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Message from the Chief Executive Officer Taking a Turn for the Best

Dear friends,
The next few months will be important for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary because the National Council has mandated us to carry out a number of key projects during this period. These projects include:

- A governance review of the six CCGA associations;
- Follow-up to our study's recommendations on the fundraising programs;
- A review of our relations with the Canadian Coast Guard, which is now a special operating agency, and the development of our relationships with Transport Canada;
- Negotiations to renew our contribution agreements, the preparation of an evaluation report on our performance measurements and an update of our National Guidelines;
- Preparation of the national office's 2006-08 business plan.

These priority issues are in addition to the national office's day-to-day business, that includes:

- Supervision of current projects under the New Search and Rescue Initiatives Fund and development of new projects;



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

- Production and update of our various communication tools (the Auxiliarist, Internet site, electronic newsletters, etc.);
- Planning of the next International Search and Rescue Competitions that will be held in Portsmouth (2006) and in Toronto (2007), and
- Continuation of our marketing and fundraising initiatives.

Completing these projects will require additional effort by Council members and our partners. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has clearly indicated that it would like to continue improving the services it provides to its members and Canadian navigators as a whole. These improvements will require the clarification of the role of each SAR team member and will also likely require changes to the organization's basic management structures.

We certainly have a lot on our plate, but this is also an exciting time. The changes affecting our partners give us an opportunity to review our own processes in order to adapt them and increase their effectiveness.

In conclusion, on behalf of the CCGA National Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and an excellent year in 2006.

**Robert Petitpas
Chief Executive Officer**

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CCGA Members Attend N

CCGA members attended the 2005 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's National Conference (NACON) from August 30 – September 3, in Orlando, Florida.

On August 31st, the Operating Committee (OPCOM) meeting was held, discussing the challenges facing New Orleans, among other topics. As in the past, the District Commodores were invited to sit in as observers to the meeting.

Area Meetings were held by the three major American regions (two Atlantic and one Pacific) on September 1st, followed by the Committee of the Whole Meeting the next day.

The need for Auxiliarists to help with FEMA operations in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina was discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, while Auxiliarists discussed their growing importance within the Department of Homeland Security. Auxiliarists were challenged to con-

tinue to improve and grow the foundational programs of recreational boating safety and public education.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. meeting took place on September 2, 2005. In his President's Report, Association President Gene Seibert urged all Auxiliarists to recruit persons in their communities who were interested in safety boating efforts and would like to contribute financially to their mission by becoming associate members. Financial, legal and business reports were presented for the attendees' consideration and discussion.

The General Board Meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was held on September 3, 2005. Dignitaries were introduced, including those from foreign Coast Guards and Auxiliaries, including representatives from Canada, Australia, Curacao and Granada to name a few. Representatives of the U.S. and Canadian Power Squadrons and the Comman-



Canadian delegates present at NACON 2005: First row: Robert Petitpas, Chief executive Officer, Claudette Petitpas, Editor, Dolphin (Quebec) and François Vézina, National Business Manager. Second row: Frank McLaughlin, President, CCGA (Maritimes) Steve Daoust, Superintendent, CCGA and Louis Arsenault, President, CCGA (Quebec).

ACON 2005

der General of the Civil Air Patrol were also present. Auxiliary leaders at NACON were called upon to formulate "The Orlando Plan" to map the future of the U.S. Auxiliary. As examples of new Auxiliary roles, the Auxiliary prototype dive and paddlecraft programs were cited, along with the need of trained Auxiliary members assisting the U.S. Coast Guard in hoist operations.

Six major Auxiliary accomplishments were identified:

- The creation at the National and District levels of "Strategic Business Plans" for the Auxiliary.
- Parallel realignment by the Auxiliary to the sectorization of the Coast Guard.
- Continued momentum of "Operation Patriot Readiness," including "America's Waterway Watch" and the Caribbean initiatives.
- Creation and growth of the National Commodore's Website.
- Significant improvement in external communications. At least one story on the Auxiliary is provided to the public press every day.
- An agreement with McGraw Hill to publish Auxiliary public education textbooks, including the new "America's Boating Course."

Each of the Directorate Commodores made their annual reports to the assembly outlining their major accomplishments over the past year and a peek at their plans for the future.

