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Final Report

The time has come for me to present my final report since I have reached the end of my term as President and Chair of CCGA National Inc.

The last four years have led to significant progress in providing support to our 4200 volunteer members and to modernize our operational methods.

In concrete terms, the following achievements will certainly enable us to better meet the ever changing requirements to fulfill our mission:

- Expanding the SAR Management System (SMS) in two additional regions; a third region will also join shortly;
- Obtaining funding and implementing several NIF projects;
- Collaborating to the Joint CCG-CCGA Review of our training programs;
- Developing an autonomous, Boating Safety Program;
- Supporting training of National Council members on the principles of good governance;
- Adopting unanimously a new Vision and Values Statement.

In addition, we have undertaken new initiatives which will benefit our organization for years to come:



■ *Malcolm Dunderdale,*

- An analysis and evaluation of the CCGA operational risks;
- A revision of our by-laws and regulations;

These initiatives complement existing programs that have demonstrated their usefulness:

- A National Web site that is dynamic, updated regularly and which provides excellent visibility to the Auxiliary;
- A recognition program that presented more than 372 rewards to auxiliarists over the last four years;
- Videos and publications to train our members that have received over 30 awards of excellence since 2006.

Of course, many challenges remain. My successor, Ted Smith, will begin his term with an important file to deal with: the

start of negotiations for the renewal of the Contribution Agreement with the Coast Guard.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the National Council and Committees who have worked together to support the important mission of the CCGA. I would also like to say goodbye to our Business Manager, Francois Vézina, who will soon leave his position after more than 12 years of valuable service with the CCGA.

Malcolm Dunderdale

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CCGA Adopt a New Vision and Values Statement

Last October, during a meeting of the National Board of Directors the CCGA adopted a new Vision and Values Statement which will be a common denominator to all CCGA Regional Corporations across Canada. The new statement was unanimously adopted.

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary saves life on water

Vision

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary aspires to become the premier volunteer water rescue and safety organisation by:

- Striving to save all lives at risk;
- Educating water-users about safe practices;
- Sustaining a Canada-wide service in partnership with the Coast Guard and other agencies.

Values

In all we do or say, we will:

- Celebrate the courage, dedication and humanity of our volunteer crew members;
- Seek the highest standards of professionalism;
- Sustain our voluntary fellowship;
- Maintain our independence;
- Gain the awareness and support of the public;
- Encourage open and honest communications at all levels;
- Promote teamwork, both amongst ourselves, and with our mission partners. ⚓

One Step Two Step

Why Transport Canada's Blanket Adoption of the IMO *Life-Saving Appliance Code* for Survival Suits Will Lead to Further Marine Fatalities

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Over the last 5 years our knowledge of the effectiveness, and ineffectiveness, of marine abandonment immersion (survival) suits has grown faster than in any other country. Touted to be the best in the world, we have learned through several recent studies that Canada's standard for the design and performance of immersion suits (CGSB 65.16-2005) is fundamentally flawed because, rather than testing suits in realistic conditions, they are tested and certified based on their performance in a "calm pool". *"Had the immersion suits not been full of seawater and thus unable to provide sufficient amount of thermal protection, the suits should have sustained them until long after the SAR units arrived on scene"*, is a statement common to too many search and recovery missions in recent years [source: DND report on *Checkmate III* sinking, 2009].

Despite the knowledge that our current standard for immersion suits does not reliably predict the amount of water ingress to an immersion suit in realistic conditions, Transport Canada now proposes to adopt a similarly flawed international standard, as part of its mandate to align our marine safety laws with the international community. This standard is the International Marine Organization's ("IMO") *Life Saving Appliance Code* ("LSA Code"), which includes requirements for immersion suits. Be it a move motivated by political direction, regulatory uniformity, or administrative convenience, it is incumbent on Transport Canada, given the knowledge it now has and its mandate to encourage safety in the marine industry, to adopt the LSA Code only if buttressed by a new Canadian standard that requires immersion suits be tested to perform in realistic sea conditions.

