

Water Lines

CCGA (NL) Inc. Newsletter



The morning of Sunday, November 04th, 2007 started out as a normal one for Jennie Chaulk. Her husband Dennis was out conducting training exercises with Canadian Coast Guard. She had her Sunday dinner cooking, with a chicken baking in the oven and salt meat boiling on the stove. Even though it was a little early, she had Christmas music playing on her stereo. She was thinking about the trip she and Dennis would take to St. John's in a couple of weeks time in order to do some Christmas shopping.

The phone rings and this is her neighbour telling her that a boat has overturned in Newman Sound and asked her if she heard anything. Jennie says 'no', and thinks that cannot be Dennis....

A few minutes later she sees her two neighbours walking towards her house and she knew by the look on their faces that something had gone horribly wrong. She wanted to yell at them to not come any closer—she knew in her heart that the news was very bad indeed.

On November 04, 2007 at approximately 1440 local time the CCGA vessel "Sea Urchin" was participating in authorized activity supporting two Coast Guard Fast Rescue Crafts in training. They were operating in Newman Sound, Bonavista Bay conducting towing and pacing exercises. The vessels had completed operations for the day and were returning to the wharf at Salton's Brook.

The "Sea Urchin" suddenly capsized and one Coast Guard person and two Coast Guard Auxiliary crew (Dennis Chaulk Sr. and Dennis Chaulk Jr.) who were aboard the "Sea Urchin" at the time ended up in the water. Dennis Chaulk Sr. was unconscious when rescued and was transported to hospital. Ambulance paramedics managed to resuscitate Dennis Chaulk Sr. on the trip to Gander. Sadly, on November 05, 2007 Mr. Dennis Chaulk Sr. died. Cause of death was due to drowning / hypothermia.

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29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. was held on October 12th, 2007 at the Greenwood Inn in Corner Brook.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice-President, Director District 1
Aidan Penton—2nd Vice-President, Director District 9
Harry Strong—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 8
Ron Pittman, Director District 2
Howard Noel—Director District 3
Wesley Snook—Director District 4
Edward Bruce—Director District 6
Rex Simmonds—Director District 7
Eugene Gray—Director District 10



Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Regional Business Manager
Jeremy Wagg—CCGA Operations/Training Officer

Invited Guests:



Frank McLaughlin—President, CCGA (Maritimes)
Francois Vezina—Business Manager CCGA National

In this troubled world, it's refreshing to find someone who still has the time to be kind. Someone who still has the faith to believe that the more you give, the more you receive. Someone who is ready by thought, word, or deed to reach out a hand, in the hour of need.

- Helen Steiner Rice -

In 2007 we took our annual rescue competition to Corner Brook. Teams from the 10 Administrative Districts of CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporated enthusiastically made their way to the Allen's Cove Marina, just outside Corner Brook in October, 2007 to participate in the 9th annual CCGA (NL) Inc. Rescue Competition.

The weekend began on Friday, October 12th with the 29th Annual General Meeting held at the Greenwood Inn in Corner Brook. Registration for the competition was held Friday evening at the Hotel.

On the morning of October 13th - 10 teams made their way to the Allen's Cove Marina for a day of participation in events such as Search and Rescue Operations; Emergency Abandonment; First Aid, Line Throwing; Dewatering Pump Operations; and a Mystery Event, which was line splicing.

After a grueling day of competition, a banquet was held during the evening at the Greenwood Inn in Corner Brook where the winners were announced.

The Canadian Coast Guard was represented by:

John Butler
Assistant Commissioner
CCG (NL) Region

George Da Pont
Commissioner
CCG, Ottawa

Ray Browne
Director Marine Programs
CCG (NL) Region

Brian Stone
Superintendent, Maritime SAR
CCG (NL) Region

Gerard Lacey
Training Officer
CCG (NL) Region

Mary Pye
Administrative Officer
CCG (NL) Region



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2007 marked my 17th consecutive year as President, CCGA (NL) Inc. It remains an honour to once again bring greetings to you and to thank you for the work you continue to do on behalf of our organization. We can boast a membership of 924 members and 450 vessels with a resale value of over \$237 million. We continue to provide a significant resource to augment the Search and Rescue system. Additionally, on August 30, 2008 we will celebrate 30 years of 'saving lives on the water'.

Although we celebrate our successes, we did find ourselves in a position of having to bid farewell to some of our members who passed away in 2007. One particular passing occurred whilst a member was involved in authorized activity. Mr. Dennis Chauk Sr. died during involvement in a training exercise with the Canadian Coast Guard. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family on the loss of a great husband, father, grandfather, friend, and fellow volunteer.

At our annual general meeting on October 12th we welcomed two new Director's to the Board. Mr. Rex Simmonds, Director District 7; and, Mr. Eugene Gray, Director District 10. At our 29th annual general meeting banquet held on October 13th at the Greenwood Inn in Corner Brook, we honoured our 10 and 25 year members, as well as those members who have earned Lifetime Membership status. The 25 year members were presented with Long Service Medals. Congratulations and thank you to all. Keep up the good work.



