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Message from the Chief Executive Officer Finding Unity in the Diversity of the CCGA

Dear Fellow Auxiliarists:

It has never been more important than now to adapt to the new and exciting changes taking place within our different regions.

As we embrace the challenges of new regional developments, we must also strive to acknowledge the commonalities each region shares in order to maintain a basic level of CCGA standardization across our great and varied nation.

The Contribution Agreement remains our most important source of funding and as such, we must follow the requirements necessary to maintain that funding. Our desire to diversify funding is well-founded, but is still in the development process.

With each region evolving into different levels of autonomy, the tone must be set for future development. We are currently in discussions at the National Council level between the Canadian Coast Guard and the CCGA in order to determine the Coast Guard's vision for the future roles and responsibilities of the CCGA.



■ *Robert Petitpas, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.*

We are in the process of conducting a review to define the commonalities and roles within the regions of the CCGA. As we reorient our strategy to acknowledge the diverse resources and contributions played by each of the CCGA's members and partners, we must embrace and define the levels of autonomy that each region can take.

Whether the regional profile of membership is based on vessels that are privately owned, community based or auxiliary-owned, all regions must do their part in discussions to orient the future direction of the CCGA.

As we proceed down our honorable and timeworn path of Search and Rescue missions, courtesy checks, volunteer training and community awareness, the CCGA's commitment remains, as always, to embrace the diversity of our regional differences while maintaining the unifying principles that hold us all in check.

Wishing you a safe boating season,

Robert Petitpas
Chief Executive Officer

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CCGA Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard

In December 2003, responsibility for policy related to pleasure craft, protection of navigable waters, marine navigation systems and pollution prevention was transferred to Transport Canada from Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canadian Coast Guard).

The funds traditionally devoted to prevention programs will remain under the management of the Canadian Coast Guard. In turn, the six regional Auxiliary Associations will include plans for Safe Boating Prevention Activities in their business plans.



■ From left to right: Gerard McDonald, Director General, Marine Safety, Transport Canada; Robert Petitpas, CEO, CCGA – National; Steve Troy, Director, Safety and Environmental Response Systems, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

While this allowed the Canadian Coast Guard to focus on operations, the movement of the boating safety programs to Transport Canada created the need for an agreement between the CCGA, the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada.

With this in mind, a National Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada Marine Safety was signed on Friday, January 28, 2005 in Ottawa, Ontario.

The purpose of this National MOU is to define areas of cooperation and to facilitate planning and financing among the participants for the enhancement of their common goals of promoting boating safety and protecting the maritime safety interests of the citizens of Canada.

Transport Canada recognizes the CCGA as a cost-effective and efficient way to deliver prevention programs across the country and will partner with the Auxiliary under the New SAR Initiatives Fund (NIF) to follow through on the CCGA's mandate of increasing and expanding their presence and programs nationwide.

Transport Canada also expressed interest for new CCGA programs and will develop an application process so future proposals can be studied and evaluated.

The historic MOU is the first time the three parties have formally joined forces to promote boating safety in Canada. The three parties have agreed to work together in promoting boating safety across Canada through public education, boating safety activities, and pleasure craft courtesy checks.

**Visit: www.ccgagcac.org/publications/MOU_TC_e.pdf
to read a copy of the agreement. ↓**

Annual General Meeting Central and Arctic

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – Central and Arctic held its Annual General Meeting in Mississauga on January 15, 2005.

Marking the end of term for CCGA C&A's President John Levantis, Jack Kruger was elected as President.

Awards were presented by the CCGA's national Chief Executive Officer Robert Petitpas and CCGA-C&A Past President John Levantis.

Two Certificates of Appreciation, four Long Service Medals and one Leadership Medal were presented.

Bill Wood received a Certificate of Appreciation for combining his electronics expertise with his Auxiliary experience from the last twenty years of service to develop a marine helm simulator that fully replicates the handling of a vessel. The system was used as the foundation for the Mystery Event at the CCGA C&A Rescue Challenge in 2004. In addition, he has developed computer software that generates SAR search areas and search patterns which can be overlaid on electronic charts. This represented thousands of hours of effort for the sole benefit of the CCGA and its members.

Ross Anderson Potter also received a Certificate of Appreciation for displaying outstanding mechanical skills to repair a motor in some difficult conditions encountered during a July 2003 patrol trip on the RCMP/CCGA SAR vessel "Mackenzie". In what is truly a remarkable story given the state of isolation, lack of equipment, tools and parts, it is clear that Mr. Potter's skills and ability saved the mission and prevented any hardship to the crew or vessel.

The Long Service Medal was created in 2003 to honor members of the Auxiliary reaching 25 years of volunteer service with the organization. This award was presented to Jeff Eggleton, Howard Garrod, George Killins and Mr. Don Winston at the CCGA C&A AGM.



■ John Levantis, CCGA - C&A Immediate Past President receives an award from current President Jack Kruger.

John Levantis was presented with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Leadership Medal for exceptional meritorious service to the CCGA Central & Arctic. Since Mr. Levantis joined the CCGA in 1978, he has served the CCGA in a wide variety of roles, including zone director and President. He has also spearheaded numerous projects for the CCGA, including the 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2003 and joined regional and national committees, including the Uniform and the Awards committees. He was recognized for his leadership, dedication and devotion to duty, keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. ⚓

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CCGA – Pacific AGM National Awards Pre

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific held its Annual General Meeting in Richmond, BC on February 26, 2005. The conference brought together more than 100 CCGA-P members to meet, train and recognize outstanding members.

President Malcolm Dunderdale made presentations of National Awards in the categories of Administrative Excellence (2 recipients), Leadership (2 recipients) and Long Service (30 recipients).