One Step Forward: Knowledge that the Standard is Flawed

For many years, we did not have the technology to design, build and test immersion suits to perform in realistic sea con-

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ditions. The current Canadian Standard (CGSB 65.16-2005) and its earlier versions avoided testing human subjects in realistic sea conditions out of concern for test-subject safety, and because wind-wave pool technology was not available or affordable. Mathematical models were applied to determine whether a suit would keep the wearer sufficiently warm, but these models were built on gross underestimates of how much water could enter the suit, particularly around the face seal. The result was that while a suit was approved for use because it prevented a core body temperature drop of more than 2°C over 6 hours in a 0°- 2°C swimming pool, this performance rarely held out when the vessel sank at sea.

However, since accidents like the *Hope Bay* (Queen Charlotte Sound, B.C. 2003) the *Checkmate III* (Trinity Bay, Nfld. 2008) resulted in deaths well within the expected survival time of mariners using approved immersion suits, Transport Canada has received advice on several levels that the standard was flawed. In the first example, the Transportation Safety Board, in reporting their findings (2004) on risks in the sinking of the *Hope Bay*, stated: “*as the swim test used for testing immersion suits has never been validated against realistic weather and sea conditions, suit performance may be inadequate in conditions normally encountered*”.

Following on this advice the federal government undertook several studies to gauge the validity of the water ingress measured in the standard (CGSB 65.16-2005). One study (CORD Group, 2009) noted “*the method used in Canada to evaluate the thermal protection offered by immersion suits currently involves measuring the amount of water that enters the suit system on 11 subjects after a minimum 4.5m jump into a calm pool followed by a 60 minute swim [on their backs]*”. The CORD study utilized a wind and wave pool designed to replicate realistic abandonment conditions, and found that traditional face-sealing immersion suits allowed more than twice the ingress the current standard predicted. The report concluded by recommending to Transport Canada that “a new water ingress test method be developed that will reflect the water ingress challenges presented by environmental factors [wave, wind and spray].

A second series of studies was conducted by another respected research entity, the National Research Council of Canada (Power et al, 2010). This study concluded “*testing the ther-*

mal protective properties of immersion suits and people in calm water pools will not provide accurate assessments of their performance in real world scenarios”. The National Research Council recommended shifting the testing standards away from prescribing how the suit is to be constructed and tested, to how the suit is to perform, with an emphasis on the effect of wind and waves and estimated rescue times. The Council recommended standard wording such as “*the suit must prevent a 2°C drop in deep body temperature in conditions representative of the area of operation for the amount of time it would take search and rescue to respond*”.

Two Steps Back: Ignoring Expert Advice, and Refusing to Change

Despite the knowledge acquired from several credible and qualified experts, Transport Canada proposes to phase out, rather than correct, the current Canadian standard (CGSB 65.16-2005), and to adopt the LSA Code provisions on immersion suits, which provide no consideration for environmental factors like wind and waves. The LSA Code sets out many requirements for immersion suits similar to the Canadian standard (such as the suit must cover the entire body, be fire resistant, donnable within two minutes, have a light and whistle, and certain buoyancy characteristics). The LSA Code, however, divides immersion suits into two categories: those with inherent buoyancy, and those without inherent buoyancy that require the use of a lifejacket. In both cases though, the LSA Code provides that the thermal effectiveness of the suit need only be tested following one jump into the water from a height of 4.5 m, and either one hour or six hours in “calm circulating water” depending on whether the suit has inherent buoyancy or not. No account is given in the LSA Code for the effects that waves, wind and spray, and the resulting water ingress, will have on the performance of the suit. Whether under the current Canadian standard, or by adopting the LSA Code, it appears that Transport Canada will continue to certify (and require the use of) immersion suits that studies have shown do not maintain the required thermal effectiveness when used in realistic conditions.

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A Solution: A Made in Canada Modification to the LSA Code?