I would like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks to all our members and to wish you continued smooth sails and following seas.

Winston Pitcher
President
CCGA (NL) Inc



INSURANCE CLAIMS

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

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

CCGA (NL) 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Winston Pitcher—President
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President
Aidan Penton—2nd Vice President
Harry Strong—Secretary/Treasurer



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



JSAR 2007



The 8th Annual International Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition was hosted in September, 2007 by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Central & Arctic region.

On September 26, 2007 competitors from District 2, encompassing the Northern Peninsula, traveled to Toronto to participate in the Annual International ISAR competition. Team members from Newfoundland and Labrador included Larry Cull, Ron Patey, Keith Kearney, spare Eddy Cassell, and District Director Ron Pittman.

Registration began on Thursday, September 27 and the competition events began on Friday, September 28 at the picturesque Toronto Waterfront. During the meet and greet held Thursday evening, teams were finalized, with one team member from each geographical area being chosen to sit on a combined 'Canadian—American' team. The individual chosen to sit on the Can-Am team was Ron Patey. The team from Newfoundland & Labrador, coached by District Director Ron Pittman, were successful in winning the Line Toss and the Dewatering Pump events. The Can-AM team in which Mr. Ron Patey participated were successful in winning the Line Toss event that was specific to the Canadian/American teams. We are extremely proud of our members from District 2 and wish to thank them for a job well done.

In addition to the four team members from District 2, CCGA (NL) Inc. was asked to send a member to ISAR 2007 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 2007 was Mr. George Bursey, District 7—St. John's.

Mr. Bursey's team were very successful as well and won the SAR Planning event.



Team NL—Team no. 3



Can Am—Team no. 13



The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.
- Everett Marmor -



Team Canada—Team no. 1

Auxiliarist Dies After Training Mishap

(Reprinted, with corrections, from The Auxiliarist)

A member of the Auxiliary has died after a training accident on November 04, 2007 off a national park in Eastern Newfoundland. The CCGA vessel "Sea Urchin" was returning to base at Salton's, in Terra Nova National Park from towing and pacing exercises. The 10-metre longliner capsized. One Coast Guard person and two Coast Guard Auxiliary crew (Dennis Chaulk Sr. and Dennis Chaulk Jr.) who were aboard the vessel at the time ended up in the water.

Dennis Chaulk Sr. was unconscious when rescued and was transported to hospital in the town of Gander. Ambulance paramedics managed to resuscitate Dennis Chaulk Sr on the trip to Gander. Dennis Chaulk Sr. was then airlifted to the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland. Sadly Dennis Chaulk Sr. died on November 05, 2007. Cause of death was determined due to drowning / hypothermia.

Federal Fisheries Minister "Loyola Hearn" said Chaulk had earned the respect of colleagues during the years he volunteered on marine safety programs. "He was a dedicated member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary who was always willing to assist in working to improve safety for all mariners". Hearn said in a statement, "We were fortunate to have such a dedicated individual as Mr. Chaulk offer his time and expertise. He will be deeply missed." The Coast Guard and Transport Canada are conducting investigations into what happened

Message from the Commissioner

(Reprinted, with corrections, from The Auxiliarist)

Many of you are probably already aware of the death of Mr. Dennis Chaulk, a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliarist who died this week following a training exercise in Newman Sound, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mr. Chaulk was a valued and well-respected member of our Auxiliary family. He responded to search and rescue cases with great dedication and professionalism. It was in this capacity as a dedicated volunteer that he lost his life. His presence and service to others will be strongly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. On November 9, he was laid to rest. I know you join me in thinking of his family at this difficult time.

George Da Pont

Message du commissaire

La nouvelle du décès de M. Dennis Chaulk est probablement déjà parvenue à bon nombre d'entre vous. M. Chaulk, un bénévole de la Garde côtière auxiliaire canadienne, a perdu la vie cette semaine des suites de blessures subies durant un exercice de formation qui avait lieu à Newman Sound (Terre-Neuve et Labrador).

M. Chaulk était un membre apprécié et respecté de notre grande famille de bénévoles. Il répondait aux appels de recherche et de sauvetage d'une manière très dévouée et professionnelle. Il a perdu la vie alors qu'il jouait son rôle de bénévole. Son départ laisse un grand vide parmi toutes les personnes qui ont eu le privilège de le connaître. Le service d'inhumation a lieu le 9 novembre et je vous invite tous à vous recueillir en pensant à la famille de M. Chaulk en ces moments difficiles.

George Da Pont

SERVICE AWARDS—2007

Each year CCGA (NL) Inc. honours its members for years of service. The 5, 15, and 20 year awards are sent to members each year in January / February. The 10 and 25 year members are invited to the annual banquet where their awards are presented. The following Auxiliary members received their 10 and 25 year service awards in 2007. 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.

