Message of the CEO

Mr. John Adams
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Dear John:

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 made 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're 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 on pleasure crafts. 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

CCGA National

Robert Petitpas, CEO

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.
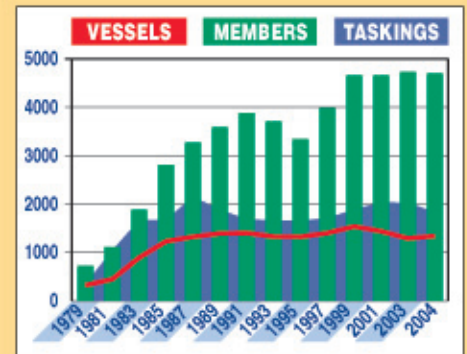
November

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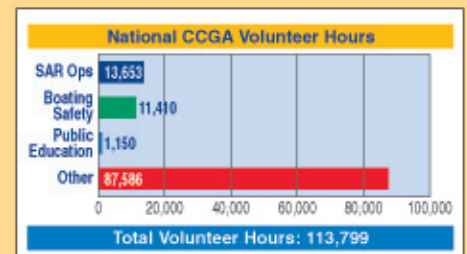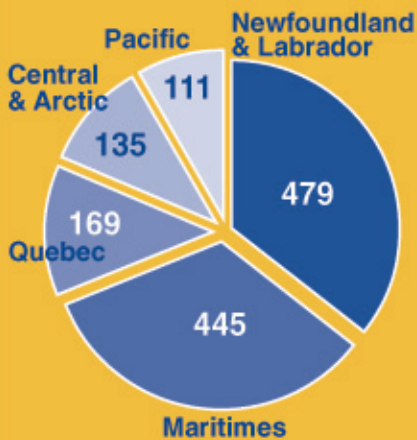

The CCGA-N currently has 4,704 members and 1,339 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliary vessels were tasked 1,831 times to assist mariners involved in 1,676 SAR incidents.

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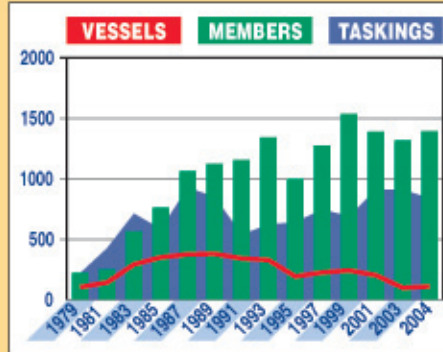
CCGA Vessels 2004

Pie chart showing vessels by region:
- Newfoundland & Labrador: 479
- Maritimes: 445
- Quebec: 169
- Central & Arctic: 135
- Pacific: 111

CCGA Membership 2004

Pie chart showing membership by region:
- Pacific: 1,393
- Newfoundland & Labrador: 969
- Central & Arctic: 932
- Maritimes: 745
- Quebec: 665

CCGA Taskings 2004

Pie chart showing taskings by region:
- Pacific: 835
- Quebec: 400
- Central & Arctic: 242
- Maritimes: 214
- Newfoundland & Labrador: 140

CCGA Pacific

Malcolm Dunderdale, President
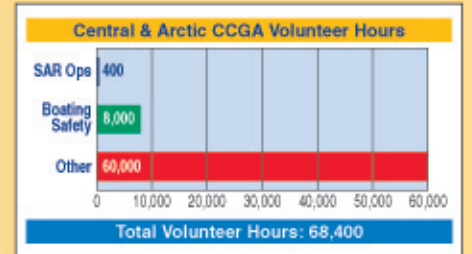
Chart (VESSELS, MEMBERS, TASKINGS) 1979–2004

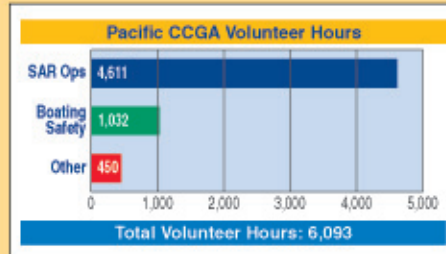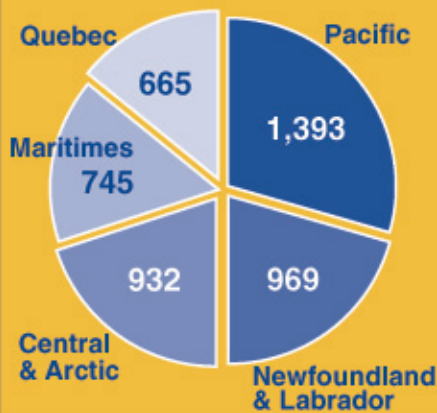CCGA Pacific currently has 1,393 members and 111 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 835 times to 738 SAR incidents.

