



# The Auxiliarist

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## CCGA Celebrates its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in Kingston, Ontario

Kingston, Ontario was selected as the national location to mark 25 years of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliaries' volunteer activities to Canada's maritime and recreational boating communities. Hosted by CCGA Central & Arctic and held in conjunction with Central & Arctic's SAR competition, the event was also an opportunity to announce the awarding of the Order of Canada to our Chief Executive Officer, Harry Strong. This great honour reflects the respect shown to Harry, but also to every member of the CCGA who contributes his or her time, training, and effort.

Under the chairmanship of Mike Johns and direction of CCGA Central & Arctic President John Levantis; a ten-member committee was formed in early spring to make sure the August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> events were a success. From all reports, it was. Arrangements were made to honour those original CCGA Central & Arctic volunteers who had donated 25 years of support to our organization. As well, invitations were sent out to local and federal dignitaries, politicians, and ranking officers of both the Canadian and United States Coast Guards. Most VIP's personally attended, while those whose previous commitments forswore their

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CCG Commissioner John Adams presenting a framed CCGA crest to CCGA CEO Harry Strong in recognition of 25 years of service.

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## How CCGA Can Benefit Fully from the Diversity of its Volunteer Resources



**W**ithin the ranks of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary there is a remarkable diversity of volunteer resources. Throughout Canada, our members distinguish themselves by their origins, talents, training, and interests. The diversity of our volunteers is an important asset for our organization.

We must therefore manage and train our members in the best possible way so that the organization can take full advantage of their efforts and benefit fully from their contributions. This leadership role is the responsibility of unit leaders, zone directors, and members of the boards of directors.

It is beneficial for CCGA to work towards a diverse member “profile”; to recruit both men and women; to target various age groups; to look for people who are familiar with the field; to accept owners of private vessels; and those who want to join the crew of a community-owned vessel.

Our diversity allows us to have an impressive number of vessels at the disposal of the SAR program at a reasonable cost and to reduce the response time for maritime emergencies, that would otherwise be impossible.

While diversity in the CCGA can only be beneficial, it also gives us some important responsibilities regarding training.

We must allow our members to contribute what they can, depending on whether they are interested in search and rescue or marine safety. We must work to offer training in a way that is fair to everyone.

For those who, after many years of loyal service, choose to remain ashore, we must find ways to let them stay involved and share the experience they have accumulated.

At annual general meetings, all delegates must feel welcome and know that their opinion counts.

Just as CCGA depends on volunteers with diverse talents in its units, our boards of directors are being strengthened by equally diverse resources as time goes by.

Finally, I would like to wish all our members, their families, and all the friends and partners of CCGA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2004!

**Harry Strong**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# Turning in False Alarms to the Canadian Coast Guard

## Can Cost You Dearly

Did you know that it can cost you dearly to turn in false alarms and thus disrupt Canadian Coast Guard operations? On November 2, 1999 an 18-year-old man from Boucherville, Quebec was sentenced by a judge of the Quebec Court, Criminal Division, in the District of Longueuil, to six months in prison plus one year's probation for making four false distress calls. The young man had pleaded guilty to the offences set out in subsection 372(1) of the Criminal Code. The offence covered by this subsection is the conveying of false information by telephone with intent to injure any person.

The calls were placed on a cell phone in May and June 1999 in the vicinity of the Port of Montreal. The offender was traced with the help of Bell Mobility, which, when advised, was able to identify the origin of the calls. They had been placed with the \*16 function, which can be used to contact the Canadian Coast Guard, in this case Marine Communications and Traffic Services in Longueuil. As the calls had passed through the 911 system, the Boucherville city police were also involved in these false alarms. The Canadian Coast Guard, with the advice of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Legal Services, and the city police, therefore laid a criminal complaint against the young man.

These many false distress calls caused the needless deployment of both marine and shore-based resources. They also risked placing response personnel in harm's way for no reason while decreasing the Coast Guard's ability to respond adequately to real requests for assistance. These false distress calls therefore had serious consequences.

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# 25th Annivivor

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presence and instead sent congratulatory and highly complimentary letters. Officers and crew from all five regions were extended invitations and notices were sent out to over 150 yacht clubs and marinas on Lake Ontario; including those Stateside.

The Speaker of the House sent his Chief of Staff to bring greetings, and Mayor Turner delegated Steve Garrison as her representative. Among those present at the festivities were Admiral Larry Murray, Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans, John Adams, Commissioner Canadian Coast Guard, Ursula Menke, Deputy Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard as well as Bill Edgerton, National Commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary & Gene Seibert, National Vice-Commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary representing our American counterparts.

For the organizing committee, last minute arrangements, introductions, and full-range media interviews took place during the three days preceding the official event opening. Interestingly, this afforded our Auxiliary's national officers to share a TV on-location shoot with Ms. Vickie Keith, another Order of Canada recipient. Two additional video cam interviews were held aboard a sailing vessel belonging to one of the committee members, and helmed by the nautical Harry Strong himself.

An informal get-together was held Friday night permitting the different ranks and VIPs to mingle socially without the constraints of protocol. Rochester's Jon Seiger & the All-Stars, who had performed at a gala the previous week for New York Senator Hillary Clinton, supplied entertainment.