■ *CCGA - Pacific President Malcolm Dunderdale receives a certificate from Raymond Chan, MP (Richmond) at the CCGA - Pacific AGM Opening Ceremonies.*

Ryan Woodward was presented with the CCGA Medal of Administrative Excellence. Mr. Woodward joined the CCGA in 1994, serving in a wide variety of roles, including Crew Member, Unit Leader and Director of SAR Operations. He has spearheaded numerous projects for the CCGA including the development of several operational policies and administrative forms along with an inter-unit surplus equipment network. Mr. Woodward also provided the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre with a comprehensive and up-to-date vessel database.

Allan Hughes was presented with the CCGA Medal of Administrative Excellence. Mr. Hughes joined the Auxiliary

presented to Members

in 1990, serving in a wide variety of roles, including Crew Member, Coxswain, Unit Leader and Zone Director. He has devoted countless hours to the Operations portfolio, assisting the Director of SAR/Operations with many initiatives such as database development, RCC Resource Manual, Rules and Regulations revisions and publication of Safety and Operation Bulletins.

Bruce Falkins was awarded with the CCGA Leadership Medal. A member of the CCGA since 1987 as a crewmember, he quickly took on the leadership roles of Coxswain and Unit Leader. He was elected Deputy Zone Director in 1995, then Director of Training in 1996 and Vice-President in 1998. Mr. Falkins currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer for CCGA-Pacific. At the national level, he worked on the CCGA Training Standards Development Team.

Brian Cameron was presented with the CCGA Leadership Medal. Mr. Cameron joined the organization in 1996, serving in a wide variety of roles, including Crew Member, Coxswain, Unit Training Officer and Director of Training for CCGA Pacific since 2002.

He has brought a high standard of training to the CCGA, contributed to the SAR Crew Manual and spent hours conducting Coastal SAR courses.

The Long Service Medal recipients were recognized for their longstanding contribution to the CCGA. ⚓

CCGA – Pacific AGM Results in Move to Governance Model

Of most significance at the February 25, 2005 CCGA - Pacific Annual General Meeting was the vote to move towards a governance model for the future direction of CCGA-Pacific.

The main purpose of the changes is to relieve the Board from having to be concerned with the day-to-day operations of the organization. This will allow it to concentrate on setting the overall direction for the organization's future growth and the general policies under which it will be governed.

Under the new governance style of leadership, the day-to-day operation of CCGA-P's "businesses" such as training, SAR, Boating Safety and fundraising are being taken out

from under the direct supervision of the Board and placed under a professional Manager with a staff of dedicated specialists. More attention will be directed to satisfying the needs of Units in each of these areas. The Board will be overseeing the setting of goals and standards in the delivery of services to Units.

The proposed changes specify that the Managers of the various operational Units will hold office for two-year terms that can be renewed three times for a potential maximum of six years. The two year term interval provides the opportunity for the Manager to bow out of the position if he or she wishes and for the Executive Officer to seek a new person if a given manager finds the job unsuitable to his/her abilities and time availability. If adequate funding can be obtained, effort will be made to convert the Manager positions from volunteer to paid status.

The Board will develop an Accountability Framework document that will detail criteria for evaluating the performance of Officers, Committees, Board Members, Committee Chairs and the Executive Officer and spell out the criteria that will be applied in determining dismissal from the Board. These will be incorporated into the Bylaws and submitted to the membership for approval at its next meeting.

The newly created Board Development and Nominating Committee will be charged with the responsibility of finding the best possible candidates for Board positions. The Executive Officer will be responsible for finding the Managers.

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region (CCGA-P) includes over 1,400 volunteers throughout the coastal waters of British Columbia who offer their time and commitment to actively providing search and rescue services.

CCGA-Pacific participates in resolving nearly one third of the SAR incidents that occur on the west coast of Canada, either as the principal resource, or as an additional response unit. Its members also assist the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) in providing Courtesy Checks to mariners within their communities.

Excerpts of this article were taken from the CCGA-P's Governance Model & the CCGA-P Common Questions and Answers document. ⚓



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 that allows you to claim a deduction on your tax returns.

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

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

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



How to proceed:

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

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

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

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CCGA – Quebec AGM

New SAR Training Program Being Developed

The Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Region of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary took place in Sorel, Quebec on March 19, 2005.

Dominique Poisson led a half-day training session for attendees that covered all elements of the CCG - Quebec SAR training program.

Serge Massé received the Operational Merit Medal for saving the lives of nine people in a Search and Rescue incident. Read his story on page 8.

CCGA - National Chief Executive Officer Robert Petitpas was honoured for his role as longstanding CCGA - Quebec President from March 1992 to August 2004. Claudette Petitpas, Mr. Petitpas's wife, was recognized for her longstanding role as Editor of *The Dolphin*, CCGA-Q's regional newsletter.

With the departure of Robert Petitpas for the role of CCGA - National Chief Executive Officer, Louis Arsenault was elected as President. Mr. Arsenault received a pleasant surprise when he discovered his whole family had been invited to attend the AGM closing banquet. ⚓



■ *Robert Petitpas, CEO, CCGA – National and his wife Claudette, editor of The Dolphin, were honoured at the AGM banquet.*



■ *Louis Arsenault and family at CCGA – Quebec AGM's closing banquet.*

Serge Massé Receives Operational Merit Medal for Exceptional Services



■ From left to right: Raymond Rheault, leader of CCGA-Q Unit 29, Trois-Rivières; Louis Arsenault - CCGA - Quebec President; Serge Massé, recipient of the Operational Merit Medal; Robert Petitpas, CEO, CCGA - National.

