

Water Lines

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Incorporated Newsletter

Southern Labrador hosts ●●● Rescue Competition 2005

Teams from the 10 Administrative Districts of CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporated eagerly made their way to L'anse au Loup, Labrador in September, 2005 to participate in the 7th annual CCGA (NL) Inc. Rescue Competition.

The weekend began on Friday, September 23rd with the 27th Annual General Meeting held at the Northern Light Inn in L'anse au Clair. Registration for the competition was held Friday evening at the Northern Light Inn.



On the morning of September 24th - 10 teams made their way to the Marina in L'anse au Loup for a day of participation in events such as Search and Rescue Operations; Emergency Abandonment; Damage Control; Line Throwing; Dewatering Pump Operations; and a Mystery Event.

After a grueling day of competition, a banquet was held during the evening at the Northern Light Inn in L'anse au Clair where the winners were announced.

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The 6th Annual International Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition was hosted in October, 2005 by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Maritimes) Incorporated.

On September 29, 2005 competitors from District 6, encompassing Placentia/St. Mary's Bay area, traveled to Halifax to participate in the Annual International ISAR competition. Team members consisted of Anthony Barry, George Conway, Irving Burke, and spare Mike Burke.

On Friday, September 30 competitors traveled to the Canadian Coast Guard Base in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia for the opening ceremonies and first day of competition events. The second day of competition was held at the waterfront in Halifax. Events for both days ranged from dewatering pump operations to heaving lines and from chart work to search and rescue planning.

The team from Newfoundland & Labrador, coached by District Director Edward Bruce, were the winners of the line throwing event.

Congratulations to the team from District 6 on a job well done.



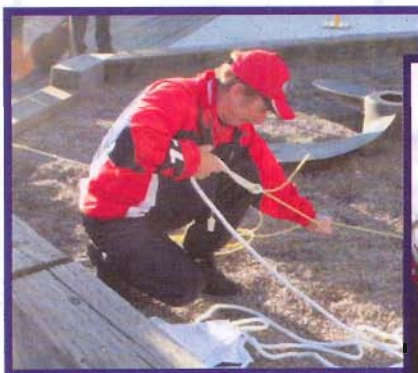
Mr. Mike Burke (pictured on the right above), member from District 6, Long Harbour, was given the honor of carrying the remembrance wreath during the opening ceremonies of ISAR 2005 in Halifax.

In addition to the four team members from District 6, CCGA (NL) Inc. was asked to send a member to ISAR 2005 to participate on 'Team Canada'. The 'Team Canada' members are made up of 4 members from each of the 5 respective CCGA regions across Canada.

The member chosen to be on 'Team Canada' for 2005 was Mr. Don Paul from Burin (District 5).



Mr. Paul's team won the line throwing event. In addition, Mr. Paul and his 'Team Canada' were successful in winning the top Canadian team trophy as well as the International Championship Trophy.



27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. was held on September 23, 2005 at the Northern Light Inn in L'anse au Clair, Labrador.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President, Director District 1
Byron Morey—2nd Vice President, Director District 10
Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7
Harry Strong—Immediate Past President, Director District 8
Herbert Pittman—Director District 2 (2004 / 2005)
Ronald Pittman—Director District 2 (2005 / 2006)
Howard Noel—Director District 3
Wesley Snook—Director District 4
Edward Bruce—Director District 6
Aidan Penton—Director District 9
Byron Morey—Director District 10
Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Regional Business Manager
Jeremy Wagg—CCGA Operations/Training Officer

The Canadian Coast Guard was represented by:

John Butler—Assistant Commissioner, CCG (NL) Region
Ray Browne—Director, Marine Programs
Brian Stone—Superintendent, Maritime SAR
Peter Fontaine—Acting Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs
Gerard Lacey—Training Officer



Congratulations to Director Marcel O'Brien and his team from District 1 (Labrador). This team, consisting of Trevor Larkham, Chester Davis, and Kevin Normore won top honors at the Rescue Competition and received the Capt. Peter Troake CM Memorial Trophy. The team will travel to Portsmouth, Virginia in October, 2006 to represent Newfoundland & Labrador in the International Search and Rescue Competition.