Two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) were signed during the meeting. One MOU between the USCGA and Boater's World magazine and one MOU between the United States Coast Guard, the USCGA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Finally, the Saturday Evening Commodore's Banquet drew near and then it was Farewell to Orlando and Hello to Dallas as members looked ahead to NACON 2006 in Dallas, Texas.

This article was summarized from a series of articles found at:

<http://teamcoastguard.org/2005/NACON05/NACON05.htm>



CCGA Wins Communicator Award of Excellence



The series of four radio Public Service Announcements produced by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has won the prestigious Award of Excellence at the Communicator Awards 2005 Audio Competition.

The Communicator Awards is an international awards competition that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. Entries are judged by industry professionals who look for productions that exceed a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.

Three levels of recognition are presented: Honorable Mention, Award of Distinction and Award of Excellence. The CCGA is one of two Canadian organizations that were presented with the highest level of recognition. There were 1,369 entries in The Communicator Awards 2005 audio competition.

The CCGA radio messages are available on the national Web site at:

www.ccgagc.ca/gallery/audio_agm_e.asp ⚡

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Donations and Registrations Are "A Snap" with CCGA e-Commerce

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is taking a bold step forward with the upcoming inclusion of e-commerce on its website.

The recruitment of associated members and solicitation of donations will be automated through a secure online form early in 2006. "This will make it much easier for both sides of the equation," said Francois Vezina, National Business Manager for the CCGA. "Our recruitment and donation methods were beginning to feel a bit costly and outdated, so we decided to take it to the next level and make it as simple as the click of a mouse. This makes it easier for those who want to donate to the CCGA, while simplifying the process at our end."

With a website that was redesigned in the summer of 2005 and now the streamlining of the business side of things, the CCGA has really stepped into the 21st Century. "We know that the younger generation – the 20 and 30-somethings of today – receive a lot of their information and make a lot of financial transactions over the web," said Mr. Vezina. "We thought it would be a good idea to take advantage of this and make it easier for them to learn about the Auxiliary and donate to the CCGA."

The e-commerce update does not end with the donation/membership form. The CCGA will be able to provide electronic tax receipts to donors, while those looking forward to attending ISAR in Canada will be able to sign up and pay their registration online.

"We are grateful to our members and those who support us through charitable donations," said Mr. Vezina. "As a volunteer organization, anything we can do to make things easier for members and those who want to donate makes our job that much more satisfying."

Visit the CCGA website today at:
www.ccg-gcac.org

Bobbie the Safety Boat to Go National, Hits it Off with Kids at ISAR 2005

Bobbie the Safety Boat is about to make a big splash with kids across Canada.



Bobbie the Safety Boat is an animatronic remote-controlled robot designed to let boating safety educators capture the attention of children and promote the CCGA SAR prevention message. Originally piloted by CCGA – Pacific, Bobbie created such overwhelmingly positive feedback that a successful submission was made to the New SAR Initiatives Fund (NIF) to implement the Bobbie the Safety Boat program across the country.

Eight units will be purchased for distribution of two Bobbie units each to Central & Arctic, Quebec, Maritimes, and Newfoundland and Labrador, while marketing and training



materials are being adapted to make the leap to go national. Promotional material, such as Bobbie certificates and trading cards, are also being developed to provide support for Bobbie presenters and a permanent SAR prevention message for Bobbie's audience. Once final distribution of Bobbie has been completed, volunteer members of the CCGA will hold Bobbie presentations for target audiences at schools, boat shows and other venues.

Bobbie the Safety Boat was a big hit with kids at ISAR 2005, showing off his flashy new colors and identification that will also become part of his logo identification on the Bobbie trailers, the website and marketing material such as coloring books.

The first training session for volunteers using Bobbie the Safety Boat will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2006 following the Annual General Meeting of CCGA – C and A in Mississauga. A similar session will be held during the Quebec region AGM that will take place on March 18-19, 2006 in Longueuil. Sessions are also planned in the Maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador regions. ⚓

CCGA Volunteers Attend SARSCEN

October 5-8, 2005 saw Charlottetown, PEI host SARSCENE 2005, Canada's largest search and rescue event. Over 600 search and rescue experts from Canada and around the world were brought together for four days to discuss the latest developments in international cooperation, weather forecasting and tracking, search and rescue dogs and new techniques and technologies to aid rescue workers and volunteers in their jobs, along with a host of other subjects.