CCGA (NL) Inc. 25 Year Members

CCGA (Newfoundland and Labrador) would like to commend the following Auxiliarists on being awarded 25 year service medals at the AGM Banquet, October 13, 2007

District 1

*Claude Normore
Kenneth Mesher*

District 10

*Perry Burton
Glenn Burton*

District 8

Raymond Petten



Pictured above (l-r) John Butler, Perry Burton, Glen Burton, Winston Pitcher, Claude Normore. Perry, Glen, and Claude received their 25 year membership service medals.

CCGA (NL) Inc. 10 Year Members

District 1

*Shawn Normore
Garland Fowler
Winston Normore*

District 2

*Garry Randell
Glen Andrews
Wayne Randell
Rayfield Canning
Tim Kearney
Michael Symmonds
Glenn Symmonds
Craig Symmonds
Dean Symmonds*

District 4

*Alex Snook Jr.
Randell Snook
Gary Snook
Wesley Snook Jr.*

District 6

*Francis M. King
Francis G. King
Eugene Conway
Robert Conway*

District 7

*Roy Alcock
Ron Alcock
Jeffrey Collett
Rick Tippett
Charles Oake
David Oake*

District 8

*Blair Petten
Jason Petten
Walter Drover Sr.
Robert S. Green
Samuel Oliver
Harold Stokes
Harry Squires
Purdie Batten*

District 9

*Randy Hicks
Ross Hicks*

District 10

*Kerry Dalley
Danny Hoffe
Alfred Locke*



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.

Continued Proficiency Endorsement

Every applicant for a continued proficiency must:

- (a) Hold a valid medical certificate
- (b) Fulfill the service requirements of either 12 months, within a 5 year period, service onboard a ship as master or mate in charge of the watch
- (c) Completed a marine emergency duties course A1

For members holding Fishing Masters or Mates certificates, this means five years from the date of issue on your certificate. Example, date of issue—2003, by 2008 you must show a valid medical (seafarers medical) and qualifying sea time. The sheets for writing up your sea time can be obtained at your nearest Transport Canada Marine Safety office.

Clarenville—466-4515
Goose Bay—896-6190
Marystown—279-2201

Corner Brook—637-4870
Lewisporte—535-2503
St. John's—772-6197

Information taken from TP2293E, Chapter 29



Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

The devil seam was the curved seam in the deck planking closest to the side of the ship and next to the scupper gutters. If a sailor slipped on the deck, he could find himself *between the devil and the deep blue sea*.

CSI's

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.

A Message from the Assistant Commissioner CCG—NL Region



The keys to successful rescue coordination are the possession of requisite knowledge and skills, effective training and the necessary equipment to deliver the service. While rescue operations are quite often inherently dangerous, at times realistic search and rescue training is not without its challenges and risks.

This fact became painfully obvious to us all on Sunday, November 4, 2007. While transiting back to port after a day at sea in support of a Coast Guard training exercise, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel *Sea Urchin* capsized suddenly and without warning, throwing two Coast Guard auxiliaries and a Coast Guard training officer into the water. Despite an immediate SAR response and the effective delivery of pre-hospital emergency care to the only casualty, sadly Mr. Dennis Chaulk Sr. died in hospital on November 5, 2007, resulting from drowning / hypothermia.

The loss of Dennis was a shock to the search and rescue community nation-wide. In the 30-year history of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA), this is the first time that a volunteer was lost in the line of duty. I'm sure that I speak for all of Team Search and Rescue when I offer our heart-felt condolences to Dennis's wife, Jenny, his three sons Dennis Jr., Dion and Trevor and to the extended Chaulk Family in Charlottetown, Newfoundland and Labrador.

The loss of even one SAR provider is one too many. We need to sit back and reflect on the 10 years of dedication and service to the CGA that Dennis provided. We should also endeavor to find solace in the fact that Dennis made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved best; spending the day at sea with his son on the family-owned fishing vessel and volunteering his expert seamanship skills to better the search and rescue community through training.

The passing of time will no doubt help to heal the wounds and lessen the grief that we all share. But we should never forget the sacrifice that was made by Dennis and his family as well as the sacrifices made by all Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliaries across this great nation, who often leave their family and livelihoods behind with little concern for their own safety to assist those in peril.

The three oceans that surround our country and the Great Lakes are vast waters that often tax the dedicated search and rescue resources of the Canadian Forces and the Canadian Coast Guard. We cannot deliver the federal SAR mandate without the dedication and support of our SAR partners such as the CCGA. The value of this partnership is evident through the 200 lives that the CCGA saves each and every year.