There have been many meetings attended and documents written on immersion suit safety in the last 5 years where Transport Canada has responded to criticism of our immersion suit standard by saying: "but it is the best standard in the world!". While this may be correct, and while it reinforces why Transport Canada should not simply phase the Canadian standard out in favour of one they admit is less safe (the LSA Code), we will always be "the best" if we measure ourselves against mediocre standards. Being the best does not count, when the best is not reasonably safe.

If Transport Canada is to adopt the LSA Code, I would strongly urge they not do so without a Canadian modification that requires immersion suits be tested to perform in realistic sea conditions, and not simply in "calm circulating water". A recent Supreme Court ruling in British Columbia (*More v. Bauer and CSA* - October 1, 2010) found a duty of care (in negligence) between an agency responsible for standardizing and certifying the design and performance of safety equipment, and the end-user of that equipment that was injured as a result of an inadequate standard. The Court's recognition of such a duty and the requirement that a safety standard be reasonably safe, makes possible an action against Transport Canada for continuing to certify immersion suits against a standard it is aware in unsafe. Given Transport Canada's apparent mandate to adopt the LSA Code and ignore the advice that an immersion suit standard must account for environmental factors, such a law suit may, unfortunately, be the only way to encourage change in Ottawa. Let us hope not.

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CCGA Elects New National President

Ted Smith was elected President of CCGA National Inc. during the National Council meeting held in Moncton on March 3. He officially took office on April 1. He succeeded Malcolm Dunderdale who held the position since June 2006. Frank McLaughlin was elected Vice-President, Winston Pitcher, Secretary and Randy Strandt, Treasurer.



■ Deputy Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard Quebec region, Marc Démonceaux, congratulated Ted Smith, who completed his term as President of CCGA (Q) on March 31st.

CCGA-Quebec has a new President

Léopold Béchette was elected President of CCGA Québec. The election took place during the Annual General Meeting held in Quebec City on February 19. The AGM also confirmed Mr. Marc Lestage to the position of Secretary / Treasurer.



■ From left to right: Ted Smith and Louis Arsenault congratulate the new President of CCGA Québec Léopold Béchette.

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Line for a Royal Gift

Prince William and Kate Middleton requested charitable gifts in lieu of wedding presents, seeking to pre-empt the tide of extravagant - and unusual - offerings that typically flood in for a royal engagement.

The palace said the couple was "touched by the goodwill shown them," and selected 26 charities in Britain, New Zealand, Canada and Australia to benefit from a special charity gift fund. The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary has been selected amongst the recipients.



■ Prince William and Miss Kate Middleton.

"They are charities that have a particular resonance with Prince William and Miss Middleton and reflect issues in which the couple have been particularly interested in their lives to date," Clarence House said in a statement.

To make a donation, you can visit the web site of Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton Charitable Gift Fund at:

<http://www.royalweddingcharity-fund.org/index.php>.

CCGA Wins 2010 MarCom, Aegis, DV Awards

“Fire on Board” a short documentary produced by the CCGA National Office in collaboration with CCGA-Maritimes has won a Platinum MarCom Award, an Aegis Finalist Award, a DV Award and a Platinum Ava Award.