Organized by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS) and co-hosted by the Emergency Measures Organization of PEI, the four-day event included training courses on Cold Water Rescue Training and other important SAR skills.



■ A team of Auxiliarists participated in the SAR Games. From left to right: Michael Holland, Kevin Llewellyn, Joey Gauthier, and Milt Drummond.



■ John Davidson (CASARA), Robert Petitpas (CCGA) and Harry Blackmore, NLSARA were presented with a framed set of stamps depicting SAR services in Canada. The presentation was made by Jean Murray, Executive Director of the National Search and Rescue Secretariat during the opening ceremony.

E 2005 in Charlottetown, PEI

SARSCENE 2005 afforded attendees numerous opportunities for meetings, covering such territory as the National Ground SAR Council and the Prevention Working Group.

Navigation, Rope Tying and Basic Rescue, Survival Skills and Search Planning were some of the skills SAR volunteers exhibited during the games portion of SARSCENE 2005, while groups ranging from the Alzheimer Society to the Canadian Red Cross, PEI Region to the St. John Ambulance were on hand with demonstrations and exhibits relating to SAR activities.

The CCGA wishes to extend a note of thanks to the SARSCENE organizing committee for successfully hosting such a large and important event. ↓

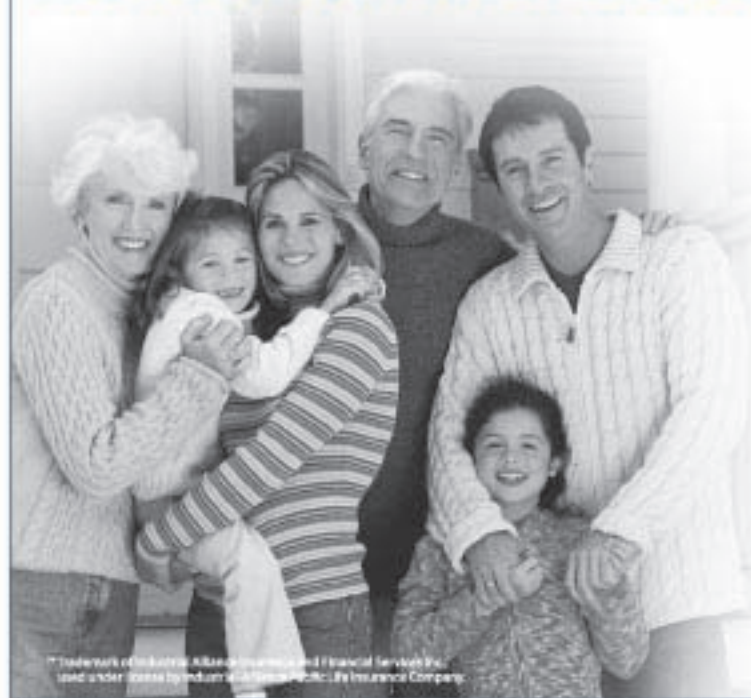


■ *Kenneth Campbell and Mike McGeoghegan worked the CCGA booth during the SARSCENE 2005 Trade Show.*



■ *Robert Petitpas, CEO of CCGA - National presents a group of volunteers from the Irish Coast Guard with a set of framed stamps depicting SAR services in Canada.*

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ISAR 2005 a Grand Success in Halifax



Coast Guard Auxiliary members from Canada and the United States showed their remarkable skills at the 6th Annual International Search and Rescue (ISAR) Competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia on September 30th & October 1st, 2005.

The Annual ISAR Competition, held alternately in Canada and the U.S., brings together members from both sides of the border to test not only the seamanship and search and rescue (SAR) skills of the auxiliary volunteers, but also their teamwork, organization and leadership skills. Canadian and American ISAR teams are made up of the top performers from regional and district SAR competitions.

To name a few, competitions included: Search and Rescue Planning, Search & Rescue Exercise, SAR Pump Operation and Lifeline Throwing.

Members of the CCGA demonstrated their proficiency in marine rescue, winning the SAR Communications and Marlinspike events, while Team Canada, comprised of Shawn Burchett (Pacific region), Rob LeBlanc (Quebec Region) and Herb Paetzold (Central & Arctic Region), won both the National trophy and the overall 2005 ISAR trophy.

