsletter "The Auxiliarist".



Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

Registered Charity: N° 87029 8494 RR 0001

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Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Membership Application & Donor Form

I wish to make a contribution to the:
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

I have included my annual contribution for the membership status indicated below:

INDIVIDUAL : **Your free gift:**
 Kids Club (Safety Whistle) \$10
 Associate Member (Lapel Pin) \$30
 Donor Member (Mouse Pad) \$100
 Benefactor Member (Ball Cap) \$500

CORPORATE : **Your free gift:**
 Associate Member (Certificate) \$750
 Benefactor Member (Plaque) \$2000

**Send me information on the CCGA
Planned Giving Program**

Send me a donation receipt

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

Please print.

Name:

Address:

City: Prov.:

Postal Code: Phone: ()

E-Mail:

Please make your cheque or postal money order payable to:
> Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (National) Inc.

> **Please return this form with your payment to the:**
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