Invited Guests:

Frank McLaughlin—President, CCGA (Maritimes)
Louis Arseneault—President, CCGA (Quebec)
Michel Hachey—Assistant Business Manager CCGA National

REMINDER

Let Us Know If You:

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

CCGA (NL) 2005-2006 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Winston Pitcher—President
Byron Morey—2nd Vice President
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President
Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer

We're put on this earth not to see through each other, but to see each other through...



SERVICE AWARDS—2005

The following Auxiliary members received their 10 and 25 year service awards in 2005. The dedication and continued support shown by you to Search and Rescue is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to respond to the needs of mariners in peril is a comfort to all those who ply our waters. Congratulations to all.

CCGA (NL) Inc.

CCGA (Newfoundland and Labrador) would like to commend the following Auxiliaries on receiving their 25 year awards at the AGM Banquet, September 24, 2005

District 2

John Goodyear

District 4

George Fudge

District 9

Lewis Johnson
Lloyd Freake



Pictured above (L-R) Winston Pitcher, George Fudge, John Butler. Mr. Fudge receives his 25 year service medal and plaque.

CCGA (NL) Inc. 10 Year Members

District 1

Cecil Bird
William Larkham
Trevor Larkham
Chester Davis
Ralph Turnbull Jr.

District 6

Helen Norman

District 7

David Dempsey

District 2

Steven Fillier
Michael Brown

District 8

Edmund Porter
Marion Porter
Randy Noonan
Caroline Strong

District 3

John Dunne
Keith Chadderton
Amos Collier
Christopher Collier

District 9

James Hann
Leslie Hann
Wade Collins
Randy Penney
Augustine Foley

District 4

Reuben Rose Jr.
Sid Stoodley
William K. Andrews

District 10

Harry Elliott
Francis Loder
Douglas Wells
Ronald Manuel

District 5

Wallace Grandy

Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless—but because they are priceless!!



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As your President, it gives me great pleasure to bring greetings to you and to thank you for a job well-done over the past year.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was Incorporated in Newfoundland and Labrador on August 30, 1979. At that time there were 164 members and 65 vessels. Today CCGA (NL) Inc. can boast a membership of 956 members and 471 vessels with a resale value of over \$237 million. Indeed we provide a significant resource to augment the Search and Rescue system.

On September 23rd, 2005 our 27th annual general meeting and 7th annual rescue competition was held in Labrador. This is the first time Labrador has hosted this event. The weekend was deemed a great success by all who attended. At our annual general meeting on September 23rd we welcomed a new District Director for District 2 (Northern Peninsula). Mr. Ronald Pittman was the successful candidate for the 2005 / 2006 year.

At our 27th annual general meeting banquet held at the Northern Light Inn in L'anse au Clair, Labrador, we honoured our 10 and 25 year members. The 25 year members were presented with Long Service Medals. Congratulations and thank you to all. Keep up the good work.

Two of our Board members received the Commissioner's Commendation during 2005. Mr. Charles Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7 (St. John's) was presented the Commissioner's Commendation during a ceremony at the Canadian Coast Guard base in St. John's.

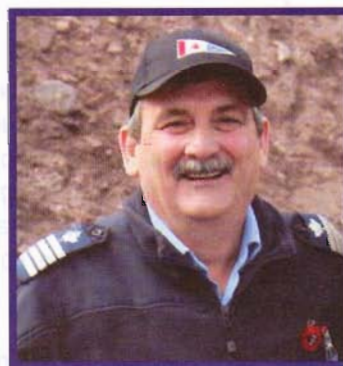
Mr. Herbert Pittman, Director District 2 (Northern Peninsula) was presented the Commissioner's Commendation during the annual general meeting banquet in Labrador. Between them both they have volunteered countless hours to the mission of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary "**Saving Lives On The Water**".

Before I sign off I would like to offer my thanks to Mr. Marcel O'Brien and his wife Alma for all their hard work in helping with the organization of the annual general meeting and rescue competition held in September, 2005 in Labrador. Both Marcel and Alma were the focal point of contact for the entire year leading up to, and during, the AGM and competition. "**The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little extra.**"

To all our members, thank you for your continued dedication.

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

-- Mother Teresa--



**Winston Pitcher
President
CCGA (NL) Inc.**

REMINDER!!