The presence of the USCG TAHO MA and the patrol vessel FULMAR from the French gendarmerie maritime was a strong beacon of SAR strength and effectiveness throughout the competition, demonstrating the power of cooperation between nations to increase maritime safety for their citizens and provide them with the means of rescue, should there be any maritime occurrences. ♣



■ *Team Canada was the international winner of ISAR 2005. Members received their trophy at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 1st.*



■ *Halifax harbour hosted a SAR exercise on Friday, September 30th.*

ISAR 2005



■ CCGA members compete in the Chartwork event.



■ Lois Drummond, CCGA Maritimes - Treasurer, welcomed Denny Doherty, ISAR 2005's Honorary Chairman.



■ The FULMAR, a French patrol vessel from Saint-Pierre and Miquelon.

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

- 2005 International Search & Rescue Competition Champion - Team N° 12 - Team Canada
- 2005 ISAR Can-Am Championship Team - Team N° 15 (Jerry Norman, Dave Cotner, Kellei Bulmer, and Lee Frost)
- 2005 ISAR United States National Champion - Team N° 4 - 11th Southern. (David Cotner, David Esparza, and Bryan Wheeler)
- 2005 ISAR Canadian National Champion - Team N° 12 Team Canada

in action...



■ The Damage Control event at ISAR 2005, developed by the Canadian Navy, was well received and drew large crowds.



■ From left to right: Robert Petitpas, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - National CEO, USCG Rear Admiral David Pekoske and USCG Auxiliary - National Commodore Gene Seibert.



■ The USCG TAHOMA was present in Halifax for ISAR 2005.

View the complete list of ISAR Winning Teams at:
<http://teamcoastguard.org/2005/ISAR05/ISAR2005.htm>

Visit the ISAR Website at:
www.ccg-gcac.org/isar2005/english/home/index.asp



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

Vessel Donation Program

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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.



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- 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.
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The Human Element in Search and Rescue Explored at 2005 ILF Conference



Harry Strong, Past CEO of CCGA – National, attended the 2005 Intermediate Conference of the International Lifeboat Federation (ILF) in Poole, England on August 24-27, 2005.

The conference, titled *The Human Element in Search and Rescue Operations*, was convened with three aims in mind:

- To examine the challenges faced by personnel delivering search and rescue services;
- To identify how performance can be improved and optimised; and
- To decide how the ILF can help its members.

Delegates were asked to consider proposals developed since the 2003 Cape Town conference, where it was decided to reconstitute the ILF as a financially-independent charity by 2007.

Over the course of the three day conference, delegates attended lectures given by international experts on the human elements of SAR including Mr Brian Day, International Civil Aviation Organisation Secretariat (ICAO), Professor Mike Tipton, University of Portsmouth, Institute of Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences, UK and Dr David Anton, Consultant Occupational Physician, RNLI, UK.

Following is a list of papers presented by experts at the conference:

- *Human Factors In Life-Critical Operations;*
- *Physical And Mental Fitness For Search And Rescue;*
- *Medical Considerations In Selecting And Managing Personnel In Search And Rescue;*
- *Human Factors In For Safety In Disaster Preparedness, Planning And Response;*

- *Managing Human Competence In MRCC;*
- *Managing Human Competence In SAR Unit Operations – The RNLI Competence-Based Training System;*
- *A Common Standard Of Training For Maritime SAR Unit Coxswains, Mechanics And Crew Members; and*
- *Development Of IMO Model Courses For World Maritime University (WU).*

Delegates divided themselves into four groups to discuss ways to improve SAR operations in general and the ILF in particular.

The key findings from these four meetings included improvements and standardization of SAR operations with regard to:

- Training;
- Equipment;
- Quality control;
- Interagency cooperation; &
- Website;
- Consultancy;
- Interagency de-briefing;
- Lessons learned.

It was suggested that a fundraising conference or forum should be held either as part of the Gothenburg conference in 2007, or as a separate conference to enable ILF members to share fundraising ideas and best practices.

ILF members were advised that they would soon receive information regarding proposals on future funding and ILF member contributions necessary to allow the ILF to undertake a SAR role in the future.

The conference concluded with a thank you to the delegates for their active participation in making the conference so successful.