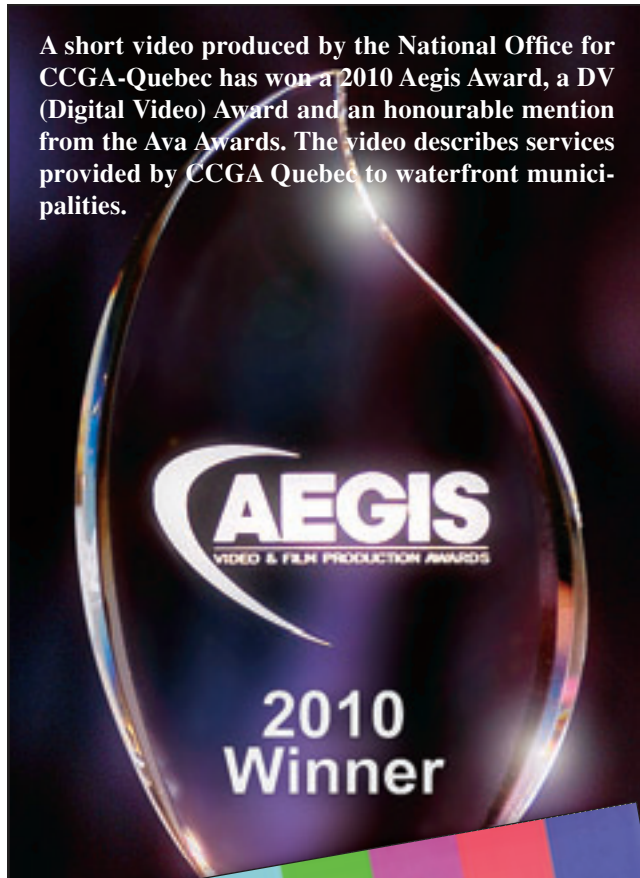
DV and Ava Awards

“Man Overboard” another short documentary produced by the CCGA National Office in collaboration with CCGA-Newfoundland and Labrador has won a Gold MarCom Award, a Gold Ava Award and a DV Finalist Award.



CCGA Wins 2010 MarCom, Aegis, DV

A short video produced by the National Office for CCGA-Quebec has won a 2010 Aegis Award, a DV (Digital Video) Award and an honourable mention from the Ava Awards. The video describes services provided by CCGA Quebec to waterfront municipalities.



and Ava Awards

The MarCom Awards

The MarCom Competition recognizes outstanding creative achievement by marketing and communication professionals. There were almost 5,000 entries from throughout the United States, Canada and several other countries in the 2010 competition. About 15% of the entries won the Platinum Award, the organization's top honour.

The Aegis Awards

Now in its 21st year, the Aegis Awards has established itself as a leading competition for professional video and film makers. The mission of the Aegis Awards competition is to provide a forum to recognize the people and organizations responsible for developing some of the most effective video/film productions being produced today.

The DV Awards

The DV Awards is a new international competition celebrating outstanding creative and technical achievements in the emerging world of digital video production. All works are graded on various items including creativity, technical merit and execution of ideas. Entries are judged on their own merits within the standards of their respective category.

The Ava International Awards

The Ava International Awards competition recognizes outstanding achievement by creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, direction, shooting, and editing of audio-visual materials and programs. There were over 1,700 entries from throughout the United States, Canada and several other countries in the 2010 competition. About 12% of the entries won the Platinum Award, the organization's top honour.

The videos are available from the CCGA National Web Site. [↕](#)

CCGA Obtains \$887,000.00 for New SAR Initiatives

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary will receive \$887,000.00 from the National Search and Rescue Secretariat over a two-year period. The funding will allow the Auxiliary to realize two important projects:

CCGA Training Equipment (\$552,000.00)

This NIF proposal includes equipment such as Water Rescue Manikins, Pocket CPR Units, CPR Face Masks and Defibrillators.

The CCGA is also looking at equipping some of its units with Class B Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) for SAR purpose. These systems will help JRCC to locate CCGA units and allow Rescue Centers to easily identify and task units nearest to the incident.

Search and Rescue Learning System (\$335,000.00)

The Search and Rescue Learning System will allow the CCGA to design and implement an online training system for the volunteers of all CCGA regions across Canada.

The system will allow individual volunteers or groups of volunteers to work through a comprehensive online system of modules and interactive tutorials on the Internet, or through local installation where internet is not available. [↕](#)



CCGA Quebec Promotional Video is on line

A promotional video produced by the National Office for CCGA-Quebec has been presented with a 2010 Aegis Award and a DV Award. The video describes how the Auxiliary can provide SAR coverage for municipalities in Quebec.

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The video is available on the CCGA National Web Site. [↕](#)

National Web Site

Use the Site Map to Find your Way.

Since it was launched ten years ago, the CCGA National Web has changed, evolved, expanded and developed itself into a more complete and... more complex source of information for CCGA members. To make your life easier and obtain the information you are looking for, you can use this Quick Reference Map.