Saturday morning was the official opening with a flag raising ceremony at HMCS Cataraqui.



**Members of the National Council  
at the CCGA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Award Celebrations.**



**DFO's Deputy Minister Larry  
Murray addressed the CCGA  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
in Kingston**

# Sary Anniversary

The flag raising ceremony was followed by the regional SAR competition; ultimately won by the Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association (PARA) team based in Pickering, Ontario.

At 1800 hours, the setting moved to Old Fort Henry for a reception honouring members and guests, followed by a special colourful **Salute to the CCGA** presented by the Fort Henry Guard. The re-enactments, flag presentations and cannonades were a rare visual experience for all those in attendance. The formal speeches and award presentations then took place in the Officers' Mess at the venerable Royal Military College, a facility steeped in centuries of tradition. A triumphant and fitting end to the celebration:- and now on to our jubilee in 2028.

**Dan Gaisin and  
Glynis Withyman  
CCGA, C & A**

## To Kingston for SARSCENE 2003

Kingston, Ontario was the home for this year's SARSCENE. Hosted by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat and the Ontario Provincial Police, SARSCENE took place from October 15-18, at the Ambassador Hotel. The four day event included a series of skill development seminars, presentations, search and rescue games and a trade show exhibition that demonstrated the latest equipment and technologies in maritime, air and ground search and rescue. Presentations were made by many organizations including the RCMP, the Canadian Red Cross, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Canadian Coast Guard and others.

Mr. Everette Tucker Jr., Director, USCG Auxiliary International Affairs and Mr. Harry Strong, Chief Executive Officer, CCGA made a collaborative presentation on the Caribbean SAR Initiative **-Helping Others to Help Themselves**. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary were both actively involved in this year's events. Mr. Strong also made a presentation on the CCG Auxiliary National Awards Program.

SARSCENE was also an opportunity for members of the Search and Rescue community to acknowledge those who have made contributions to improve SAR in Canada. Constable Paul Olmstead of the Edmonton Police Service was the 2003 recipient of the National Search and Rescue Secretariat's Outstanding Search and Rescue Achievement Award. Constable Olmstead is a leader in community based search and rescue and has been instrumental in various types of training for search and rescue volunteers.

The late Stuart "Stu" Meeks from Belleville, Ontario, was also honoured at SARSCENE 2003. Stu Meeks was one of the founding members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and dedicated his time to helping others. After serving the Canadian Army in Korea, Stu operated an ambulance service in Kingston and then in Belleville Ontario. He later went on to establish the LaSalle Rescue

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# Chief Executive Officer to Receive Order of Canada

August 6, 2003

**O**TTAWA – The Honourable Robert G. Thibault, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, today congratulated the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Harry Strong, for being chosen to receive the Order of Canada. This year's recipients of the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement were announced yesterday by Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. Madame Clarkson also holds the role of Honourary Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard.

“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 Minister 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 in Newfoundland was formed in 1979 to provide search and rescue assistance, Harry Strong stepped forward with his 50-foot fishing vessel to offer his services to the Auxiliary in search and rescue operations off the coast of Newfoundland. Today, he is the Chief Executive Officer of the national organization, volunteering over 40 hours a week to the position. In addition, he has squeezed in time as a volunteer firefighter, union representative and served more than 20 years on his Town Council, including two terms as mayor.

Mr. Strong has worked aggressively toward the expansion and effectiveness of the Auxiliary. His vision and drive has seen it grow dramatically in recent years, in terms of membership, geographic coverage and sources of support. The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary today has close to 5,000 members and 1,600 enrolled vessels.

“The Canadian Coast Guard relies heavily on the volunteer services of its Auxiliary. These men and women are often the first to arrive on the scene of a vessel in distress,” said John Adams, Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard. “I cannot say enough about the contribution that Harry Strong has made to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and to Canadians as a whole.”

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary annually responds to over 1,700 search and rescue incidents, conducts over 3,000 courtesy checks of pleasure craft, spreads the safe boating message at over 250 boat shows and exhibitions, and saves approximately 200 lives.

**Steve Outhouse**  
**Media Relations**  
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## CCGA Volunteers Win Bronze Medal

Two Coast Guard Auxiliary members of TOWARF (Town of Oakville Water-Air Rescue Force) Ivan Hansen and Steve Marcellus teamed up with Search and Rescue Technicians Marc Lessard and Dino Simone to win the Bronze Medal at SARSCENE's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Ground Search and Rescue Games, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Kingston, Ontario.

Seven Canadian teams and one Icelandic team were challenged with events testing the skills of teamwork, perseverance, survival, evidence and tracking. After the games, the Mustang Company made a generous donation of six floater suits to the CCGA Central & Arctic.

SARSCENE, the largest Search and Rescue Symposium in Canada, was held in Kingston, Ontario, October 15-18, 2003.



**Bronze Medal Winners  
at SARSCENE.**

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conventional telephones has helped to decrease the number of false distress calls. In this case, it was possible to trace the call even though it was made from a cell phone. Other cases of false alarms have been reported in the past, but this is an illustration that such hoaxes can have serious legal consequences.