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

Remember to notify the Maritime Rescue Sub-Center and obtain an Incident Number before you proceed to a distressed vessel. It is for your own protection.

1-800-563-2444



AGE EXCLUSIONS

The current CCGA Insurance Policy includes two age exclusions. The first exclusion affects CCGA members aged 65 years or older. Under the insurance policy, CCGA members 65 years or older are not covered if they suffer a Heart or Circulatory Malfunction during any authorized CCGA activity. Basically what this means is that if a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary member is 65 years of age or older, there is no Heart or Circulatory Malfunction coverage for them.

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

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

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

A Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Dear Friends:

The year 2006 is bringing a number of new opportunities for our volunteers who are interested in supporting the SAR and Safe Boating activities which are at the core of our mission.

The completion of two important NIF projects will allow us to provide each member of the Auxiliary with a copy of the SAR Crew Manual – a training document which has drawn many praises from the SAR community.

Two units of Bobbie the Safety Boat will also be delivered to the NL region by the end of March. The region will then be able to initiate a training program for its members who wish to become "Bobbie Operators" and teach Safe Boating to children.

And there is more: The cultivation of our new partnership with Transport Canada is leading to the creation of several new tools to facilitate our prevention work. Videos and leaflets are available to educate the various "customers" of the Auxiliary whether they are pleasure boaters or commercial fishermen.

Prevention and public education programs are proven methods to eliminate SAR incidents before they happen. These programs help save lives in a significant way.

When combined with the presence of a group of auxiliaries who are well trained and always at the ready, then, Canadian mariners know they benefit from the best safety net there is.

To all our members in Newfoundland and Labrador, thank you and all the best in 2006!

Robert Petitpas
Chief Executive Officer



A Message from the Assistant Commissioner CCG—NL Region

We enjoy one of the most effective search and rescue systems in the world and this is in no small part due to the hard work of members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. You are all to be commended for what you accomplish each and every day as members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The services that you provide to the mariners that ply our waters (*and to the Canadian Coast Guard*) are invaluable!

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland & Labrador is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from many different walks of life. Some of you may be new to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and some of you have been doing what you do for the past 25 years! But you share a common thread! The bond of being community-spirited, the bond of selflessness and the desire to help others!

For this, on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard and all Canadians, I offer you a heart-felt thank you! Keep doing what you do! It is true that "volunteers are the heart of the community". All Canadians owe you a debt of gratitude.

Congratulations on another successful year and once again thank you for being the Canadian Coast Guard's official "Partner in Search and Rescue".



John Butler
Assistant Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard
NL Region



The meek shall inherit the earth. The brave shall get the oceans...



DID YOU KNOW?

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

Upon acceptance of a vessel into the CCGA, the owner/operator designates an alternate skipper. This skipper is deemed to have the proper qualifications to operate the vessel, in accordance with the rules and regulations set by Transport Canada. If a qualified Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary skipper is not onboard a vessel at the time of an incident, the tasking must be refused.

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

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



CCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2005 / 2006

Each year, as active members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador), you are asked to vote for a Director to represent your District. The following people were elected by you for 2005 / 2006:-

District 1—Marcel O'Brien—927-5540

District 2—Ronald Pittman—866-2505

District 3—Howard Noel—453-2458

District 4—Wesley Snook—885-2422

District 5—Winston Pitcher—891-1150

District 6—Edward Bruce—228-2386

District 7—Charles Roberts—726-7601

District 8—Harry Strong—587-2225

District 9—Aidan Penton—658-3683

District 10—Bryon Morey—675-2898/2269

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



Mr. John Adams, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, presented Mr. Charles Roberts the Commissioner's Commendation at a ceremony held at the Canadian Coast Guard Base in St. John's in May, 2005. During the past 19 years the vessels owned/operated by Mr. Roberts have volunteered over 1,017 hours to Search and Rescue. Mr. Roberts has personally volunteered over 713 hours to attending meetings and trade shows.

Pictured on the left (L-R) John Adams, Winston Pitcher, Charles Roberts, John Butler, Ray Browne.