For more information, please visit the ILF website at:
www.international-lifeboat-federation.org ⚡

CCGA Regional Competitions

Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) competitions were held throughout the country, culminating at the ISAR competition in Halifax September 30th - October 1st, 2005. CCGA volunteers proved their mettle and prepared for the ISAR competition with numerous challenges designed to test their SAR knowledge and skills.



**CCGA - Quebec
Regional Competition**



CCGA - Central and Arctic Regional Competition



CCGA - Newfoundland and Labrador Regional Competition

Held Throughout the Country



The CCGA – Quebec regional SAR competition took place on August 27, in Lévis, Quebec.



The CCGA – Central and Arctic held a regional competition on August 6, 2005 in Penetanguishene, Ontario.



The CCGA – Newfoundland and Labrador competition was held in L'Anse-au-Loup, Labrador on September 24, 2005.

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Boom! Up She Went! Video Available to CCGA Members

Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety is making the *Boom! Up She Went!* video available to aid prevention of deadly boating accidents.

A six and a half minute video available in both official languages was produced to help boaters understand the hidden dangers of boating and boat construction. It is the true account of the 15 metre *STAMPEDER*, a vessel loaded with 200 litres of gasoline which completely disintegrated when it suddenly exploded. The owner of the vessel miraculously survived 3rd degree burns and a six-week coma and gives his own harrowing account of the disaster.



Sandra Inglis, Superintendent, Office of Boating Safety, attended SARSCENE 2005 in Halifax where she made a presentation on vessel construction standards.

Old car ignition parts may have been the culprit. Car parts are not designed with ignition protection and are therefore vulnerable to gas vapours. His use of inappropriate marine grade ignition components is not unique. How many unsuspecting bombs are out there?

The video reminds boaters, by example, to pay attention to Transport Canada's Vessel Construction Standards TP 1332 and to have their vessels examined by a certified Marine Technician or Marine Surveyor.

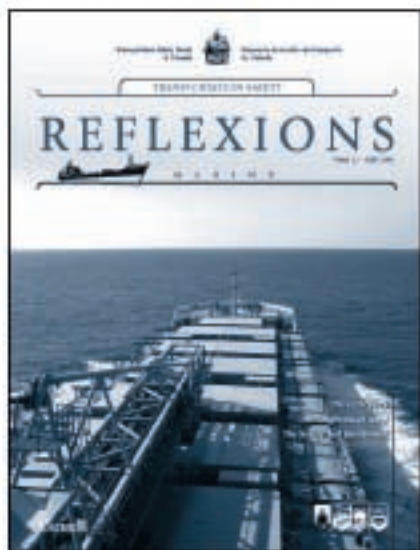
The *Boom! Up She Went!* video is available from the Office of Boating Safety and will be posted on the CCGA Web Site. ⚓

REFLEXIONS Magazine Features Lessons Learned on Marine Incidents

Marine safety is of utmost importance no matter the size of the vessel. The CCGA was founded on this basic principle and the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) also shares this ideal.

With every marine occurrence, the TSB creates and maintains detailed records of each event. Each accident is unique and complex, the result of a series of underlying causes and contributing factors.

For this reason, the TSB publishes *REFLEXIONS*, a safety digest providing feedback in the form of articles and recommendations to the transportation community on safety lessons learned from marine incidents.



Headlines from the July 2005 issue include: "The *Lady Duck*", "The Toughness of Steel" and "The Bridge and the *Windoc*." Featuring compre-

hensive overviews of what went wrong in each individual case, along with recommendations to prevent any recurrences, *REFLEXIONS* is a helpful guide to safe boating.

To increase the value of the safety material presented in *REFLEXIONS*, readers are encouraged to share it with others.

The CCGA will feature a link to *REFLEXIONS* for quick and easy download by its members in the publications' section of the national CCGA website.

REFLEXIONS is also available at the Transportation Safety Board Web Site at: www.tsb.gc.ca/en/publications/reflexions/marine/index.asp ⚓

Joe Murphy awarded Commissioner's Commendation

On November 8, 2005 Joe Murphy, was awarded the Commissioner's Commendation for his work with the Auxiliary and his outstanding contribution and leadership in making ISAR 2005 a resounding success.