**Josseline Bujold,  
Counsel DFO, Legal Services**

## To Kingston for SARSCENE 2003

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Services in 1968. On behalf of her father, Ginger White accepted the Certificate of Achievement award. Stu Meeks will always be remembered for his selflessness and volunteerism.

For the seventh consecutive year members of the search and rescue community tested their skills in the SARSCENE games that took place at Lemoine Point Conservation Area. One Icelandic and seven Canadian teams competed in search and rescue games. First and second place winners were the Toronto Heavy Urban SAR team and Park Canada Bruce Peninsula respectively. Coming in third place was a team comprising of two fire fighters (CCGA Central & Arctic members) from Oakville and Mississauga and two 424 Squadron SARTechs.

To read more on the third place winners see **CCGA Volunteers Win Bronze Medal at SARSCENE.**

**Shelina Poonja  
SAR Intern**

# CCGA Quebec Inaugurates new Headquarters

Gets A New Building as a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Present



**The new headquarters of CCGA Quebec in Sorel.**

**O**n September 5<sup>th</sup>, during the CCGA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, a large gathering of dignitaries and members of the CCG and the CCGA watched as Coast Guard Deputy Commissioner Ursula Menke, Regional Director Jean-Claude Boivin, CCGA(Q) Inc. President Robert Petitpas and Treasurer Marie-France Lavoie signed the Memorandum of Agreement transferring the building at 17 Prince St. in Sorel to CCGA, Quebec.

The signing and speeches were followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a benediction.

Next there was a brief tour of the Sorel islands in a CCG hovercraft, followed by a reception for all attendees. Regional Director Boivin presented the organization with a beautiful souvenir gift along with a commemorative plaque, which is to be mounted in the building.

These events kicked off an activity-packed weekend. There was a dinner and awards ceremony, to honour and present medals to



**The CCGA Quebec President Robert Petitpas and CCG Deputy Commissioner Ursula Menke cutting the ribbon at the inauguration ceremony.**

volunteers who have worked with CCGA (Q) for 25 years. An all-day SAR competition was held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather co-operated, and the atmosphere was festive.

The celebrations were rounded out with a closing banquet, when the competition winners were awarded their trophies. At this occasion, a plaque was presented by the Quebec Police Force to President Robert Petitpas in recognition of the excellent co-operation between the police and the CGA.

The weekend was an unquestionable success, with happy memories for all.

**Claudette Petitpas.  
Editor, Le Dauphin.**



# Congratulations Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

for 25 years of service!



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

*It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA).*

*This event provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your long history of commitment to maritime safety. For 25 years, the staff and volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary have protected the lives of their fellow citizens by providing search and rescue services and promoting safe boating practices; their courage, professionalism and dedication are well known from coast to coast. As you celebrate this important milestone, you may take great pride in knowing that your unstinting efforts are appreciated by countless individuals.*

*Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable 25th anniversary, as well as every success in the years to come.*

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Dear Mr. Strong:

It is with pleasure that I congratulate the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on a quarter century of helping to keep the waters of Canada safe, performing this vital role in co-operation with the Canadian Coast Guard and other search and rescue agencies.

Even at its inception in 1978, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) was a substantial organization with 700 members and 300 vessels. Today it boasts nearly 5,000 members and 1,500 vessels and responds to 25 percent of the thousands of search and rescue incidents that occur in any given year in Canada.

As Lead Minister for Search and Rescue, I am constantly impressed by the quality of Canada's search and rescue volunteers and particularly those of the CCGA. Indeed, Canadians everywhere are indebted to the men and women of the auxiliary for their exceptional work. Each one of the 4,000 lives saved by the members and volunteers of your organization in the past 25 years is a testament to the invaluable mission that the CCGA continues to pursue competently and unselfishly.

Once again, I salute everyone associated with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. May you have a memorable Silver Jubilee Celebration and many more years of lifesaving.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.

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As Canada's Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate members and volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) on the organization's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

What started as an effort by a group of dedicated volunteers 25 years ago to coordinate vessels, equipment, local knowledge and training on a national scale has grown into a world-class volunteer organization dedicated to maritime rescue and safety.

As a maritime nation, Canada places a great deal of importance on marine safety. Over the last quarter-century, the CCGA has provided a range of search-and-rescue and safe-boating services to Canadians.

The Auxiliary's 5,000-plus members are dedicated to search-and-rescue and safe-boating activities, and respond to over 2,000 search and rescue tasks — or a full quarter of all maritime search and rescue incidents — across Canada. Each year, the Auxiliary saves some 200 lives.

Often, CCGA members are the first to arrive on the scene of a distress call, as was the case with the crash of Swissair Flight 111 off Peggy's Cove. This rapid-response capability helps bridge a very important gap between the time of a distress call and the arrival of Coast Guard resources.

Canadians, from coast-to-coast-to-coast, can be very proud of the dedication and bravery of CCGA members. The CCGA's local knowledge, maritime expertise and professional conduct make them among the Coast Guard's — and Canada's — greatest assets. They are truly the best that Canada has to offer.

Once again, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to extend my congratulations on the CCGA's silver anniversary.