In closing, on behalf of my Canadian Coast Guard colleagues in this Region, I would like to thank the nearly 1000 volunteers of the CCGA in Newfoundland and Labrador for the services and support that you provide and the sacrifices that you often make. The programs that we deliver are often challenging and routinely occur in poor weather and sea conditions, but we should all make a concerted effort to keep the Coast Guard's motto in mind at all times when we are engaged in service delivery:

John J. Butler
Assistant Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard
NL Region

**"Safety First,
Service Always"**



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

Ricky Gibbons, Capstan Island	Walter Gibbons, Red Bay
William Walsh, Cartwright	Rennie Walsh, Cartwright
Patrick Scanlon, Castor River North	Randy Ryan, Corner Brook
Pierre d'Eon, Grand Bank	Roger Bath, Mt. Pearl
Jeffrey Goodyear, Paradise	Gary Eavis, CBS
Charles Sutton, Hr. Grace	George Webber, Clarenville
Wade Hann, Musgrave Hr.	Harry Hann, Musgrave Hr.
Alonzo Tobin, Joe Batt's Arm	Martin Tobin, Joe Batt's Arm
Sean Penton, Joe Batt's Arm	Wayne Collins, Joe Batt's Arm
Stephen Rowe, Seldom	Christopher Harnett, Seldom
Anthony Penton, Joe Batt's Arm	Andre Penton, Joe Batt's Arm
Rodney Gray, Bonavista	Terry King, La Scie
Eugene Gray, La Scie	Roy Morey, La Scie
Lorne Morey, Baie Verte	C. Roy Ward, La Scie



20 Year Members

Winston Pitcher, Burin
 Don Paul, Burin
 Morris Fudge, Burin
 Dave Slade, North Hr.
 Ivan Burton, Mt. Pearl
 Otis Bath, St. John's
 Albert Johnson, Little Catalina
 Robert Gill, Fogo
 Ronald Rideout, Summerford
 Hubert Rideout, Summerford

*Those who can—do.
 Those who can do more,
 Volunteer.*

Congratulations!

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.

CCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2007 / 2008

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 2007 / 2008:-

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—Rex Simmonds, 895-2816

District 8—Harry Strong, 587-2225

District 9—Aidan Penton, 658-3683

District 10—Eugene Gray, 675-2080

If you own a 406 MHz PLB, ELT or EPIRB you **MUST** register it to make finding you easier. If your beacon is registered are you sure that the information we have in the Beacon Database is up to date? Please update your beacon information:

- if you move
- if you want to update the emergency contact information
- if your phone number changes, or
- if any of the important information in the database changes.

You can do it yourself online if you have a username and password at

<http://beacons.nss.gc.ca/>

or call us with updated information for the database and we will update it for you

Call 1-800-727-9414 and ask for the Beacon Database. You can also fax us updates at 1-613-996-3746 or by e-mail at beacons@nss.gc.ca



PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR CARD

In 1999 the Operator Competency 10 year phase-in period began whereby age and horsepower restrictions were placed on recreational vehicle operators.

As of September 15, 2009, any person operating a powered recreational vessel must have proof of competency.

For any CCGA members who do not currently possess their pleasure craft operator card, please contact the office in St. John's to obtain information on how to acquire the card.

Please note, if you lose or destroy your pleasure craft operator card it will be your responsibility to pay the cost of having the card replaced.



Greetings from the Superintendent Maritime Search and Rescue

"Safety First Service Always"

This past year has been a tragic one for the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador and for us here at Coast Guard. The auxiliary lost one of its most dedicated members while involved in training with the Coast Guard and we mourn this great loss. We at Coast Guard greatly value the support and dedication which the CCGA volunteers provide which is imminent in the professionalism shown at all times. The Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2007 responded to 27% of the 522 cases handled by MRSC St. John's, which is truly indicative of their support in the partnership they have with Coast Guard.

The CCGA participated in a Major Maritime Disaster exercise, Ocean Guardian III, in the fall of 2007. With their participation and cooperation in these kinds of exercises and training, this ensures a successful readiness and response when a real time event occurs.

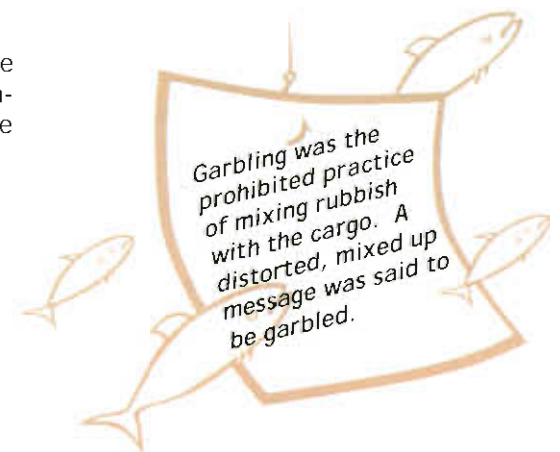
SAR Scene 2008 will be held in St. John's this year and will be co-hosted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Search and Rescue will be sponsoring a booth at SAR Scene and welcome any and all members to drop by for a visit and to introduce themselves.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all you volunteers who put yourselves out there each and every day to ensure the safety of your fellow mariners and other boaters who take to the water. Your commitment to the auxiliary has not gone unnoticed.

