

CCGA Quebec AGM Honours Dedicated Auxiliarists

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the CCGA Quebec was held on March 18, 2006 in Longueuil, Quebec.

CCGA Awards were given in 3 categories: Administrative Excellence, Operational Merit and Long Service Medals. CCGA National CEO, Robert Petitpas, joined CCGA Quebec President Louis Arsenault in making the presentations.

M. Léopold Béchette was recognized for Administrative Excellence, having served in the CCGA since 1999 in many roles, including prevention offi-

cer, assistant to the Director, Public Education and Director of Prevention. In his role as Director, M. Béchette took part in many initiatives, including the "Motivaction" program, being a member of the review Committee for the Unit Leaders Handbook and being appointed a member of several committees by the Board of Directors. He was also a member of the review Committee for the French version of the SAR Crew Manual. He contributed to the launch of the 2005 Safe Boating Week in Quebec. M. Béchette also made his presence known as a representative of CCGA Quebec at many functions, gatherings and meetings.

M. Fernand Boily was presented with the national medal for Operational Merit based on his daring rescue of a kayaker caught in a difficult position in Port au Persil in June 2005. For more details on this story, please see the full article on page 3.

The recipients of the Long Service Medal for the calendar year 2005 were: Michel Bissonnette, Ghislain Arsenault, Doris Cauvier, Jean Charbonneau, Jeanne Drolet, Gaétan Frappier, Roger Lalonde, Raphael McInnes, Claudette Petitpas, Robert Petitpas, Ulric Roy and Michel Tremblay. ⚓



■ **Louis Arsenault, President, CCGA Quebec.**

«Our members are not only recognized for their knowledge as mariners, they are also recognized in a variety of skills that can be very useful to our organization. We should use that potential to the benefit of the Auxiliary. The current members of our Board have this responsibility to leave to the next generation of administrators an organization that is healthy and well focused.»



■ **Nancy Hurlburt, Director General, Maritime Services, CCG.**

«Your training, your expertise and your dedication, year after year, result in hundreds of lives saved. (...) Your professionalism is one of the best example of volunteerism I can think of.»



■ **Pierre Rouleau, Director, Maritime Services, CCG Quebec.**

«Over all these years, the partnership between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard has become so important that it would be unthinkable today to try and develop a SAR program without the contribution of your volunteer rescuers.»



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

Vessel Donation Program

You've enjoyed boating or fishing for many years but the time has now come to enjoy life from ashore. Like a true and reliable friend, your vessel has provided countless days of unforgettable adventure and great times for you, your friends and family members.

The legacy can live on and your vessel can fulfill yet another important mission: Help the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) in saving more lives on the water.

Donating your vessel to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is a quick and easy procedure. Once you have decided to transfer ownership to the CCGA, we look after the costs of moorage and transportation. Of course, there is more: As a Registered Charity (87029 8494 RR 0001), the Auxiliary will issue you a tax receipt for fair market value which allows you to claim a deduction on your tax returns.

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

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

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



How to proceed:

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

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

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

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Bobbie the Safety Boat Goes National; Wows Kids, Raises Awareness

Canadians, warming with the weather, cannot wait to go boating. Their kids are ready to go, too, excited to hit the lake, jump in the water and go on fishing trips with their families.

Luckily, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has been preparing for this, developing a marine safety awareness program for children in the form of Bobbie the Safety Boat, an animatronic remote-controlled robot which has successfully captured the imaginations of children through a CCGA - Pacific project.

Bobbie the Safety Boat now has a history of generating overwhelmingly positive feedback from its target audience, both through the CCGA - Pacific project, and an appearance at ISAR 2005 in Halifax, Nova Scotia in September. With funding from the New SAR Initiatives Fund (NIF), Bobbie is ready to be implemented throughout Canada.

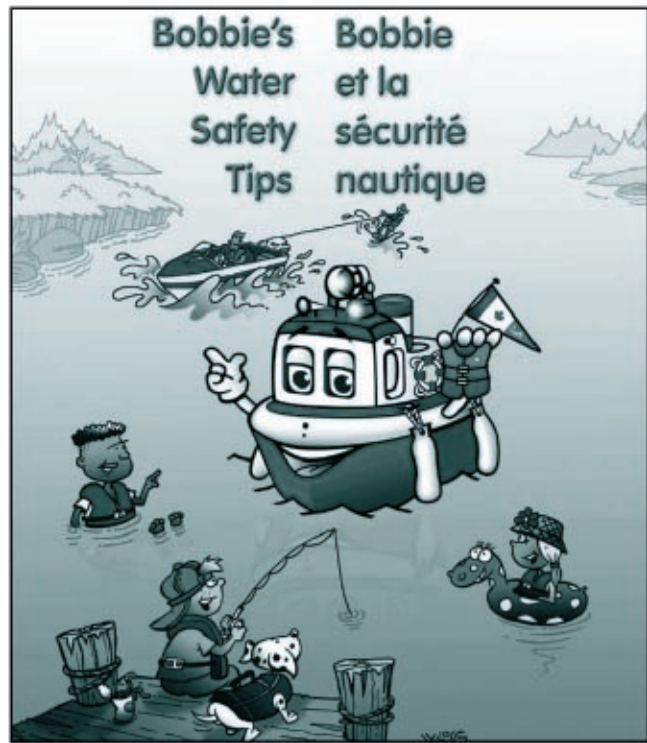
Eight Bobbie units and trailers have been purchased for distribution throughout each of the CCGA regions. An activity book has been published to leave a lasting message with kids, while CCGA volunteers can look forward to receiving training videos and attending training sessions in their regions to help them understand how to promote the safety message to kids. Finally, an official « Bobbie the Safety Boat » song has been developed and recorded.