Robert G. Thibault

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THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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**A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

Congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Over the past 25 years, you have distinguished yourself as an elite organization among the professional and volunteer lifesavers of the world. It is obvious to those of us who are in the business of saving lives and guarding waterways that you are a highly dedicated and very capable organization.

Your consistently high performance in the International Search and Rescue competition is indicative of your high standards, excellent training, and teamwork. However, your search and rescue prowess is not limited to the competition forum. The true rewards of your volunteerism are not found in a display case, but in the eyes of family members when a loved one is safely rescued at sea.

The statistics speak for themselves. Each year, you respond to approximately 1750 search and rescue incidents, and save approximately 200 lives! The very nature of your northern geography results in many of those 1750 incidents being conducted in cold, remote waters where survivability is limited. Despite these harsh conditions, you have responded to 36,000 search and rescue cases and saved 4,000 lives over the last 25 years.

Volunteering to keep the world's waters safe for those who venture upon them is a noble and selfless act. I commend you for your service and wish you a safe and successful future.

Sincerely,

*J.H. Collins*  
T. H. COLLINS  
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard



Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
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Dear Mr. *Harry* Strong:

On behalf of all the men and women of the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG), it is my great pleasure to send my congratulations to the Auxiliary on its twenty-fifth anniversary. This year marks the twenty-fifth year of a very special relationship between the CCG and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA). For a quarter of a century, the CCG and CCGA have worked hand in hand to ensure the safety of everyone on our Canadian waters.

Coast Guard employees know first hand the hard work and dedication involved in the successful provision of maritime safety services. Many of you have been called to the job at all hours of the day and night. You have braved adverse weather, persevered through dangerous boating conditions, and at times put your lives at risk. It is through your training, expertise, and dedication that hundreds of lives are saved and injuries prevented each and every year.

Your outstanding heroism and civil contribution does not go unnoticed. It is reflected in the 5,000 lives that have been saved through the assistance of the Auxiliary, as well as the countless incidents that have been avoided as a result of the safety standards and awareness campaigns of the CCGA. Twenty-five years of such rewarding and worthwhile accomplishments are definitely something to celebrate!

The CCG is proud to have the members of the CCGA as its partner. The Auxiliary is an integral part of Team Search and Rescue, and Team Coast Guard. On behalf of the CCG, and the countless Canadians who have benefited from the valuable services of the Auxiliary, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and congratulations on the celebration of the Auxiliary's first 25 years, and best wishes for the many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

*John*  
John Adams

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*Dear Mr Strong,*

Sharing, as we do, the humanitarian ideals of life-saving organisations, it gives me great pleasure to write to congratulate the members, volunteers and staff of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on your 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding.

The RNL is united in bonds of friendship, knowledge and shared experiences with all maritime search and rescue organisations around the globe, but the links with our friends in Canada are particularly strong.

Our maritime heritage across the Atlantic, and a similar tradition of helping mariners in distress have strengthened the bonds of friendship over the past 25 years.

All Canadian Coast Guard members and volunteers have earned the heartfelt thanks of the world's maritime community through their dedication to the noble cause of saving life in the last quarter of century.

From a 179 year old to a 25 year old – congratulations.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Andrew Mantle*



## Association for Rescue at Sea • Inc.

July 12, 2003

Mr. Harry Strong  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

Dear Harry and all our Canadian Friends,

The Association for Rescue at Sea (AFRAS) sends its warmest congratulations on your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. You have certainly made a significant impact in such a brief period and your contributions on the international scene are particularly impressive.

I would like to note that AFRAS was founded in 1976, so we are only a couple years ahead of you. You and others from your organization have always been there for us at times such as our annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC and at various US Coast Guard Auxiliary functions attended by both our organizations. I am pleased that AFRAS has been able to support the Canadian-US Coast Guard Auxiliary International SAR competition. This is a wonderful initiative.

Please convey our warmest regards and thanks to all your members and we look forward to additional opportunities to interact with such a vibrant and professional organization as the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Our very best regards,  
*John B. Chomeau*  
John B. Chomeau, Capt. USN (ret.)  
President

# Indian Arm Unit Performs Medevac

August 24, 2003

**N**orth Vancouver, August 24, 2003 – In a spectacular display of teamwork between the rescue forces of the North Shore, a Vancouver resident was airlifted to safety by a North Shore Rescue Helicopter after suffering a seizure and falling unconscious into the Indian River at the North end of Indian Arm today. Quick to respond was the North Shore's Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 2, Deep Cove Lifeboat.


Commanded by Robin Overbye and crewed by Auxiliary members Jim Atkinson and Richard Novek, the Lifeboat picked up four members of the BC Ambulance corps who were dispatched at 1:00 PM.

They arrived at Wigwam Inn, located at the northern tip of the Arm, shortly before 2 PM. The crew of the Lifeboat along with help from the caretaker of Wigwam Inn, determined that the Victim was in a section of the Indian River about half a kilometre up from where the River flows into Indian Arm, that was inaccessible by boat. The caretaker took the four BC ambulance attendants up the river as far as his small, shallow draft boat could travel and the

attendants then had to hike the rest of the way along a little used logging road.