Mr. John Butler, Assistant Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, presented Mr. Herbert Pittman the Commissioner's Commendation at a ceremony held at the Northern Light Inn in L'anse au Clair in September, 2005. During his fishing days as skipper of the 'Ronald & Doreen', up until the time he retired from the fishery in 1998, Mr. Pittman volunteered a total of 550 hours to Search and Rescue incidents and training exercises.

In addition Mr. Pittman volunteered, to date, a total of 1,486 hours to the administrative and prevention aspects of CCGA (NL) Inc.



CCGA SIGNS MOU WITH TRANSPORT CANADA



Pictured above (L-R) Ray Browne (CCG), Brian Stone (CCG), Brian Avery (TC), Charles Roberts (CCGA), Winston Pitcher (CCGA), and John Butler (CCG).

In April, 2005 a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Transport Canada Marine (Atlantic Region) Office of Boating Safety; Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc.; and Canadian Coast Guard (NL) Region.

CCGA (NL) Inc. is now a partner of the Office of Boating Safety. Together they will promote boating safety through public outreach, awareness, and educational programs aimed at protecting the maritime safety interests of the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador.

One of the ways CCGA (NL) Inc. promoted awareness was through attendance at the Bakeapple Festival in Forteau, Labrador in August, 2005. Another was the Marine Show in St. John's in November, 2005.

Through consultations with all parties involved, CCGA (NL) Inc. went to print with two safety stickers. One sticker promotes the proper installation and precautions on liferaft safety. The other promotes the proper donning and doffing of immersion suits.



**Meeting steamers - do not dread
When you see three lights ahead.
Starboard wheel and show your red.
Green to green or red to red.
Perfect safety, go ahead.
When to starboard red is near,
'Tis your duty to keep clear.
Act as judgment says is proper,
Port or starboard back, or stop her.
But when upon your port is seen
A steamer's starboard light of green,
There's not so much for you to do,
For green to port gives way to you!**



Pictured above is Mrs. Caroline O'Brien, member from L'anse au Loup, Labrador. Mrs. O'Brien graciously offered to assist in manning the booth that CCGA (NL) Inc. had set up during the Forteau Bakeapple Festival in August, 2005.



Commissioning Ceremony CCGC CAPE FOX / CCGC CAPE NORMAN

In the towns of Port aux Choix and Lark Harbour on June 27th and 29th, 2005, the Canadian Coast Guard commissioned the CCGC Cape Normam and CCGA Cape Fox and both Coast Guard stations.

Both the CCGC Cape Fox and the CCGC Cape Norman were the first of the 47' lifeboats built by Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd. in Victoria, BC. The ships operate from May to October on a 30 minute state of readiness with 24 / 7 coverage. The crew consists of a Commanding Officer, Engineering Officer, and two leading seamen. The Port aux Choix Coast Guard Station became operational in May, 2003. The Fox Harbour Coast Guard station became operational in August, 2004. Previous to this the temporary base was located in Allen's Cove near Corner Brook in the Bay of Islands.



Mrs. Jane Noel, wife of Howard Noel, Director District 3, was the sponsor for the christening of the CCGC Cape Fox. The ribbon cutting was performed by the Honourable Gerry Byrne. The events were well attended by the community.

LINE THROWING GUNS

In the year 2000—30 Mossberg Line Launcher (Line Throwing) guns were issued to member vessels of the CCGA (NL) Inc. These Line Throwing Guns were also placed onboard Canadian Coast Guard ships in the region.

It came to our attention that there was a problem with the launcher. Repeated use causes scoring in the barrel that can prevent the projectile from being launched. Canadian Coast Guard removed these line launchers from their vessels and strongly recommended that CCGA do the same. Hence, all 30 guns were returned to the CCGA office in St. John's.

The manufacturer has made no attempts to remedy our problem, therefore, the line launchers are to no longer be distributed or used by CCGA. To date there has been no decision made as to what will become of this equipment. The guns will remain locked in storage until a decision is made.