There is more to come. In the coming months, Bobbie and his friends will have a dedicated web site where kids will find games and Boating Safety Tips. Bobbie's operators will be able to download useful material such as the operator manual, lesson plans, an MP3 version of Bobbie's song, etc.

With four to six months of prime boating weather coming, it's a safe bet Bobbie will make a positive impact on safety awareness for children. ⚓



■ Trailers have been designed to take Bobbie to different areas.



■ "Bobbie's Water and Safety Tips" has been developed as part of the Bobbie project.



■ Bobbie training sessions were offered to CCGA members in Central & Arctic, Quebec, Maritimes and Newfoundland regions.

CCGA Newfoundland Produces Safety Stickers

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Newfoundland has produced Safety Stickers on the use and maintenance of Immersion Suits and Life Raft Safety.

Both stickers have been designed for maximum eye-catching effect, featuring diagrams, pictures and easy-to-read bulleted safety tips.

The Immersion Suits sticker describes the basic Maintenance, Storage and Donning techniques for the care and use of immersion suits, while the Life Raft Safety sticker describes the Precautions and Installation techniques involved in operating life rafts.

CCGA NL members are encouraged to contact the CCGA NL Office in St. John's for copies of the safety stickers. ⚓

IMMERSION SUITS

BENEFITS

- Provides thermal protection.
- Highly visible and buoyant.
- Keeps you dry.

Practice periodically

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DONNING

- Remove from protective bag.
- Roll suit on deck and sit on it.
- Insert legs, then stand, insert arms.
- Pull up zipper, put flap over face.
- Put on gloves.
- Fasten all 15 zippers.
- Inflate air pillow when in water.

MAINTENANCE

- Visual periodic examination for signs of wear.
- Lubricate zippers with bees wax or paraffin.
- Check expiry on light.
- If used, rinse in fresh water.
- Allow to dry before storage, away from direct heat and sunlight.

STORAGE

- Lay flat, zipper fully open.
- Roll from feet to head.
- Fold arms over, place in bag.
- Store in cool/dry place.
- Empty reservoir.

The captain and crew of the fishing vessel Atlantic Star know first hand the importance of being familiar with your safety equipment. A damaged immersion suit will greatly reduce the deadly effects of cold water immersion.

Captain Trevor Short, "We practise donning our suits on a regular basis to make sure we know how to use them in an emergency situation. The suits were always kept close at hand. We don't know where we would be today had we not had these suits on board and the knowledge of how to use them".

BE PREPARED!

- Captain Trevor Short,
Newfoundland Price

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LIFE RAFT SAFETY

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not expose raft to point, exhaust smoke, sparks, or heavy seas.
- Do not secure raft by any other means than what was provided by the manufacturer.
- Do not install the raft vertically as the gas cylinder inside will fall to the bottom and deflate the fabric.

How the life raft inflated and re-secured according to requirements and instructions of the manufacturer:

INSTALLATION

- Install life rafts where they can be easily launched, and ensure they will float clear if the ship sinks before launching!
- Install in a cradle or shaped bed.
- Secure with the serviceable sly and weak link or hydrostatic release.
- Secure pointer to a strong point on the vessel, or to the base of the hydrostatic release.

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■ Two safety stickers were produced by the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Get a "Check", not a Rescue!

The Office of Boating Safety in the Ontario region has been working with CCGA C&A and the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in order to publish a leaflet to promote the Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Program (PCCC). The leaflets are distributed in the region and invite pleasure boaters to request a PCCC for their boat.

Service Canada

1 800 0-Canada | servicecanada.gc.ca

Attention Boat Owners

Starting April 2006, you can apply for a Pleasure Craft Licence at any Service Canada Centre across the country. For the location nearest you, visit servicecanada.gc.ca or call 1 800 0-Canada.

Canada Border Services Agency will no longer be issuing licences after April 1, 2006.

All owners of pleasure craft (recreational boats) 15 gross tonnes or under (12m or less) that are equipped with a motor of 10 hp (7.5 kW) or more need to have a Pleasure Craft Licence. This allows for each boat to have its own number and assist search and rescue personnel and other agencies in identifying individual boats, especially in an emergency.