Meanwhile the Deep Cove Lifeboat decided to head for the eastern shore of the Arm where a local resident was seen with an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). The ATV was pressed into service and Auxiliary member Jim Atkinson, who is also a paramedic with the BC Ambulance Service, was taken with his jump kit and an oxygen cylinder to the scene. Atkinson was first to reach the now conscious but cold and disoriented, 46-year-old victim and treated him with Oxygen therapy. All this time two North Shore rescue helicopters were en route, and within 15 minutes after Atkinson's arrival, had landed near the patient. The BC Ambulance attendants arrived shortly after Atkinson, stabilized the patient, placed him on board the helicopter and returned to the Wigwam Inn where all were returned safely back to Deep Cove by 4:00 PM. The patient was flown to Vancouver for further treatment and observation.

**Richard Novek, CCGA-P**



**Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water**

Every year, the 5000 volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) participate in more than 1700 search and rescue missions, resulting in over 200 lives saved.

Remember us in your will or make a tax-deductible donation to the Auxiliary so we can save more lives.

For more information, call toll free: 1 866 MAYDAY2 / 629-3292 or visit us at [www.ccgac-gcac.org](http://www.ccgac-gcac.org)

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# A Resounding ISAR 2003 A Resounding Success!

ISAR 2003 was held on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in St. John's, Newfoundland and was another resounding success. Once again American and Canadian Auxiliariists traveled from all over the United States and Canada to a friendly competition to showcase the skills they have learned and test those skills against their fellow competitors.

Attendees traveled from as far away as Hawaii, Ireland, Alaska, California and even South Africa. Foreign dignitaries and special guests gathered on Thursday at the Canadian Coast Guard Base in St. John's for a briefing on search and rescue in Newfoundland and Labrador by Brian Stone, Superintendent, Maritime SAR, Canadian Coast Guard.

The SAR briefing was followed by a joint hoisting exercise using the Canadian Forces new CH-149 Cormorant helicopter from 103 Search & Rescue Squadron and CCGA vessel "Lady Barrett". To everyone's pleasure the CCGS Sir Wilfred Grenfell also put on a spectacular display with her fire fighting water cannons.

On Thursday evening Harry Strong, Chief Executive Officer, CCGA hosted a mess dinner at the Crow's Nest for foreign dignitaries and special guests. The mess dinner provided an opportunity to network, meet some new people and renew old acquaintances.



After a hearty breakfast on Friday morning the teams gathered for the official SAR events briefing. Each team was provided with a participant's handbook and Mr. Neil Peet, Event Coordinator described each event in detail.



## ISAR 2003 Opening Ceremonies in St. John's.

National Commodore Bill Edgerton, USCGA, Chief Executive Officer Harry Strong, CCGA, John Adams, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, Mr. Andy Wells, Mayor of St. John's, Mr. John Butler, Regional Director of the CCG and Winston Pitcher, President, CCGA Newfoundland & Labrador officially opened the ISAR Competition on Friday at 12:30 local. The weather was beautiful, a sunny afternoon the temperature in the mid 60's. Each speaker welcomed all attendees and wished the competitors the best of luck.

In his address, the Mayor of St. John's read a proclamation from the members of the city council declaring September 26<sup>th</sup> as "International Volunteer Search and Rescue Day".

# Success!



**The national winning team for Canada and the Overall Winner of ISAR 2003. From left to right: CEO Harry Strong (CCGA), Admiral Vivian Crea (USCG), Commissioner John Adams (CCG), Rodney Gray, Lorne Morey, Eugene Gray and Commodore Bill Edgerton (USCGA).**

Paula Parsons, an IRB Coxswain from the Canadian Coast Guard sang the American and Canadian national anthems accompanied by the Church Lads Brigade (CLB) Regimental Band. The band has a one hundred and eleven year old history.

A special wreath laying ceremony was part of the opening ceremonies. The wreath was transported aboard a CCG search and rescue fast rescue craft and placed two miles out to sea in honour of our fallen comrades and mariners who have been lost at sea.

On Friday afternoon Auxiliarists from both countries competed in SAR planning, marlinespike, SAR pump operation and the SAR planning exercise at the St. John's Canadian Coast Guard Base.

Friday evening was designated as fun night and provided an opportunity for competitors and invited guests to meet each other in a relaxed atmosphere in the Grand Ball Room. Lot's of food was provided at different food stations including such items as cod tongues, cod cheeks, chicken wings and grunions. The event coordinators even had a local microbrewery bottle up some ISAR beer complete with the ISAR label. A local Newfoundland band "The Masterless Men" provided the musical entertainment to everyone's delight. Neil Peet also conducted a "Screech In" for CFAs (Come From Away) visiting Newfoundland for the first time. For those of you who have never been to Newfoundland, you are not going to find out from this author what a Screech In is. You are going to just have to travel to Newfoundland and Labrador yourselves.

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Saturday morning saw everyone rise early for breakfast and then head to the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club for day two of the competition. The competitors competed in two heaving line events, water rescue and the mystery event. The mystery event required competitors to don a survival suit, move to the rope station and tie a bowline, then move to another station and blow an SOS on a loud whistle and then jump into the water and swim a short distance to a liferaft.