Please drop by the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre, if you happen to be in the area, and we would be only too pleased to show you our Operations Centre. We are located in the Coast Guard building on the Southside Road in St. John's

Sincerely;

Kevin Barnes
A/Superintendent Maritime Search & Rescue



Corporate Sponsors

Rescue Competition 2007



The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. would like to thank all sponsors for the 2007 CCGA (NL) Rescue Competition held in Corner Brook on October 13, 2007

For helping to make our Competition a huge success....

CCG SAR Training
Atlantic Electronics
Purity Factories
Quidi Vidi Brewery
CCGA National
Nord Marine

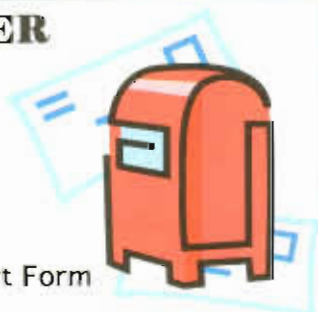
Honda One
Worker's Compensation
Festival Promotions
Labatt Breweries
Deer Lake Motel
CCGA (NL) Inc.

Blue Water Marine
KP's Fiberglass & Marine
African Market Square
Adventure Sales & Service
DND/Canadian Forces

REMINDER

Send in Your:

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



District 4 team, winners of the Capt. Peter Troake CM memorial trophy. L to R Wes Snook Jr., Wes Snook Sr., Winston Pitcher, Gary Snook, Randell Snook.

THE NEWSLETTER

If you have any news items, stories and/or photographs that you would like published in the newsletter, please send them to:

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

Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Superstitions....

- ◇ *A common fishing superstition holds that if you count the number of fish you caught, you will catch no more that day.*
- ◇ *Dolphins swimming with the ship are a sign of good luck. Killing one will bring bad luck.*
- ◇ *Three seagulls flying together, directly overhead, are a warning of death soon to come....*

BOBBIE THE SAFETY BOAT

Bobbie the Safety Boat is a robotronics boat that is used to enhance safe boating awareness to children.

Bobbie was very busy last summer visiting community events and schools in Newfoundland and Labrador

If you would like to make arrangements for Bobbie The Safety Boat to visit your area please send your request to the CCGA (NL) office in St. John's.



Bobbie in Labrador



Bobbie in Terra Nova National Park



Bobbie in Burin

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt-



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:

REMINDER



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



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



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

DEWATERING PUMPS

Quite a few years ago CCGA (NL) Inc. acquired dewatering pumps through the National SAR Secretariat NIF program. These pumps were distributed to member vessels throughout Newfoundland & Labrador. These pumps are considered 'loan equipment', and as such upon delivery of the pump to a vessel owner, an acknowledgement of receipt was signed by the vessel owner.

We are having problems with keeping track of these pumps. Vessel owners who have signed for these pumps are under the misconception that they now own the pumps. In actual fact the pumps are owned by the Government of Canada and are on loan to member vessel owners for the duration of their remaining active members with a vessel enrolled in CCGA (NL) Inc. The maintenance and upkeep of the pump is the vessel owner's responsibility for the duration that the pump is issued to his vessel.

We are discovering that some members who have signed for a pump are selling the pump with their vessel. When we receive notification that a member has sold his vessel, or no longer wishes to remain an active member, and will not be acquiring another vessel - the pump is retrieved from the member, serviced, and reissued within the applicable district. If a member is acquiring a new vessel that member has the option of keeping the pump to put on the new vessel.

Please note—when you initially signed for the pump you signed to the fact that it would be retrieved upon the sale of your vessel. The pump serial numbers are tracked at the office in St. John's. We know exactly who signed for the pump when it was issued to your vessel. When you sell the pump with your vessel it causes embarrassment and upset when we have to try to retrieve the pump, possibly from an unknown source.

⇒ **Failure to keep the pump in your possession after you may sell your vessel will result in you having to pay the Government of Canada for the replacement cost of the pump.**

**The use of Mixed Gas
is not recommended!**



Periodically the pump container should be checked for moisture. If you detect moisture, allow the can and contents to air dry before closing up the can.

The dewatering pump has been issued to you to assist in Search and Rescue incidents.

If you have occasion to use your pump, once you are finished with the pump.....

- Remove all gas from both the engine and the jerry can.
- Flush the pump and hoses thoroughly with fresh water.
- Air dry the pump and hoses for 24 hours or more.
- Repack in the pump can when dry.

⚠ At no time should gasoline be stored inside the pump can!

CPR is a lifesaving skill that could save someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

There are approximately 45,000 cardiac arrests in Canada every year. Of this number, 35-50% of these incidents are witnessed by someone. Less than 5% survive because CPR is not performed or not started soon enough.

CPR helps maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain to increase survival time. If more people knew CPR, victims of cardiac arrest would reach the hospital alive resulting in more lives saved.

Learning CPR is easy, takes a short period of time - but the benefits are that you could make a difference in someone's life.