Transport Canada is the federal government department responsible for overseeing boating safety. For more information about the Pleasure Craft Licence or boating safety in general, call the Safe Boating line at 1 800 267-6687 or visit boatingsafety.gc.ca.

PLEASURE CRAFT COURTESY
Free CHECKS
FOR YOUR RECREATIONAL BOAT

Get a "Check", not a Rescue!

A Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) of your boat's safety equipment may not only save you money but also make all the difference to your boating season.

Your PCCC is provided free of charge by Boating Safety Specialists of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons, two of the nation's premier volunteer boating safety organizations.

Your Boating Safety Specialist (accredited by Transport Canada) will assist you in determining if your vessel meets the minimum legal boating safety requirements as well as provide advice on additional safety considerations.

Upon completion of the Courtesy Check, you will receive a written review of the safety items on your boat and recommended improvements (if any) that will help you prepare your boat for the season. If your boat meets the minimum legal requirements, a PCCC decal is provided.

Take the time to request a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check today. You may not only save yourself an expensive ticket but also make for a safe and enjoyable season this year.

Request your PCCC on-line today at
www.ccg-a.ca.com

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This program is provided as a courtesy of Transport Canada and the information you provide is not used for enforcement. Data collected from courtesy checks helps Transport Canada to pro-actively identify trends in boating safety.

Leaders Wanted!



■ *Gene Seibert, National Commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.*

This is an excerpt from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary "On Course" newsletter of February 2006.

By Commodore Gene Seibert, National Commodore

As a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, you have an important vote. Electing our local leaders may not be as exciting as participating in the Auxiliary programs that you are passionate about, but Auxiliary elections are *one of the most critical duties you will perform as Auxiliary members.*

Many of our members have not had the opportunity to explore how the Auxiliary election process works, from top to bottom. However, most of us do understand how our own local units (flotillas and divisions) elect our leaders. Consider voting for those who have real competencies of leadership and management; those who are both risk managers and risk takers, yet put people first in all they do.



The Auxiliary environment has changed dramatically since September 11, 2001. A shift of this magnitude occurs when a series of dramatic events impact so heavily upon an organization that it cannot continue to operate in the same way and expect to achieve its goals.

In today's Auxiliary, there is simply no room for leader candidates who want to pursue business as usual. We should not elect someone to a leadership position just because it's their turn to serve. The leaders we elect today must be ready, willing and able to dig deep and push hard. We cannot afford a leader who is only willing to operate as a figurehead.

The new generation of leaders must bring fresh emphasis to the importance of the planning and the sustainability of Auxiliary operational readiness, balanced with Recreational Boating Safety missions.

More than ever, we need to provide our organization with a depth and breadth of operational, personal, team and strategic leadership that is critical to our sustained success in the immediate and the long term.

A visionary leader sets goals, looks ahead and sees the challenges ahead of us. A visionary leader plans today for the challenges of tomorrow. Such leaders are proactive rather than reactive. A visionary leader doesn't accept the status-quo as unchangeable.

1. A leader must be able to effectively communicate ideas, values, visions, and goals.
2. Successful leaders don't accept any problem as unsolvable, always maintaining a situational awareness that enables them to think fast on their feet.
3. Leaders who are optimistic always see what can be done, instead of focusing on the roadblocks to progress.
4. Successful leaders surround themselves with people who take their work seriously, but not themselves.
5. Leaders are willing to make the tough decisions, tempered with empathy and consideration.

Whether considering a candidate for flotilla commander, division captain or any of the elected leadership, begin looking at potential leaders now. When you do choose, please choose carefully and wisely. ⚓

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A Roadmap to the CCGA National Web Site

Site Map



You are looking for something but don't know how or where to find it.

Since its beginning in 2001, the CCGA National Web Site has developed its content and now includes thousands of pages and thousands of multimedia files that can be downloaded. The site features a vast archive section with several publications, videos and images related to the CCGA and Marine Search and Rescue in general.

One of the easy methods to find your way in the site is to look at the Site Map section where you will find a listing of all sections. Click on any of the section that catches your interest and you'll be there instantly. The Site Map is available at http://www.ccg-gcac.org/sitemap/sitemap_e.asp or by clicking on the appropriate button on the top right corner of our web pages.

Another way to search our site is to use the Search Tool also on the top right corner of our web pages. You can use any keyword and the search tool will tell you where to find it on our site. ↴



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

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

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

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

As a regular water user, you never know when you might need the assistance of a Coast Guard Auxiliary crew - dedicated professionals who are



always on call. If the worst should happen, your contribution will help ensure they'll be there.

You can help the CCGA save more lives. Purchase our Calendar, or join as an Associate Member by making a **tax-deductible** contribution today and start saving lives with us. Each donor also gets a free subscription to our national Search and Rescue newsletter "The Auxiliarist".



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