All guests and competitor's gathered on Saturday evening in the Grand Ball Room for the awards banquet. Following a delicious meal the many dignitaries offered greetings to those in attendance. Some lighthearted ribbing took place about who was going to take home the big trophy. Commodore Bill Edgerton, USCGA summed up the entire ISAR Competition the best by "You made all of us proud, there will be winners but there won't be any losers".

Sunday saw the majority of attendee's rise early in the morning and board a plane for their long journey's home. However, for those of us who stayed around to finalize some business we were treated to a memorable church service at George Street United Church in honour of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and their two parent organizations.

From my own perspective the entire event from Thursday's open house to the competition through to the church service on Sunday was nothing short of exceptional. My only misgiving is that as a member of the ISAR Organizing Committee, the members and myself will have to continue meeting the standard that has been set by our Newfoundland and Labrador hosts.

**Steve Daoust**  
Editor, The Auxiliarist



**Neil Peet Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs (left) receives a token of appreciation from Ned Dillion of the RNLI.**



**National Commodore Bill Edgerton congratulating the winning teams during the awards banquet at ISAR 2003.**



**CCG Commissioner John Adams participated in the ISAR 2003.**



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# ISAR 2003

## ISAR 2003 WINNERS

### Overall ISAR 2003 Champion

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
(Newfoundland and Labrador Region)  
Eugene Gray, Rodney Gray and Lorne Morey

### ISAR 2003 National American Champions

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
(13<sup>th</sup> district)  
Daniel Repp, Kriss Anderson and  
David Browning

### ISAR 2003 National Canadian Champions

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
(Newfoundland and Labrador Region)  
Eugene Gray, Rodney Gray and Lorne Morey

### American Winners

The American winning teams in the following events were:

#### United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (13<sup>th</sup> district)

Daniel Repp, Kriss Anderson and David Browning

- SAR PLANNING
- HEAVING LINE #2

#### United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (1<sup>st</sup> Northern district)

Robert Jackle, Joseph Jenkins, Stephen LaFlemme

- SAR EXERCISE
- HEAVING LINE #1



The national American Champions USCGA 13th District receiving their award. From left to right: CEO Harry Strong, Daniel Repp, Kris Anderson, Admiral Vivan Crea, Commodore Bill Edgerton, David Browning and Commissioner John Adams.

# Winners

## ISAR 2003 Winners

### United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (9<sup>th</sup> Central district)

Dave Gould, James Folk and Timothy Fluary

- SAR PUMP
- Mystery Event

### Canadian Winners

The Canadian winning teams in the following events were:

#### Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador Region)

Eugene Gray, Rodney Gray and Lorne Morey

- SAR PLANNING
- HEAVING LINE #1
- HEAVING LINE #2
- MYSTERY EVENT

#### Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Central and Arctic Region)

Jim Snow, Adrien Spiring and Derek Cartier

- SAR EXERCISE
- SAR PUMP

### International Team Winners

International teams were comprised of members from United States and Canada.

#### Team #13

Randy Ryan, Patrick Leonardi and Jeanne Drolet

- CHARTWORK

#### Team #14

Mark Ludwig, Brad Suckling and Barry Franzmann

- WATER RESCUE

#### Team #16

Hugh Wyatt, Steve Budar and Glen Daviou

- MARLINSPIKE
- HEAVING LINE #3
- MYSTERY EVENT

### Best Sportsmanship Winner

ISAR 2003 SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
(Pacific Region)

Curtis Bolton, Brian Humber and Simon Gatrell



## Pictures from the Regional SAR Competitions



In Sorel, auxiliaries and CCG employees enjoyed the regional SAR competition.



SAREX event during the CCGA Pacific regional SAR competition in Nanaimo.



Participants enjoyed the CCGA C&A regional SAR competition held in Kingston.



Heading to the scene: A team of Auxiliaries during the CCGA Maritimes regional SAR competition.

## Not Just A Mere Tow Job

It was in the early morning of April 14, 2003 off the coast of Newfoundland. Winds were steady at 45 to 50 knots out of the North Northwest with heavy swells at 7-8 metres and the weather conditions were continuing to deteriorate. The crew aboard the fishing vessel MUDDY SHAG a 45 foot longliner, found themselves struggling to maintain control of their vessel due to steering problems and soon thereafter they lost total steering and were now totally disabled.

There were six persons on board. Fearing that their vessel would be driven into the arctic pack ice, the crew had no choice but to call for assistance. Their call was soon answered by the fishing vessel LADY WINTZELL. Unfortunately due their size and engine horsepower, their close proximity to the ice edge and the wailing winds, the LADY WINTZELL was unable to provide any direct assistance. With no change in weather conditions, the crew aboard the MUDDY SHAG knew that they would be in grave danger, if they did not receive assistance soon.

It was not long after, that the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary fishing vessel LILLY IRENE II advised the skipper of the MUDDY SHAG that they could provide assistance. Shortly after receiving the call for assistance the 44 foot LILLY IRENE II arrived on scene and took the MUDDY SHAG in tow and was able to keep the stricken vessel clear of the ice edge.

Soon thereafter, the crew of the MUDDY SHAG was evacuated to the LILLY IRENE II for fear that the MUDDY SHAG would break up in the heavy ice and seas. At one point the vessels were operating in 6 to 7 tenths of ice coverage.