Pacific CCGA Volunteer Hours
- SAR Ops: 4,511
- Boating Safety: 1,032
- Other: 450

Total Volunteer Hours: 6,093

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

CCGA Central & Arctic

Jack Kruger, President

Chart (VESSELS, MEMBERS, TASKINGS) 1979–2004

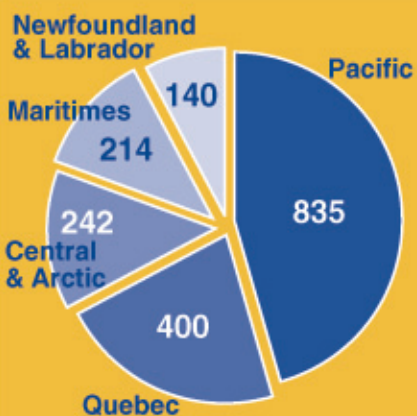CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 932 members and 135 enrolled vessels. In 2004, Auxiliarists were tasked 242 times to 216 SAR incidents.

Central & Arctic CCGA Volunteer Hours
- SAR Ops: 400
- Boating Safety: 8,000
- Other: 60,000

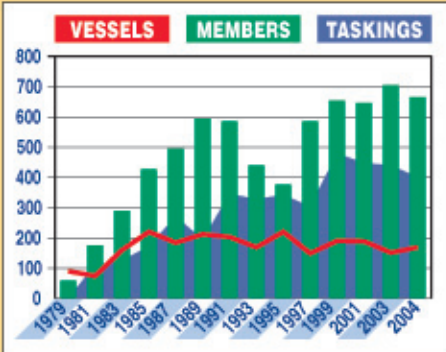**Total Volunteer Hours: 68,400**

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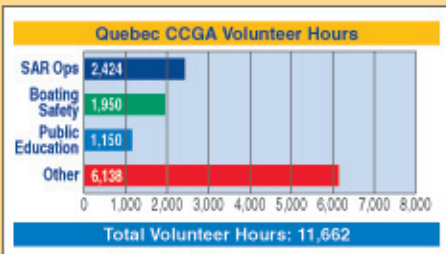
CCGA Quebec

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.

Quebec CCGA Volunteer Hours

SAR Ops 2,424
Boating Safety 1,950
Public Education 1,150
Other 6,138

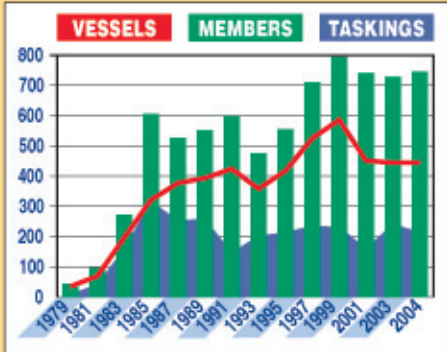Total Volunteer Hours: 11,662

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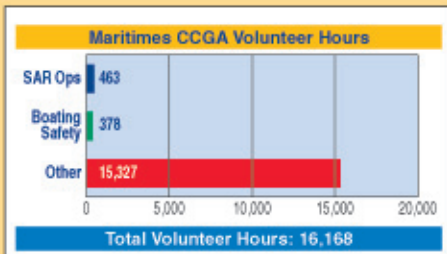
CCGA Maritimes

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.

Maritimes CCGA Volunteer Hours

SAR Ops 463
Boating Safety 378
Other 15,327
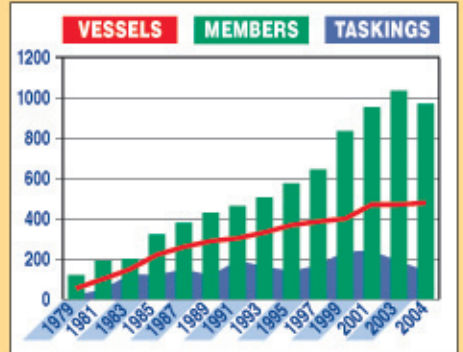
Total Volunteer Hours: 16,168

Auxiliarists participated in 9 training exercises and 21 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They also conducted 135 courtesy checks on pleasure crafts.
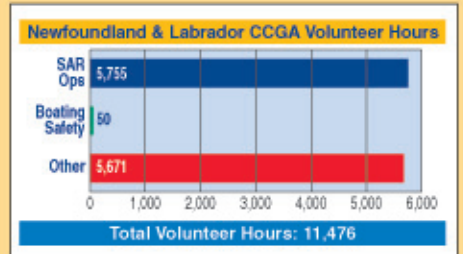
CCGA Newfoundland & Labrador

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.

Newfoundland & Labrador CCGA Volunteer Hours

SAR Ops 5,755
Boating Safety 50
Other 5,671

Total Volunteer Hours: 11,476

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

Auxiliarists participated in 11 training exercises.

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