Mr. Serge Massé received the Operational Merit Medal for his exceptional service at the Annual General Meeting of CCGA-Quebec in Sorel, on March 19, 2005.

On September 12, 2004, Mr. Massé was on the St. Lawrence River in his boat *Le Saphir* when he received an urgent call on the Canadian Coast Guard's radio frequency. Nine people, including children, were in the water near Barques Island, not far from Sorel, Quebec.

"When I arrived on the scene, I saw that the boat was capsized and that six people were on the hull," recount-

ed Serge. "There were two kids under the boat who, because of their life jackets, could not move. There was also one child who was floating in the river."

Mr. Massé immediately established his priorities. While he secured the people from the hull of the boat, another party took charge of the trapped children. The floating child was rescued by another craft.

The entire operation was a success. Twenty-five minutes following their initial distress call, the Coast Guard received a report announcing that everyone was safe and sound.

The CCGA congratulates Mr. Massé for saving nine lives through bravery, quick thinking and grace under pressure. ⚓

CCGA's New Website Media Rich Multimedia Downloads Integral Part of New Site

The website of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has been completely redesigned to provide information to CCGA Volunteers and the public in a simple, intuitive and logical format.

Since its initial creation in 2001, the CCGA's website has been highly successful, with a traffic increase from 1.5 million hits per year to 4.5 million hits per year up until 2004. The CCGA expects over 6 million hits for 2005.

If you would like to receive information on the latest CCGA activities, please subscribe to our electronic newsletter through the CCGA website at www.ccgga-gcaac.org.

In conjunction with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, an International Search and Rescue (ISAR) site has been created and is now available at: www.internationalsar.com. This site covers all the background on previous ISAR competitions, along with information on the upcoming ISAR competition in Halifax.

Both sites make full use of the newest resources available on the Internet, including access to a range of multimedia formats. Users can download audio, video and written documents for educational, informational and entertainment purposes.

CCGA Website: www.ccgga-gcaac.org/home/home_e.asp

ISAR 2005 Website: www.internationalsar.com ⚓



■ CCGA has redesigned its website for ease of use, logic and intuitiveness.

CSBC Continues to Campaign for Safe Boating Practices

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that the estimated 7 million recreational boaters in Canada are aware of safe boating practices.

Safe Boating Awareness Week took place across Canada from May 21st to May 27th, 2005. The CSBC was on hand throughout the country to promote and educate boaters about marine safety.

The CSBC website contains important information for members, educators, the media and boaters alike on CSBC news, motions in progress and important links.



Media downloads are available to help assist educators and the media with preparing editorials, news coverage and special programming. This section of the CSBC website contains valuable information and content for print, radio and television media.

www.csbc.ca - Canadian Safe Boating Council website

www.csbc.ca/html/nsbaw/index.html - Media downloads including ads, radio messages, TV messages and a media guide for Safe Boating Awareness Week.

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Annual Review 2004

Message of the CEO

Mr. John Adams
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Dear Commissioner:

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is very proud to present you with its Annual Report of Activities for the year 2004.

This past year has kept the CCGA volunteers very busy with 1,831 taskings to 1,676 Search and Rescue incidents.

With 4,704 members and 1,339 vessels, the resources available to the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada are considerable and the contribution of our volunteers significant (over 110,000 volunteer hours in 2004).

We are also reporting a productive year with safe boating activities. Auxiliarists attended 432 boat shows, exhibitions and displays in 2004. They also conducted 2,342 courtesy checks of pleasure craft. All five CCGA regions are learning to work with their new partner, Transport Canada, to develop an efficient strategy and to continue delivering our Safe Boating Programs.

Our members took part in 891 training exercises, which permitted them to improve their skills. The results of these exercises translated into a strong performance at ISAR 2004 in Portsmouth, Virginia, where Auxiliarists from Quebec and Pacific finished tied for top spot at the 5th annual competition.

In August 2004, and after 13 years at the helm, Harry Strong stepped down as CEO of our organization. However, the National Council is very fortunate since it will still benefit from his knowledge as Mr. Strong has agreed to continue to play a leadership role on CCGA's National Council as Past Chief Executive Officer. Harry has built a very strong foundation that will allow the regional presidents and myself to take the CCGA in the right direction for years to come.

On behalf of our 4,704 members, I would like to thank you and the CCG employees both at the national headquarters and in the regions for their continued support.

Robert Petitpas
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

2004 at a Glance

January

CCGA Central & Arctic holds its Annual General Meeting in Mississauga.

The CCGA is presented with a Canadian Safe Boating Council Special Recognition Award during the Toronto International Boat Show.

February

Harry Strong is appointed to the Order of Canada at a Rideau Hall ceremony.

The National Search and Rescue Secretariat approves four CCGA NIF projects: 1) the Bobby the Safety Boat Program; 2) the translation of the Pacific SAR Crew Manual; 3) the Marine Simulator Program; and 4) Safe boating units in the C&A region for a combined contribution of \$760,326.

March

CCGA Quebec launches the Unit Leader Manual at their AGM in Rimouski.

Robert and Claudette Petitpas are presented with the Commissioner's Commendation for their dedication to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Quebec) Inc.

Malcolm Dunderdale becomes the 14th President of CCGA Pacific during the region's AGM.

May

CCGA Pacific hosts its regional SAR competition in Nanaimo.

A new set of CCGA printed Public Service Announcements is distributed to the media in order to raise awareness and promote the contribution of Auxiliarists in their local community.

Harry Strong attends the Caribbean Volunteer Maritime SAR Conference (CSAR) in Miami.