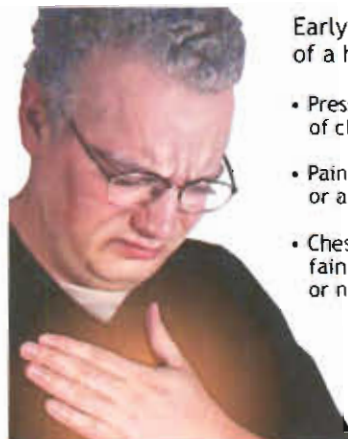
Indications of a heart attack include sweating, anxiety and chest pains



ADAM



Marine Advanced First Aid courses are delivered to members in each of the 10 Administrative Districts of CCGA (NL). Courses are delivered in the most cost-effective manner possible, making a special effort to minimize travel costs to the Auxiliary. If members are not able to take part in a course being delivered by our Operations / Training Officer whilst he is in your area, you can take the course at your convenience by another course provider. CCGA (NL) Inc. will pay the cost of the course, up to a maximum of \$150.00. Send your receipt in to the office in St. John's to get reimbursed.



Early warning signs of a heart attack:

- Pressure in center of chest
- Pain in shoulders, neck or arms
- Chest discomfort with fainting, sweating or nausea

ADAM



SARSCENE 2008 Conference & Trade Show
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
October 15 to 18, 2008

Strengthening Partnerships

SARSCENE is now in its 17th year as the only National Search and Rescue conference in Canada. It is a venue where members of the Canadian and international search and rescue community can gather to network and share knowledge.

SARSCENE 2008 will be hosted by National Search and Rescue Secretariat with The Newfoundland and Labrador Search and Rescue Association, and the Department of Justice, Newfoundland and Labrador.



For more information contact the National Search and Rescue Secretariat at 1-800-727-9414 or sar-scene@nss.gc.ca