Weather and sea conditions continued to worsen; with winds now at a consistent 50 knots and seas approximately 50 feet with lots of ice surrounding the vessels. The situation report from the Canadian Coast Guard Vessel CAPE ROGER confirmed gale force winds and heavy swells. The LILLY IRENE II was encountering immense difficulties throughout the tow. Her towline, two inches in diameter had parted twice.

Considerable amount of force was used during the tow; yet, the distance traveled in three hours was only four miles. It became apparent that due to the weather and ice conditions the tow was becoming increasingly dangerous for the LILLY IRENE II to safely complete. Having no other choice, the tow of MUDDY SHAG was let go and the vessel was quickly driven down wind.

The fate of the MUDDY SHAG was unknown for some time until the LILLY IRENE II was later informed by VHF radio that the MUDDY SHAG was taken in tow by a much larger 65 foot longliner.

After a harrowing ordeal at sea, the LILLY IRENE II and her crew, with the crew of the MUDDY SHAG onboard, made port, but only after suffering over sixteen thousand dollars in storm damages to their vessel.

**Shelina Poonja**  
SAR Intern

## Hurricane Isabel Recreational Boat Losses Total Over \$150 Million

Damages Surpass Hurricane Andrew



**A damaged boat from Hurricane Isabel**

**B**oat Owners Association of The United States reports that losses to recreational boats from Hurricane Isabel (not including marinas, other infrastructure or commercial vessels) will total over \$150 million. Much of the damage occurred in the upper reaches of the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River watersheds, far from the storm's North Carolina landfall.

"Our Catastrophe Response Team is reporting quite a few pockets of severe damage to recreational boats," said Carroll Robertson, vice president Marine Insurance. She adds, "The surprise in this storm was the severity of storm surge throughout the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River, in spite of the storm's landfall far to the south, and its subsequent track inland."

"Boaters who took advantage of the long lead time before Isabel hit and made hurricane preparations by either removing their boat, or adding extra lines, chafe protection, reducing windage and buttoning up tightly, generally fared OK," adds Robertson.



**A boat after Hurricane Isabel.**

Initial damage reports reflect the effective storm preparations. "While our Catastrophe Response Team has seen many total losses, much more of the vessel damage is minor or cosmetic, such as scrapes, damaged rubrails, swim platforms or torn canvas. And with any kind of storm, this kind of damage is to be expected," said Robertson. "The sheer number of boats in this area has resulted in one of the largest economic losses to recreational boats from any catastrophe including Hurricane Andrew in 1992."

In the upper Chesapeake and Potomac, a combination of wind driven storm surge and high tide was exacerbated by run off of rainfall, catching many unprepared with record setting high water. Most of the damaged vessels were left in boatlifts or in slips to weather the storm. The north and west sides of the Chesapeake Bay were particularly hard hit.

Boaters are urged to call their insurance providers and not sign salvage contracts on the spot. "You want your insurer to handle any negotiations - that's what you pay them for and it will ensure there are no surprises in the recovery process," said Robertson.

# Isabel

Boaters can help further mitigate damage by removing expensive items to prevent theft, and continue to keep water out of their boat. For a list of post-storm damage procedures such as preserving or “pickling” an engine, go to <http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/after.asp>.

Overall, marinas got hit the hardest in this storm and some are not expected to recover soon. It may take months before some yards will be back on their feet.

Robertson adds, “If there is a lesson we can learn, it’s that boaters should have a hurricane plan. Those who didn’t prepare ahead of time experienced the worst Isabel had to offer.”

BoatU.S. - Boat Owners Association of The United States - is the nation’s leading advocate for recreational boaters and provides its 550,000 members with a wide array of consumer services including a group-rate marine insurance program that provides over \$7 billion in hull coverage; the largest fleet of more than 400 towing assistance vessels; discounts on fuel, slips, and repairs at over 700 Cooperating Marinas; boat financing; and a subscription to Boat U.S. Magazine, the most widely read boating publication in the U.S. For membership information visit <http://www.BoatUS.com> or call 800-395-2628.

**NEWS From Boat U.S. Boat Owners Association of the United States**

## Donating to a Good Cause

The 2003 Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) followed similar patterns to last year’s generosity. The Integrated Business Directorate (IBM-CCG, HQ), Directorates of the Canadian Coast Guard and Department of Fisheries and Oceans employees opened up their hearts and pockets in support of Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, for this year’s charitable campaign.

During the GCWCC, employees of Integrated Business Management raffled tickets for an Ottawa Senators game and a complimentary dinner at Baton Rouge in Kanata. The fundraiser was a resounding success and upon its closing, Kate Fawkes, Director General, Integrated Business Management presented a cheque in the amount of \$1310.00 to Robert Petitpas, Vice Chairman of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary National Council.

### Editors Note

The Auxiliary is extremely appreciative of the generosity of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Employees and would like to personally thank Mr. Paul Hoffman, Supervisor, CCG Recorded Information and Nadine Régimbal, Communications Web Officer for their initiative and fundraising efforts.