July

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary's corporate brochure is made available online through its website.

August

CCGA C&A hosts its regional SAR competition in Oakville.

CCGA Quebec hosts its regional SAR competition in Saguenay.

After 13 years as Chief Executive Officer of the CCGA, Harry Strong steps down. Harry remains a member of the CCGA National Council as Past CEO. Robert Petitpas is elected CEO.

Louis Arsenault is elected President of the Quebec region.

September

CCGA Maritimes hosts its regional SAR competition in Fredericton.

A delegation of Canadian Auxiliarists attends the National Convention of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (NACON) in Costa Mesa, California.

October

CCGA NL hosts its regional SAR competition in Lewisporte.

At SARSCENE 2004, Don Limoges, District Director of CCGA C&A receives a Certificate of Achievement from the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

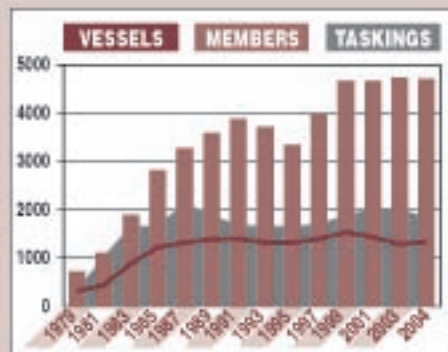
November

Team Pacific and Team Quebec tie for top honours and are overall winners of ISAR 2004 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

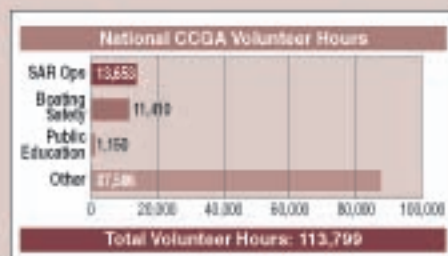
CCGA National



Robert Petitpas, CEO



The CCGA-N currently has 4,704 members and 1,339 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliary vessels were tasked 1,831 times to assist mariners involved in 1,676 SAR incidents.



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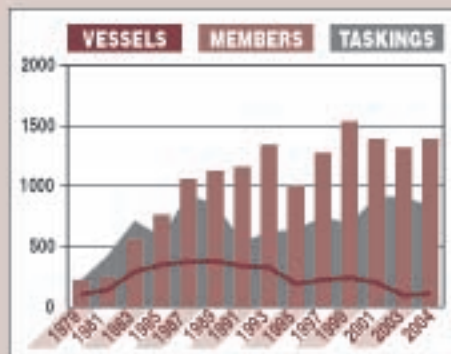
CCGA Vessels 2004



CCGA Pacific



Malcolm Dunderdale, President

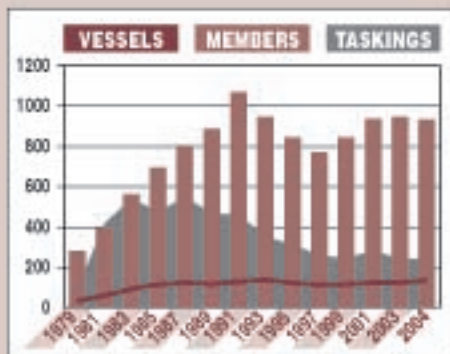


CCGA Pacific currently has 1,393 members and 111 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 835 times to 738 SAR incidents.

CCGA Central & Arctic

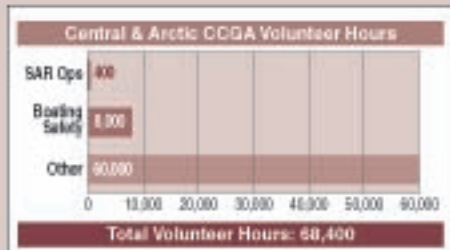
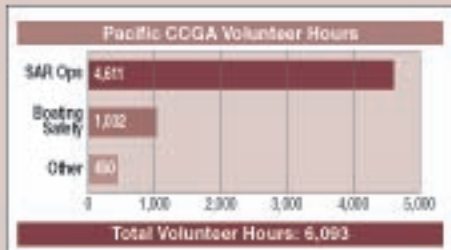
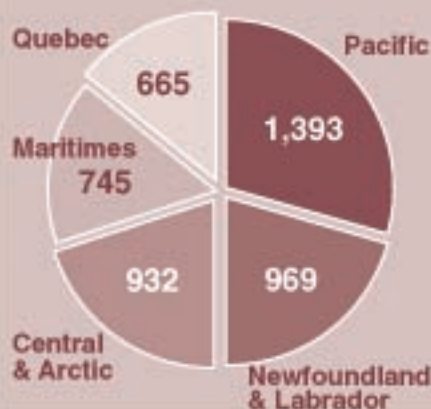


Jack Kruger, President

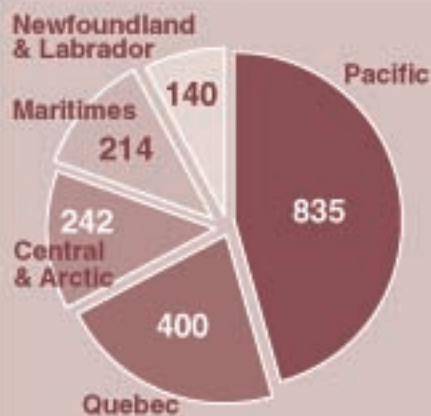


CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 932 members and 135 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 242 times to 216 SAR incidents.

CCGA Membership 2004



CCGA Taskings 2004



Members participated in 767 training exercises and 135 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. Members conducted 774 pleasure craft courtesy checks in 2004.