CSIs

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

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

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



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

15 and 20 Year Members

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. would like to congratulate the following members on their 15 and 20 years of continued dedication and service:-

15 Year Members

Harold Penney, Port Hope Simpson	Clarence Andrews, Bareneed
Doyle Penney, Port Hope Simpson	Chesley Petten, Bareneed
Alma O'Brien, L'anse au Loup	Randell Webster, Clarenville
Roy Ward, Goose Cove	Ross Petten, Port de Grave
Roger Shears, Rocky Harbour	Henry Thorne, Thornlea
Arthur Pierce, Harbour Breton	Alvin Thorne, Thornlea
Perry Warren, Margaree	Michael Donovan, Melrose
Robert Appleby, Burin Bay Arm	Donald Mouland, Newtown
George Keeping, Fortune	Eugene Moss, Eastport
Frank Hutchings, St. John's	Rodney Rowe, Seldom
William Hayden, Cape Broyle	Rex Coffin, Joe Batts Arm
Glen Winslow, St. John's	Alfred Coffin, Joe Batts Arm
Newell Hedderson, Torbay	Hayward Coffin, Joe Batts Arm
Barry Tippett, Holyrood	Faron Coffin, Joe Batts Arm
Rex Simmonds, Manuels	Stanley Coffin, Joe Batts Arm
Clayton Handrigan, Manuels	Cecil Young, Springdale
Edward Morgan, Port de Grave	Whitfield Warren, Pikes Arm
Larry Peddle, Hearts Content	Bon Pelley, Springdale
Wayne Russell, Port de Grave	Gene Saunders, Cobb's Arm
Frederick Barrett, Old Perlican	Garry Noble, Nipper's Harbour
Cyril Hawe, Port de Grave	



20 Year Members

- James Young, Stephenville
- Morris Payne, Rocky Harbour
- Austin Bennett, Rose Blanche
- Andrew Daley, Newbridge
- Gary Daley, St. Joseph's
- Robert Ellis Jr., Hant's Harbour
- Tony Noble, Nipper's Harbour
- Wade Noble, Nipper's Harbour
- Ted Noble, Nipper's Harbour
- Lemuel Jones, Little Bay Islands
- Clyde Croucher, Beaumont
- Colin Weir, Little Bay Islands
- Kirby Brown, Jackson's Arm

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

In 2005 there were several hours spent on Search and Rescue cases that were not claimed by Auxiliarists.

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

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

REMINDER



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



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



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



Greetings from The Superintendent Maritime Search and Rescue

"Volunteer—Someone who spontaneously undertakes a task".

During the past year the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland & Labrador responded to approximately 28% of the Search and Rescue incidents in the region. As years quickly pass by, the CCGA continues to be an integral part of the Search and Rescue system in Canada. The continued support and dedication of CCGA volunteers enables us to maintain a consistently high level of search and rescue readiness and response. Often times volunteers with CCGA find themselves involved in a tasking during inclement weather conditions. You continue to provide efficient search and rescue response with your state of readiness, level of training, seamanship, and the seaworthiness of your vessels.

On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, myself, and the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre in St. John's, I extend heartfelt thanks to you and your families for your dedication and effort. We can always count on the enthusiasm of the Auxiliary, and we appreciate your continued support in our Search and Rescue efforts. If you are ever in St. John's, please feel free to drop by the Centre located on the 3rd floor of the Coast Guard base on Southside Road. We look forward to meeting you.

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

MARINE ADVANCED FIRST AID

CCGA (NL) Inc. employs an Operations / Training Officer. Part of his mandate is to deliver Marine Advanced First Aid to members throughout Newfoundland & Labrador.

Recently it has come to our attention that members were under the misconception that marine advanced first aid was a requirement in order to be a member of CCGA. We would like to clarify this issue by informing members that marine advanced first aid is not a prerequisite to being a member of CCGA.

The majority of members in our region are seasoned mariners who do not need basic navigational training offered to members in other regions. We offer, as a training tool, marine advanced first aid to our members and we offer it as a courtesy.

We aim to offer (2) courses each year in each of the 10 administrative districts of CCGA (NL). A heavy concentration of first aid takes place over the latter fall and winter months.

Members are encouraged to call the office in St. John's to find out when marine advanced first aid is being offered in your area. Otherwise, District Directors will call you when a course is being offered.