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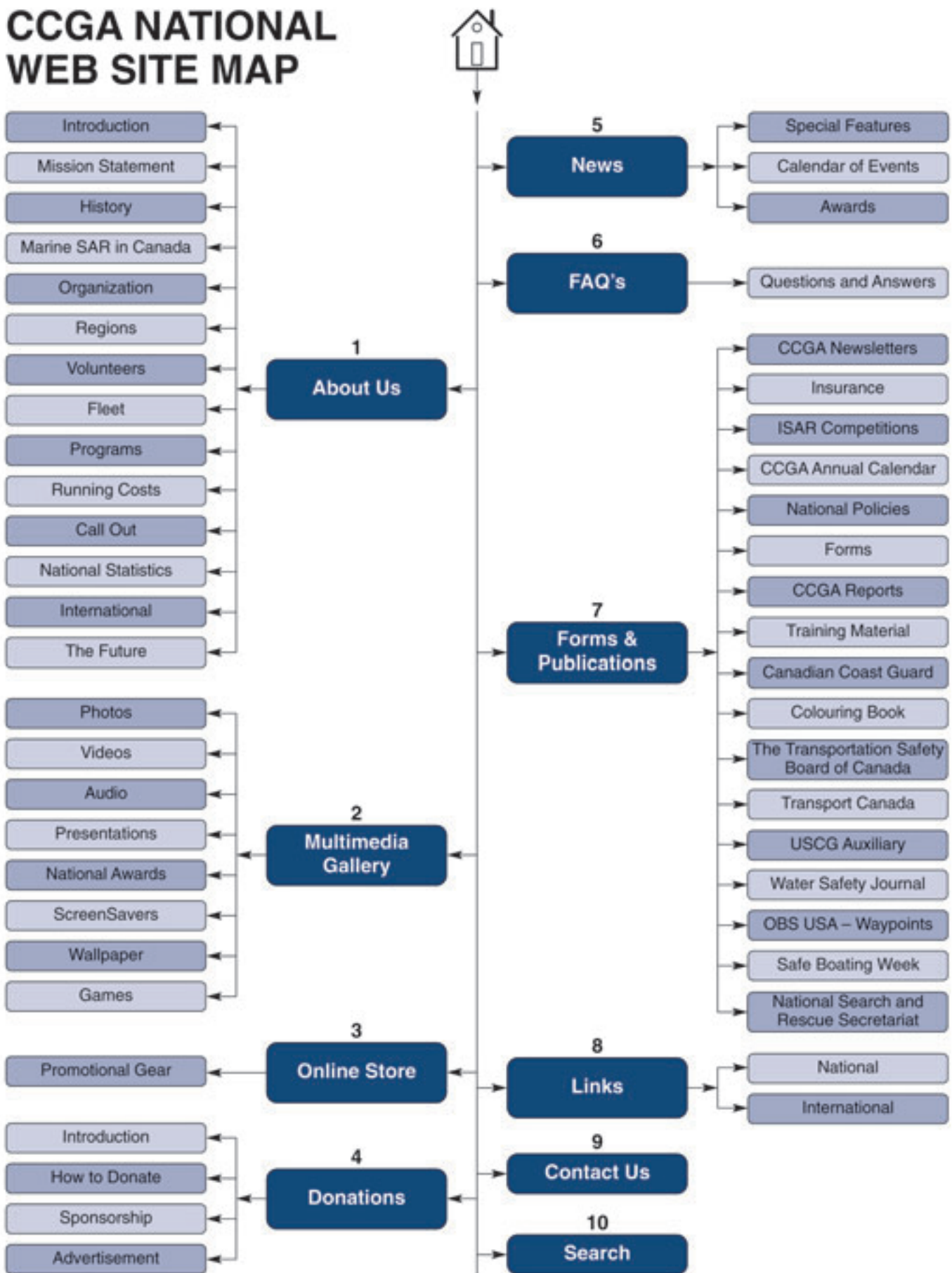
A New Edition of the SAR Crew Manual is Available

A new version of the SAR Crew Manual has been printed and is available for CCGA members. The manual has been revised by a Committee which recommended over 300 amendments to the previous version. Committee members were: Dan Robinson, Don Limoges and Duff Dwyer. To obtain a copy of the new SAR crew Manual, please contact your CCGA regional office.