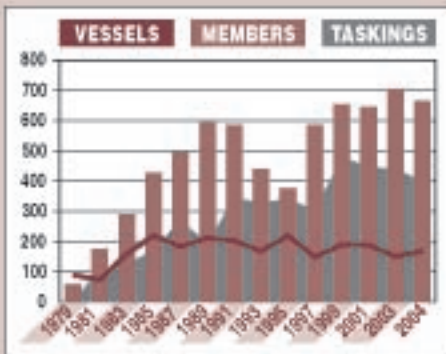


Auxiliarists involved in safe boating activities participated in 74 training exercises and 250 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They also conducted 800 courtesy checks of pleasure craft.

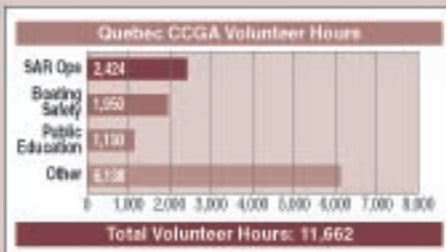
CCGA Quebec



Louis Arsenault, President



CCGA Quebec currently has 665 members and 169 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 400 times to 387 SAR incidents. The 400 taskings represented 35% of total taskings in the region.

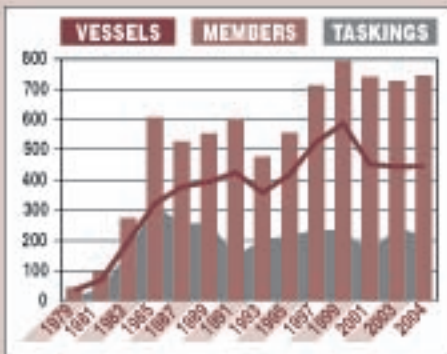


Auxiliarists also participated in 30 training exercises and 25 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 633 courtesy checks of pleasure craft. Members also volunteered 1,150 hours teaching the CCGA Boating Safety Course.

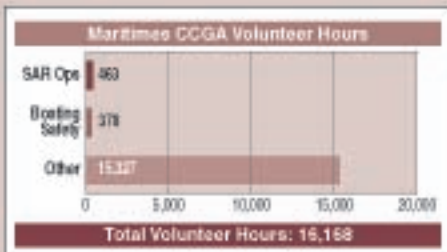
CCGA Maritimes



Frank McLaughlin, President



CCGA Maritimes currently has 745 members and 445 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 214 times to 206 SAR incidents. The 214 taskings represented 25% of total taskings in the region.

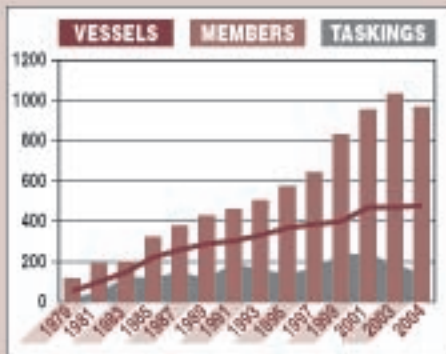


Auxiliarists participated in 9 training exercises and 21 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They also conducted 135 courtesy checks of pleasure craft.

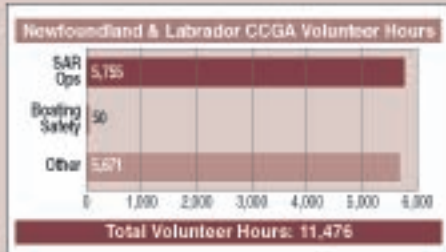
CCGA Newfoundland & Labrador



Winston Pitcher, President



CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador currently has 969 members and 479 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 140 times to 129 SAR incidents.



The 140 taskings represented 35% of total taskings in the region.

Auxiliarists participated in 11 training exercises.

Charles Roberts Receives Commissioner's Commendation

Charles Roberts of CCGA - Newfoundland & Labrador has received the Commissioner's Commendation for exceptional contributions in the field of Marine transportation and of CCG operational programs.

Mr. Charles Roberts first joined CCGA-NL on April 18, 1986 as owner/operator of the 42' fishing vessel Susan R II.

The first major contribution Mr. Roberts made as a volunteer with CCGA was his involvement in the production of a marine safety video for Search and Rescue Headquarters, Ottawa on October 11, 12, and 13, 1988. His vessel, crew, and family were utilized in this production. On November 7, 1995, Mr. Roberts was asked to take part in the filming of a Search and Rescue video with his new vessel Roberts Sisters I. On November 27-29, 1999 the Roberts Sisters I was involved in the filming of a Discovery Channel documentary. The newly acquired Roberts Sisters II continues to be utilized in various video productions and training exercises.

On October 17, 1991 Mr. Roberts was elected as a Director for District 7, encompassing the Avalon Peninsula. At the CCGA-NL Annual General Meeting that occurred in November of that same year, Mr. Roberts was elected to the Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer, a position he has held consecutively for the past 13 years.

On June 08, 1992 a new vessel was enlisted under Mr. Roberts's command, a 55' longliner named Roberts Sisters I. On August 03, 2001 the Roberts Sisters I was replaced by a brand new 65' longliner, the Roberts Sisters II, which is the current vessel Mr. Roberts has enrolled in CCGA-NL.