**Kate Fawkes- Director General, Integrated Business Management with Paul Hoffman Supervisor CCG Recorded Information and Nadine Régimbal Communications Web Officer present a cheque to Robert Petitpas, Vice Chairman, CCGA National Council.**

# National Web Site:

## Some Basic Facts

For the most up-to-date information about the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary visit these sections of the CCGA National Web Site:

Latest News	<a href="http://www.ccg-gcac.org/home/home_e.asp">http://www.ccg-gcac.org/home/home_e.asp</a>
Multimedia Archives	<a href="http://www.ccg-gcac.org/gallery/gallery_e.asp">http://www.ccg-gcac.org/gallery/gallery_e.asp</a>
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CCGA in the Media	<a href="http://www.ccg-gcac.org/news/news_e.asp">http://www.ccg-gcac.org/news/news_e.asp</a>
Coast Guard Auxiliary Web Site	<a href="http://www.ccg-gcac.org">http://www.ccg-gcac.org</a>
Traffic Report 2003 vs 2002:	Traffic Increase of 85%

## Monthly Statistics

- 14,500 Individual Sessions
- 370,000 Hits
- 35,600 Pages Viewed
- 70 Visiting Countries

Cumulative time spent by people visiting the Web Site:  
Average of 20 hours per day.

## Latest News from the CCGA National Web Site

The best way to get the most up to date information on the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is to visit the CCGA National Web Site at [www.ccg-gcac.org](http://www.ccg-gcac.org).

The site is updated regularly and provides the latest news and information for auxiliary members across Canada. To receive a monthly e-mail advisory of the latest updates posted on the web site, simply fill this form and return it to the National Office.

Your name:

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# CCGA Introduces

## Radio Awareness Campaign

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Canadian households spend an average of 26 hours per week watching television and 22 hours per week listening to radio. The electronic media form a vital resource in the exchange and use of information. This makes Public Service Announcements a natural vehicle when a non-profit organization like the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to communicate with the boating community.

In the summer of 2003, the Coast Guard Auxiliary introduced a radio-based media campaign which presents a series of four 30-second Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that:

- Highlight maritime distress situations (fire, grounding, taking on water, etc.);
- Demonstrate how the SAR system reacts to a Mayday call and tasks resources, and;
- Identifies volunteers as an important component of the maritime SAR system.

The CCGA radio messages depict actions being taken from the moment a maritime emergency situation is declared. They show the kind of information Joint Rescue Coordination Centers (JRCCs) are asking to the victims or witnesses in order to task proper maritime rescue resources to a SAR case.

The messages also aim at increasing awareness among target markets (pleasure boaters & commercial fishermen) of Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks, and other safe boating programs offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

When completed at the beginning of the summer of 2003, the PSAs were distributed to 265 English and 85 French radio stations.

The CDs were mailed with a covering letter explaining the objectives of the campaign. Station managers were encouraged to use the messages to fill empty spots in their programming.

The CCGA Radio PSA Program was introduced to complement two other marketing initiatives developed by the Auxiliary: a TV PSA Campaign that was introduced in 1999 and a Printed Advertisement Campaign that was launched in 2001.

A report on CCGA PSA Programs showed that since the introduction of the TV PSA in 1999, the Auxiliary benefited from close to \$1,250,000.00 of free advertising time on television. As a result of the Print Media Campaign introduced in 2001, the value of advertising space donated to the Auxiliary is estimated at \$320,000.00.

A standard radio PSA is distributed to about 350 select radio stations. This usually results in:

- 3,500 – 7,000 confirmed broadcasts;
- 7 million – 14 million listeners;
- \$90,000 - \$180,000 value of air time.

The radio PSAs are also available from the CCGA Web Site. Site statistics show that the four radio messages (available in French and English) have been downloaded over 200 times since their introduction in July 2003.

You can listen to the CCGA radio PSAs by accessing the national web site at

[http://www.ccg-gcac.org/gallery/audios\\_e.asp](http://www.ccg-gcac.org/gallery/audios_e.asp).



## 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.

#### To Contact Us:

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# Support the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

## When Someone's in Trouble, We're Never Far Away!

Last year, volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) saved over 200 mariners in distress. Auxiliary members were tasked over 2,000 times to provide assistance: That's 25% of all maritime Search and Rescue missions conducted in Canada. For various reasons, pleasure boaters and fishermen got into trouble that they couldn't get out of - without the aid of a Coast Guard Auxiliary crew.

Volunteers of the CCGA work from 1,500 units located on Canada's coasts and main waterways, and they're ready to drop everything to rescue anybody who's in trouble, at any time, 365 days a year.

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

As a regular water user, you never know when you might need the assistance of a Coast Guard Auxiliary crew - dedicated professionals who are always on call. If the worst should happen,



your contribution will help ensure they'll be there.

You can help the CCGA save more lives. Purchase our Calendar, or join as an Associate Member by making 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

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Check our online Store at: [www.ccg-gcac.org](http://www.ccg-gcac.org)

E-Mail: [vezinaf@df-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:vezinaf@df-mpo.gc.ca)

## Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Associate Membership & Donor Form

### CCGA SEARCH & RESCUE CALENDAR

*I wish to purchase:*

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*I wish to make a contribution to the CCGA*

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

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