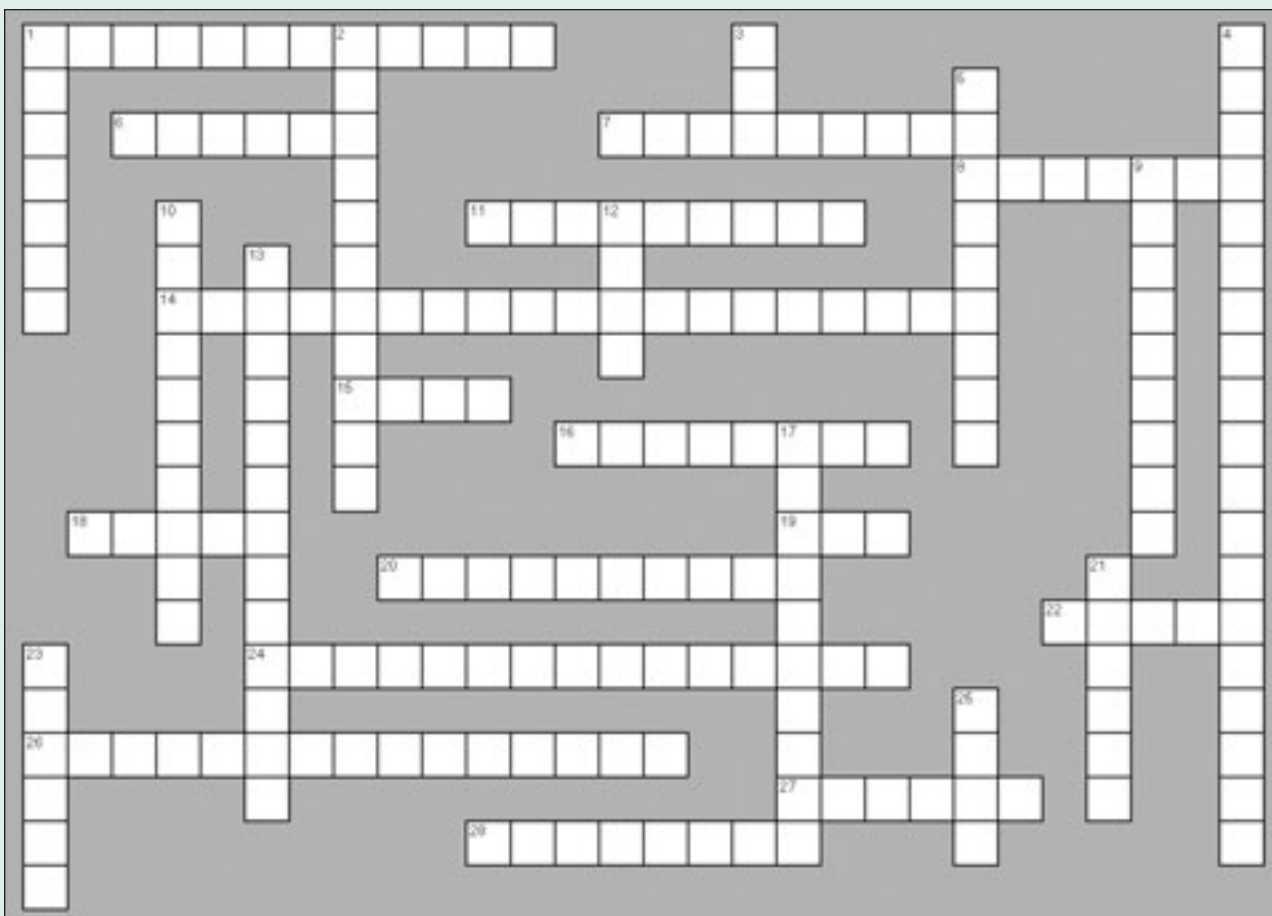
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CCGA NATIONAL WEB SITE MAP