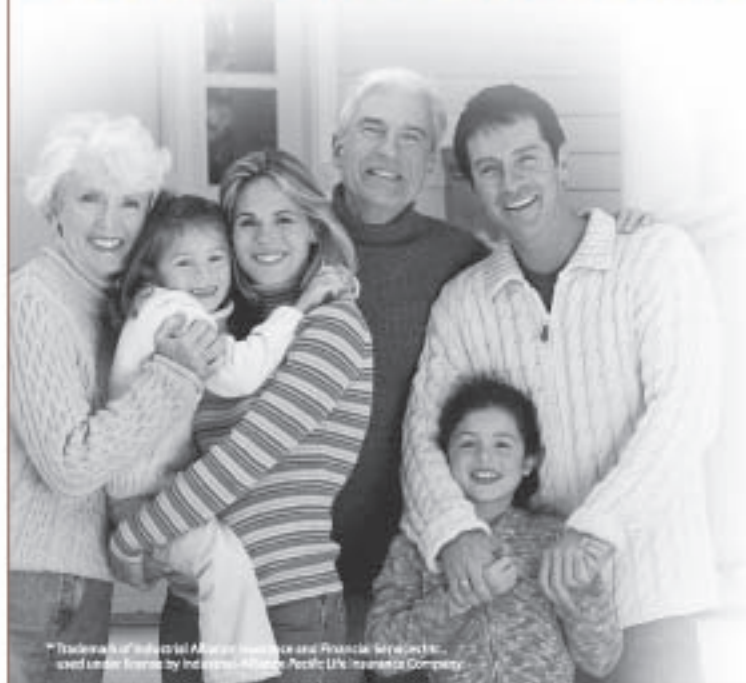


■ From left to right: John Adams, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard; Winston Pitcher, President, CCGA - Newfoundland and Labrador; Charles Roberts, recipient of the Commissioner's Commendation; John Butler, Assistant Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard; Ray Browne, Director of Maritime Services, DFO - Newfoundland and Labrador.

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.

In addition to his livelihood, he finds the time to volunteer numerous hours to assisting mariners who find themselves in peril. His vessel is always available for training exercises with 103 SAR Squadron in Gander, as well as performing experiments as requested by the Canadian Coast Guard. †

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Update on New SAR Initiatives Fund (NIF) Projects

As a result of recent changes made by Treasury Board to the Policy on Transfer Payments, all Contribution Programs across the Federal government, including the New Initiatives Fund (NIF), are being renewed to strengthen their financial management and comptroller-ship. As well, the NIF program governance for Operations & Maintenance and Capital Funded NIF proposals will be changed for improved accountability and reporting.

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

The NSS is working to ensure that NIF projects will continue to be funded and recognized for their valuable contributions to the safety of Canadian citizens on the water.

In 2003, the CCGA received a sizeable grant over a three year period to implement a SAR prevention program targeted at children. This year, eight units of Bobbie the Safety Boat, an animatronic remote controlled robot designed to assist safety educators in capturing the attention of children, will be distributed to four CCGA regions throughout the country.

The procedures manual and training video will be available in both official languages. The CCGA will produce promotional material, such as Bobbie certificates and trading cards to further enable Auxiliarists to efficiently and effectively deliver the safe boating message to young audiences. A training segment, technical video and Interacting with Kids video are also in development for The Bobbie the Safety Boat program.

The second project in the works in the Pacific region is a volunteer marine search and rescue training program using a marine simulator to improve the safety, efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Auxiliary's existing SAR training program and the effectiveness of current SAR operations throughout Canada.

Finally, the CCGA SAR Crew Manual developed by CCGA Pacific will be translated, printed and distributed to the 850 French speaking members of the auxiliary in Quebec and the Maritime provinces. It will also be made available to future members joining the CCGA in years to come. This project will also address the need of making the English version available to 3,000 English speaking CCGA members outside the Pacific region. ⚓

Auxiliarists and Members of the CCG Team Receive Commendation US Coast Guard Auxiliary Recognizes Hard Work of Members

Everette L. Tucker, Jr., Past National Commodore of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Commendation to members of the 2004 International Search and Rescue Competition Committee and Support Team in January of this year.

The CCGA recipients were Frank McLaughlin, Gary Masson, Michael Richardson, and François Vézina.

The CCG recipients were André Audet, Steve Daoust, Dan Frampton, Andy Maillet, Joe Murphy, John Palliser, Neil Peet, Brian Stone, and Mike Voigt.

Over a two-year period, this team contributed to organizing the many events of ISAR 2004 that took place in Portsmouth, VA. They were recognized for their professionalism, enthusiasm and attention to detail as made evident by the Opening Ceremony, the competition itself, Fun Night, the Awards Banquet and the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Congratulations to the award-winners for a job well done!



■ **Members of the CCGA were recipients of USCG Auxiliary Team Commendation.**

From Left to Right: François Vézina, Business Manager, CCGA - National; Everette L. Tucker, Jr., Past National Commodore, USCG Auxiliary (Presenter); Frank McLaughlin, President, CCGA - Maritimes; Gary Masson, Business Manager, CCGA - Maritimes; Michael Richardson, CCGA - Maritimes.

Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Announces July 1st Departure

Commissioner John Adams has announced his July 1st departure from the Canadian Coast Guard. Here is a copy of his farewell message:

I write to you today to announce my planned departure from the CCG on July 1, 2005. As I hope most of you know, this national institution has been a "labour of love" for me over the past six years. You don't have to be a lifer to have the CCG grab your soul, and grab my soul it did.

It is a proud organization that makes Canada a better place. There is nothing more honourable than public service and that is our/your stock in trade. I have been honoured to be a part of it and departure will be difficult.

Having said that, I must say also that my decision to leave has been made easier by the fact that this proud institution is at a watershed. The SOA status is a prerequisite for the organization to become even better at what it does best – provide essential services to Canadians. Additionally, the recent budget decision to commence the recapitalization of our fleet breathes new life into the institution. This combination of good news suggests to me that we have turned the corner, so I am leaving on a "high" and one can't ask for more than that.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the complete support that I have received from our Management Team. They have been indispensable in all we have accomplished and I take this occasion to extend my heartfelt thanks.