■ *Joe Murphy, Coordinator, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, CCG Maritimes, was presented with a Commissioner Commendation.*

ISAR

Mr. Murphy was instrumental in the organization and management of ISAR 2005, the international competition between the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. As Event Coordinator Joe was ultimately responsible for ensuring ISAR 2005 was a success including organizing the competition itself, the opening and closing ceremonies, the competitor's briefings, the judges briefings, the Meet and Greet, the Friday Fun Night and the Awards banquet. As part of the ISAR Organizing Committee Joe was required to attend committee meetings and continually keep the ISAR Chairman and committee members up to date on all issues. Joe developed several new events and updated the ISAR Competitor's Handbook and rewrote the Judges Handbook which will both be used by future ISAR Event Coordinators. The management of the ISAR competition is an enormous workload that Joe diligently worked on for over a year. During his presentation of the Commissioner Commendation to Joe on behalf of acting Commissioner Kate Fawkes, Mr. Charles Gadula stated, "Your recent involvement in organizing and managing the International SAR Competition – ISAR 2005 is an example of your exemplary work, resulting in the enormous success of the international competition between the

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. You are known as a Coast Guard Officer who always delivers on his promises."

BACKGROUND

Mr. Murphy grew up in a Navy family and began his Coast Guard career in 1972 as an Officer Cadet at the Canadian Coast Guard College. He graduated in 1976 in the last class of the original 4-year program. From there, he sailed as an Engineering Officer aboard CCG vessels operating out of Maritimes Region.

In 1978 Joe came ashore and started working with the Search and Rescue Division in CCG Maritimes Region to establish a volunteer arm of the CCG, known then as the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary. Since then, he has continued to work with the Auxiliary (CCGA), pioneering new ground, such as the Auxiliary's first regional "Rescue Challenge", which, over time, has spread to all regions and formed the basis of the first annual International SAR Competition (ISAR) held every year for the past 6 years.

Since 1978, Joe has coordinated countless training sessions, exercises, meetings, competitions and other activities with the CCGA. In addition he has been a leader in determining SAR program requirements and helping the CCGA to implement these requirements through the establishment of new units and capabilities.

In addition to his co-ordination duties with the CCGA, Joe has worked on and led various other CCG initiatives over the years. This includes establishing the regional SAR Prevention Program, establishing and improving the Inshore Rescue Boat service, establishing lifeboat stations, divesting lighthouses, leading the Government Charitable Campaign on different occasions and organizing remembrance ceremonies for those who have passed away.

Outside the CCG, Joe is very active and well-respected in the community. When he was a Cadet in Cape Breton, he quickly grew roots with the community and not only married a local lady but also learned the local language, which led to him being a rare breed of "University Professor in Gaelic". He also is a talented singer who quite often breaks into song in any of the three "Cape Breton Official Languages," French, English and Gaelic. His two children Mary-Emma and Rory are students at St Mary's University.

Congratulations Joe! 🍷

Pukta Wows Kids, Teaches Boating Safety

Pukta, which means "to float" in Inuktitut, is the star of a new video on boating safety. The video was presented at SARSCENE 2005 by Harry Blackmore and Vaughn Bennett of the NL Search and Rescue Association (ground SAR), and Brian Avery of Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

The video was designed to capture the attention of children and featured animations, a classroom full of kids interacting with Pukta and a voiceover of the boating safety rules by a young girl.

Through participation with a group of kids, Pukta and members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Search and Rescue Association (N-L SARA) educated the kids on the importance of:

- Always wearing a life jacket in and around a boat;
- The difference between a life-jacket and a Personal Floatation Device;
- What to do in case of an emergency;
- What to bring in case of an emergency;
- First aid kits;
- The importance of having a bailer, flares, whistle, VHF radio;
- Never going boating without the proper safety gear on board;
- Always letting an adult know the time, destination and estimated time of return when going boating;
- Never overloading a boat with gear or people - "Float It, Don't Sink It";
- Never going boating in a storm;
- Listening to the radio, watching TV and talking to people on the phone to find out the weather before you go out;
- Always boating with a friend, especially with an adult;
- Not going too fast when boating;
- When it is ok to stand up in a boat;
- Huddling together in the water if the



■ *Bobbie and Pukta will help teach Boating Safety.*

boat sinks;

- The effects of hypothermia; and
- Dressing for the temperature of the water, not the air temperature; never wear cotton.

The Pukta video is available from the Office of Boating Safety in English, French and Inuktitut and will be available for viewing and downloading from the CCGA - National Web Site. ⚓

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