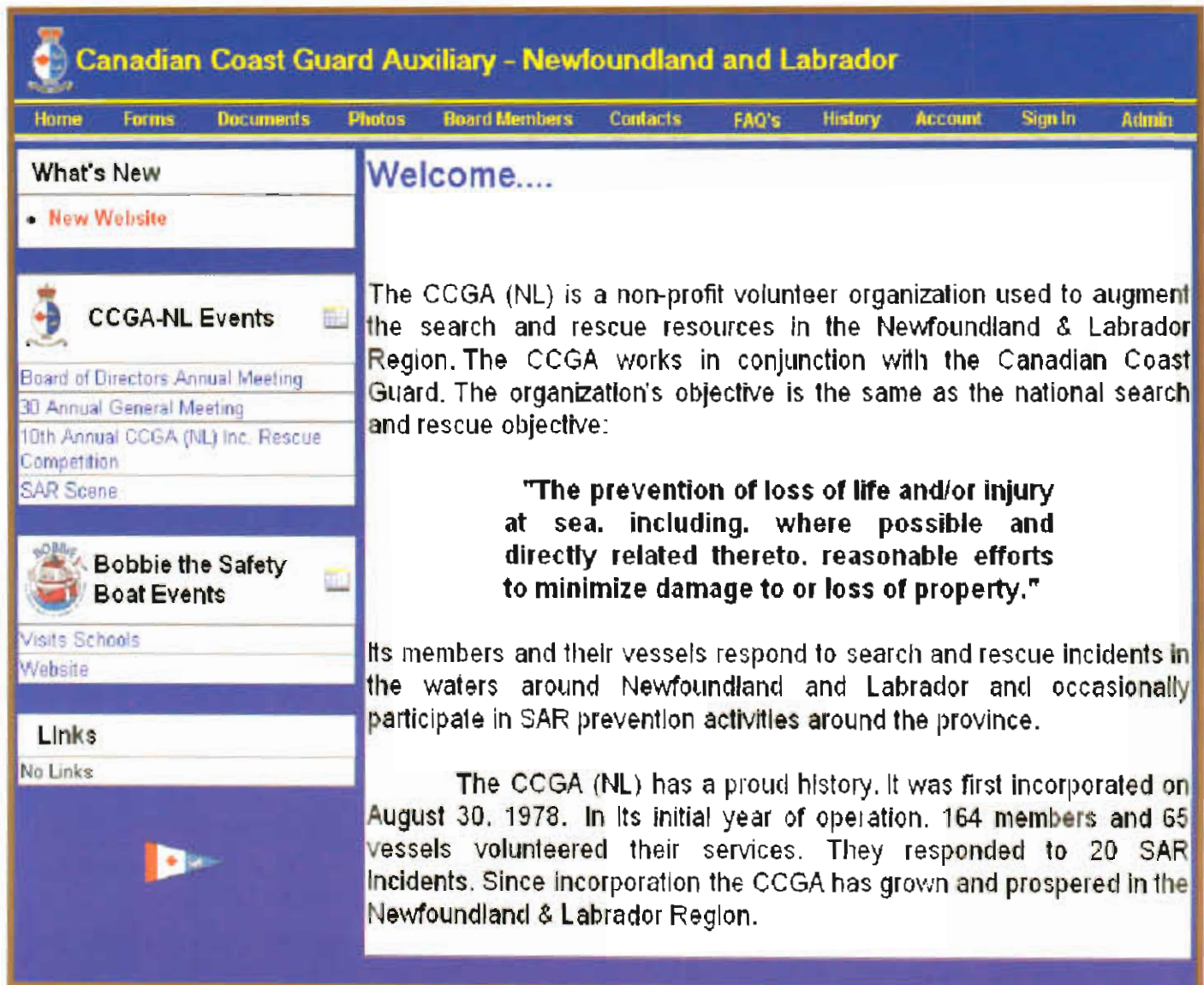


CCGA (NL) Inc. New Web Site

CCGA (NL) Inc. is in the process of designing a new web site. This web site will be a useful tool to enable members to obtain information and necessary forms. As well, it will keep members up to date with current events.

Additionally, there will be contact information to enable members to converse, via e-mail, with their District Director.

The new web site address is ccga-nl.ca



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Welcome....

The CCGA (NL) is a non-profit volunteer organization used to augment the search and rescue resources in the Newfoundland & Labrador Region. The CCGA works in conjunction with the Canadian Coast Guard. The organization's objective is the same as the national search and rescue objective:

"The prevention of loss of life and/or injury at sea, including, where possible and directly related thereto, reasonable efforts to minimize damage to or loss of property."

Its members and their vessels respond to search and rescue incidents in the waters around Newfoundland and Labrador and occasionally participate in SAR prevention activities around the province.

The CCGA (NL) has a proud history. It was first incorporated on August 30, 1978. In its initial year of operation, 164 members and 65 vessels volunteered their services. They responded to 20 SAR incidents. Since incorporation the CCGA has grown and prospered in the Newfoundland & Labrador Region.

Safety Tips for Sealers

Fishing can be a dangerous activity and can carry with it a high level of risk. Everyone engaged in the fishery is encouraged to keep safety in mind every time they depart port. Sealing presents additional risks due to the nature of the harvest and the severe environmental working conditions. The following suggestions are intended to reduce the risks and should be added to your safety regime.

Ensure your radio is working properly

Communication is a tool for search and rescue. No vessel should ever leave port without an effective and reliable means of communication; a way to call for help. The best option is an approved marine radio. At a minimum, sealers should have a VHF radio and/or one or more cell phones with extra batteries if operating in an area with cellular coverage.

Check the weather and ice conditions

You must always monitor and respect the weather, always checking it before each departure. While at sea, weather conditions can change quickly resulting in reduced visibility, rough seas, icing, extreme ice pressure and pounding. Also, shifting winds can cause ice movement, which can block your path back to port. Open boats should immediately return to port at the earliest sign of deteriorating weather conditions. If in doubt, do not go out.

File a sail plan

File a sail plan with a responsible individual, and instruct them to call the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre if your vessel is overdue. Ensure that a family member or friend has knowledge of your vessel including the crew members, supplies on board, vessel characteristics (length, colour and construction material), departure time, destinations, routes and intended return time. Always advise this person of any changes, especially regarding return time. Failing to report changes in plans or delays can unnecessarily activate the search and rescue system possibly causing a search at the expense of other emergencies. Always maintain regular contact with people ashore and other vessels operating in the area. If you cannot advise someone of a delayed return, then return home as originally planned.

Develop a buddy system

This is one of the most effective safety measures you can make. In the cold north Atlantic, it can be the difference between life and death.

Carry the required safety/survival equipment

Ensure that your vessel is in good working order. For small vessels operating with an outboard motor, **you are encouraged** to carry a back up engine along with extra fuel. Be sure to familiarize yourself with your vessel and **practice your emergency drills**. For specific regulatory requirements, check the regulations that apply to your vessel by visiting a Transport Canada Marine Safety office, going online at www.tc.gc.ca/MarineSafety or by calling 1-800-387-4999. It is also important to know your vessel's limitation and do not overload. A loaded vessel in ice may look safe, but it can be very **unstable in rough seas** or with slight icing.

Know your position

Always be aware of your position by carrying navigation equipment such as a GPS, compass and radar.

Extreme weather and emergency response delays

While medical assistance during emergencies is available, you must be prepared in case an extreme weather condition delays a search and rescue response.