I must also pay homage to our Deputy Minister, Larry Murray. He has been a friend and mentor and we owe him more than you can imagine for laying the foundation for the future of this wonderful institution.

I must also take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I have been truly blessed to have the volunteers of the Auxiliary assist the Canadian Coast Guard during my watch as Commissioner. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you.



■ *Commissioner John Adams.*

Finally, I conclude by thanking you for the honour of working with and for you - the men and women of the CCG. You are the heart and soul of the organization. You are what makes it great. You are what motivated me to give it my all. I hope to see and speak with many of you between now and July 1. We will continue to keep the faith and to build on our blessings to date.

God speed and good luck.
John Adams

Commissioner Adams was made an Honorary Member of the CCGA National Council. ⚓

CCGA-Pacific SARCOMP 2005 A Success

Team Chosen to Represent CCGA-P at ISAR 2005

The 2005 Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific SARCOMP was held in Steveston, BC from May 13th to 14th with great success. The overall aim of this event was to demonstrate SAR skills from the whole region, evaluate training levels, provide valuable training opportunities, allow the units to exchange training ideas and approaches, have fun and select a team to represent the region at ISAR 2005 in Halifax.

In total, twenty-four members from across the Pacific Region consisting of eight teams of three (one coxswain and two crew) participated in a combination of day and night on-the-water scenarios, knowledge exams and a timed marine search and rescue obstacle course.

The team from Unit 12 (Halfmoon Bay) won the Marine Search and Rescue Obstacle Course event that consisted of various seamanship skills, including heaving line toss, fire/de-watering pump and donning and use of SAR and survival gear. Their winning time was clocked at 10 minutes and 20 seconds.

The top two coxswains and the top three crew members selected to represent British Columbia at ISAR 2005 were announced during the SARSCOMP awards dinner. Three of the five members of this year's team hail from the Sunshine Coast. Sidney Clare (Unit 14) and Kellei Bulmer (Unit 12) took two of the crew positions and Scott Baker (Unit 12) was selected as the top coxswain and team leader. They will join CCGA members from West Vancouver and Victoria to receive special training prior to ISAR 2005 in Halifax this September.

This article was excerpted from the CCGA-P website. To read the complete article, please visit: www.ccg-pacific.org/News/2005/news05252005.html. ↓



■ Media were present during the Search and Rescue exercise at CCGA - Pacific's Regional Competition.



Canada Post Issues Commemorative SAR Stamps



■ *New SAR Stamps.*

The Canadian Search and Rescue agencies have been honoured with special-edition SAR stamps commissioned by Canada Post.

On June 13, 2005, Canada Post issued a set of four domestic rate (50¢) stamps to commemorate Canada's role in SAR operations. The design of the pane is a little out of the ordinary, notes Danielle Trottier, Manager, Design and Production, at Canada Post. "This is a miniature pane, a double row of four stamps each, the rows arranged tête-bêche. This makes the pane reversible, so you can display it according to the language you prefer, and have the SAR logo appear correctly in both cases."

The designer of the issue is Montreal's François Dallaire, who is enthusiastic about the tête-bêche format, because it

not only permits each stamp's design to stand on its own, but also emphasizes the major overall element of the pane's design: two curves mirroring each other, each suggesting Earth as seen from space, with a satellite photograph appearing within the curve.

Dallaire's designs for the stamps also suggest the multiple aspects of SAR. He created them around four themes: an alpine rescue, a rescue at sea, a rescue by air and a ground rescue in which a dog is as important as the humans.

With their evocative design and powerful images, the new SAR stamps are a fine commemoration of a service that has saved many people from natural disasters and accidents, underground, on land, at sea and in the air.

This article was excerpted from "Search and Rescue" by Dennis and Sandi Jones in *Details*, April-June 2005. ♣



International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR) News

ISAR 2005 in Halifax

ISAR 2005 will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on September 30 - October 1, 2005 and proudly invites you to be part of the success.

The International Search and Rescue Competition takes place between six teams each representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary competing in various SAR exercises. Events at ISAR include Search and Rescue Planning, On-Water SAREX, SAR Pump, Heaving Line 1, Heaving Line 2 and a mystery event.

The competition is an opportunity for Auxiliarists from around the continent to showcase their skills, learn from each other and make new friends. It is also an opportunity to present a public SAR demonstration showing how innovative technologies and platforms help SAR volunteers get the job done.

The CCGA would also like to warmly welcome and thank its ISAR partners, which include Nautilus by Protexion, FedNav, Air Canada, AVIS, and Irving Oil.

For more information, please visit:
www.ccgga-gcac.org/ISAR 2005

Toronto to Host ISAR 2007

CCGA - C&A has announced that it will proudly host ISAR 2007 in Toronto, Ontario on September 28th and 29th, 2007.



Tahoma to Provide Backdrop to ISAR 2005

As part of ISAR 2005 in Halifax, the US Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma will be making a special appearance.

With her crew of 14 officers and 86 enlisted, the 270' Tahoma has the ability to launch, recover, and service the Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin and HH-60 Jayhawk helicopters. Under the operational control of Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area located at Portsmouth, Virginia, Tahoma is at sea approximately 185 days a year.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Tahoma was the first major U.S. military asset on the scene. Tahoma took charge of over thirty Coast Guard cutters and small boats patrolling the harbor, protecting lower Manhattan and establishing security zones around numerous historic sites along the waterways and approaches to New York City.