If you take a course being offered by CCGA in your area and you travel outside of 16 kilometers (one way) you would be considered in travel status by Treasury Board. This would be considered 'authorized activity' and you would be entitled to travel reimbursement. If you take it upon yourself to travel to a course being offered by outside agencies, this would not be considered 'authorized activity', therefore, the travel policy set by Treasury Board would not apply and you would not be entitled to travel benefits. We would, however, reimburse you the cost of the course, up to a maximum of \$150.00. Forward the invoice to the office in St. John's and we will pay the cost of the course.

Members with navigational tickets issued from Transport Canada are reminded that the ticket must be endorsed 5 years from the date of issue, in keeping with STCW-95 regulations. If you have any questions on the above please call 1-800-563-6158.

Greetings from A/Supervisor Marine SAR Programs

As an interim Supervisor for the Marine SAR Programs, I would like to begin by thanking the members of the Auxiliary fleet, the Board of Directors, and the CCGA Executive Committee for welcoming me so wholeheartedly to the fold. It is a great privilege for me to be given the opportunity to meet and work with such a dedicated group of individuals. While it is the individual members that comprise the Auxiliary, it is their spirit and energy that drives the organization. The multiplying factors created by having the members train with the SAR equipment and practise their Search and Rescue skills, cannot be overlooked.

The Auxiliary has had a busy season in 2005, some of the highlights....

- On September 13th – 14th the CCGA assisted with Ocean Guardian II, one of the largest marine SAR Exercises conducted in Atlantic Canada. The exercise was held in the waters to the west of Grand Bank / Fortune area and utilized the combined efforts of 20 Federal, Provincial, Municipal and volunteer agencies. The exercise was a tremendous success and a learning experience for all who took part.
- For the first time, the annual CCGA Rescue Competition was held in L'anse au Loup, on the Labrador coast, District 1. The competition was conducted over 3 days, September 23rd – 25th. The event featured some new stations such as the Damage Control and a revised Mystery event which gave the teams a little pause for thought. The CH-149 Cormorant helicopter from 103 Search and Rescue Squadron arrived and demonstrated hoists from both marine and land. The winning team was from District 1, Labrador. They will represent CCGA NL at the next International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR) being held in Portsmouth, Virginia. I would like to thank Mr. Marcel O'Brien, Director of District 1, and the members of his region for their invaluable assistance. I would also like to thank the Canadian Coast Guard for their logistical support. The support proved to be crucial to the successful outcome of the event.
- The ISAR competition was held in Halifax, N.S., September 30th – October 1st, 2005. Last year's winning team from the NL Region was represented by Ed Bruce's team, District 6. They had a great showing in Halifax and in fact, won the Line Throwing Competition. Team Canada won the overall International Competition Trophy which couldn't have been done without the Newfoundland member on the team, Mr. Don Paul, District 5.
- Training video aids have been developed using the CCGA F/V Nautical Twilight captained by Mr. Delton McGrath.

In closing, I would like to thank the retiring CCGA members, most notably Mr. Herb Pittman who received the Commissioners Commendation in L'anse au Claire, Labrador, for their dedication and drive. In spite of uncompromising weather and seas & personal risks, the CCGA members have continued to "put themselves on the line" and successfully prosecute numerous SAR taskings in the NL region.

Thank you on the behalf of a fellow mariner.



Peter Fontaine
Acting Supervisor
Maritime Search and Rescue Programs



The search and rescue unit is not responsible for securing the disabled vessel, however, may do so if necessary.

Search and Rescue units may have to 'cast off' the tow in order to respond to a more serious incident. If so, crew of the disabled vessel will be given the option of evacuating the disabled vessel.

When a disabled vessel is under tow and commercial or private assistance arrives on scene, the commanding officer shall hand over the tow to the commercial or private vessel, but only if commercial tow is deemed to be capable.

A towing waiver must be agreed to by the disabled vessel either verbally or in writing.

town committee submit a request in writing to the office in St. John's and every effort will be made to accommodate the request.

*What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship that will cross the sea -
We plant the mast to carry the sails: -
We plant the planks to withstand the gales -
The keel, the keelson, and beam and knee -
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.*

Quote attributed to Henry Abbey

On the evening of 29 October, 2005 Mr. Shawn Lynch, CCGA (NL) member from Fogo, was honoured with the St. John Ambulance Life Saving Award in Canada. Mr. Lynch, 47, is a member of the Fogo