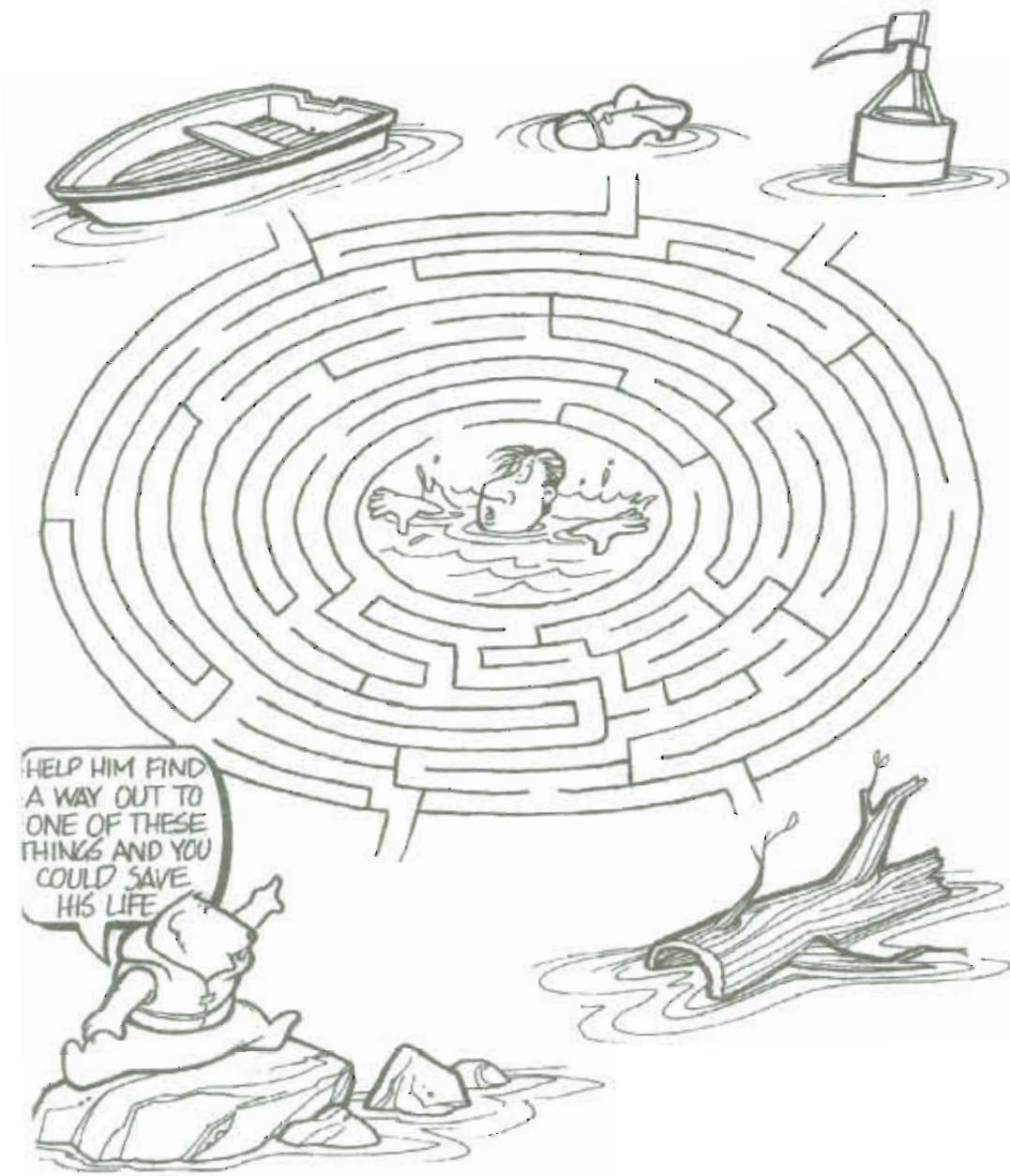
Always be prepared if trouble arrives

Even with the best of precautions, difficult circumstances may arise while at sea.

Do not hesitate to ask for help through:

- Contacting Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services Radio Station by using your marine radio or *16 on your cell phone; or Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre (MRSC) St. John's direct at 1-800-563-2444.

You should always be prepared for a delayed return, especially if you are in an open boat. On many occasions, small boats have been forced to stay at sea all night exposed to the elements. Always carry extra clothing, preferably survival suits, as well as extra food, water, matches, flashlights, flares, reflective clothing markers and an adequate first aid kit. Individuals requiring daily medication should always carry an extra supply.





COLORING CONTEST

Hi kids!

It's time for the CCGA (NL) Annual Colouring Contest. The contest is open to the children and grandchildren of Auxiliary members only.

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

Up to 4 years 5-6 years 7-8 years 9 and over

All entries must be received at the CCGA (NL) office in St. John's no later than Friday, July 11, 2008.

Please send your entry to:

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



CCGA (NL) INC. 9TH ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

- Ages 3-4**
1st—Darian Hunt
2nd—Olivia Butler
3rd—Stephen Batten
- Ages 5-6**
1st—Li-Anna Penney
2nd—Jaeley Gillingham
3rd—Robyn Linehan
- Ages 7-8**
1st—Joshua Oldford
2nd—Nicole Terri Rose
3rd—Robbie Mullins
- Ages 9-11**
1st—Victoria Spurrell
2nd—Alana Symmonds
3rd—Allison Best