For more information on the Tahoma, please visit:
www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cutter/tahoma



■ The USCG Cutter The Tahoma.

Unit 61 Acquires New Boat, Honours Longtime Member

The Harold Clay Begins Service in

CCGA Unit 61 of Pender Harbour, BC has honoured one of its oldest and most dedicated members by naming their new vessel after him.

Pender Harbour is a remote boating community so dependent on the water that it is easier to boat than to drive from one location to another, said Jack Dennis, Deputy Leader of Unit 61. With twelve members in the unit, including eight which are active, Unit 61 covers an area over the lower part of Malaspina Strait, through to Northeast Point, Greek Point, Agamemnon Channel, Hotham Sound and Princess Louisa Inlet.

Harold Clay Statistics

Built:	1983
LOA:	26 Feet
Beam:	8 Feet
Draft:	3 Feet
Horse Power:	Up to 200 HP
Top Cruising Speed:	14 Knots, hoping for 18 Knots

Previously dependent on three owner-operated vessels, the Unit collectively decided that it was time to invest in a vessel that would be owned by the Auxiliary: "We decided for the survival of the unit that we were going to have to get a vessel that we could rely on, that was going to be there when we needed it, and properly equipped," said Mr. Dennis.

Grants and Donations

Regional District (SCRD):	\$3000
Gaming Commission:	\$25 500
	\$38 500
Provincial Emergency Program:	\$4500
Individuals:	\$16 500

"Eventually we heard of this vessel up in Salmon Inlet that was being used as a log salvage boat. Apparently it was supposed to have been an ex-Coast Guard vessel. Five of the volunteers went up, we had a look at it, it was what we wanted."

On April 9, 2003, Unit 61 convinced the owner into donating the vessel to the CCGA. It had been gutted by



■ Jack Dennis, Unit 61 Deputy Leader and Donand McDougall, Unit Leader, represented Unit 61.

a fire, coating everything with soot and smoke. Volunteers got together and stripped the inside out, gutted the vessel and rebuilt it from the ground up. They proceeded to rewire it and redo the entire wheelhouse.

During renovation, volunteers equipped the new vessel with new navigation lights, forward scanning sonar, Global Positioning System, a plotter, a new sounder and a Si-Tex direction finder.

Much of the funding for the renovation came from volunteer and community sources. Radar, electronics and GPS were donated at cost, while the Gaming Commission funded much of the equipment and the money for a new engine.

"One year to the date we passed our inspection with the Coast Guard and shortly after that, we received approval that she was a dedicated boat," said Mr. Dennis proudly. He then went on to describe the vessel as a "Very stable platform, very well-suited for Search and Rescue because you're inside and warm. We're fully outfitted as far as First Aid."

"Don McDougall, our unit leader, suggested that we name it Harold Clay. Everybody thought that was such a great idea since Harold had done so much for Search and Rescue on the coast and we had a little bit of a ceremony and named the boat and it brought him to tears, so we're happy about that."

Pender Harbour



Harold Clay - Record of Service

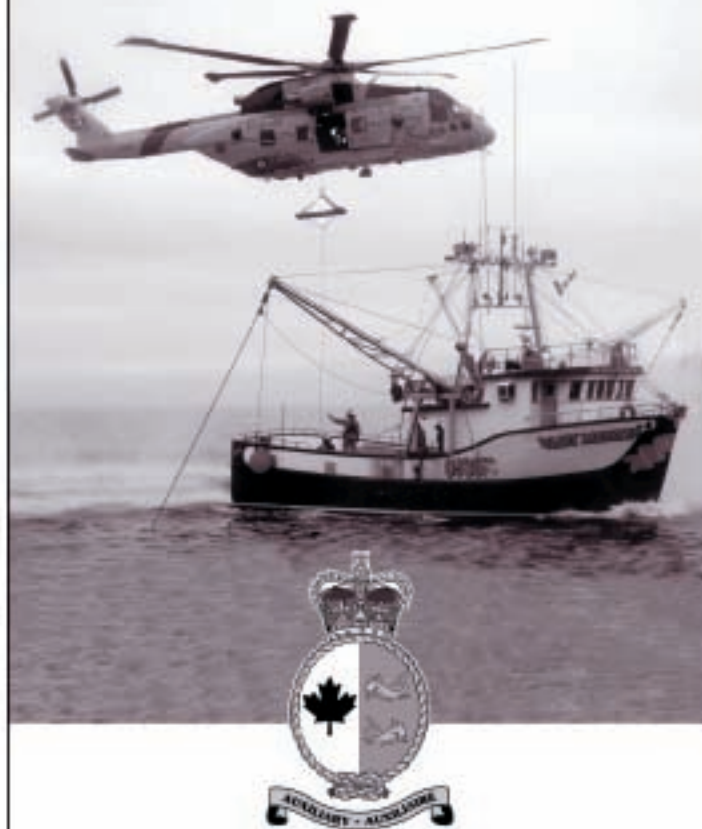
Canadian Merchant Marine:	WWII
Volunteer Rescue Association:	1967
Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary:	1978
CCGA:	since its inception

With a staggering record of service beginning in World War II with the Canadian Merchant Marines, Harold Clay and the vessel which carries his name is a symbol of the best of the CCGA and its longstanding service and commitment to SAR and marine accident prevention throughout the country.

To view pictures of the dedication of the Harold Clay, visit: www.ccgpa-pacific.org/e-photo.html

To view the complete QuickTime video on the launch of the Harold Clay, visit the CCGA website at: www.ccgpa-gcac.org/gallery/documentaries_videos_e.asp †

Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water



Every year, the 5000 volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary 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.

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