Test your Marine SAR Terminology



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ACROSS

- 1 A distress signal
 6 A formatted message
 7 Vertical Lines
 8 _____ moves objects at the same speed
 11 A vessel in good state of repair
 14 Four (4) Lats. & Longs. = (3 wds.)
 15 Used in non-distress situations.
 16 Line Provides uniform coverage (2 wds.)
 18 Scan - Stop -
 19 Restricted visibility

- 20 Night vision characteristic
 22 _____ result of current & wind effects
 24 w/s (2-wds.)
 26 Colourless and odourless (2 wds.)
 27 Wind produces - - - - - DRIFT
 28 Horizontal lines

DOWN

- 1 Main function is SAR
 2 Cold
 3 Nautical records
 4 Major & Minor Axis = (3 wds.)
 5 CCGA Griffon

- 9 _____ Square
 10 Drift is the _____ of wind Direction
 12 Reduces Sweep Width
 13 Adjacent tracks = (2 wds.)
 17 PFD
 21 Before towing
 23 When datum is known
 25 Survival Kit

Solution: See page 15...

Outstanding Auxiliarists Desserve Proper Recognition



There is no better way to recognize the good work of a CCGA volunteer than to nominate him/her for one of the CCGA National Awards. Recognition by your peers shows that your work and dedication do not go unnoticed. If you know a member of the Auxiliary who should be recognized, please fill the nomination form and send it to your regional CCGA office. The National Awards Committee meets regularly to review nominations. The criteria for all CCGA awards are available on the CCGA National Web Site at:

http://www.ccg-gcac.org/publications/awardpro_e.pdf

National Awards Program

Nomination Form • Page 1

Candidate / Group			
Full Name			
Home Address			
Phone		Fax	
Profession / Occupation			
Business Address			
Phone		Fax	
Date of Birth			
Unit Number			
CCGA Rank			
Recommended Award:			

IMPORTANT

Please identify the recommended award and reason(s) for the nomination on a separate page or in a covering letter. At minimum, a "Summary of action or service" must address the following questions:

- What was the specific act/service performed?
- Where and when did the action/service happen?
- What was the value of the member's contribution?

Also include an up-to-date résumé or biographical outline of the nominee(s) including: professional activities/occupations with responsibilities and time frames; date(s) of active participation in the CCGA; all official CCGA honours/awards previously earned. Also include any other related information that may be useful (newspaper clippings, statements from those assisted, letters, etc.).

National Awards Program

Nomination Form • Page 2

Nominator

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:	
Signature:			Date:

The names of three persons who might support this nomination and who are familiar with the nominee's achievements must be provided. It is preferable that these persons not be contacted by the nominator in order to maintain the principle of confidentiality.

1. Name			
Address			Phone:
2. Name			
Address			Phone:
3. Name			
Address			Phone:

This document is confidential once completed

Please send the nomination form with supporting material to the President of your CCGA Regional Board of Directors. The Board must review and forward it in a timely manner to:



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CCGA Quebec Presented with Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Quebec) inc. and the Service de sécurité incendie de l'Agglomération de Longueuil jointly received the 2010 CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness at the Annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference on August 23 in Edmonton.

The CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness has been established to recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of police, fire, and emergency services in preparing their agencies for any subsequent response to natural or man-made disasters leading toward the contribution and dedication to the quality of life in our communities.



The objectives of the Award are:

- Bring well deserved recognition to those first responders who perform tirelessly each and every day whether during normal operations or training scenarios.
- Share best practices among agencies as well as encourage other teams to develop and implement new programs.
- Recognize the leadership efforts of Canadian public safety personnel in

building partnerships, integration and teamwork, and innovative program design and delivery to facilitate effective and efficient emergency management and preparedness.

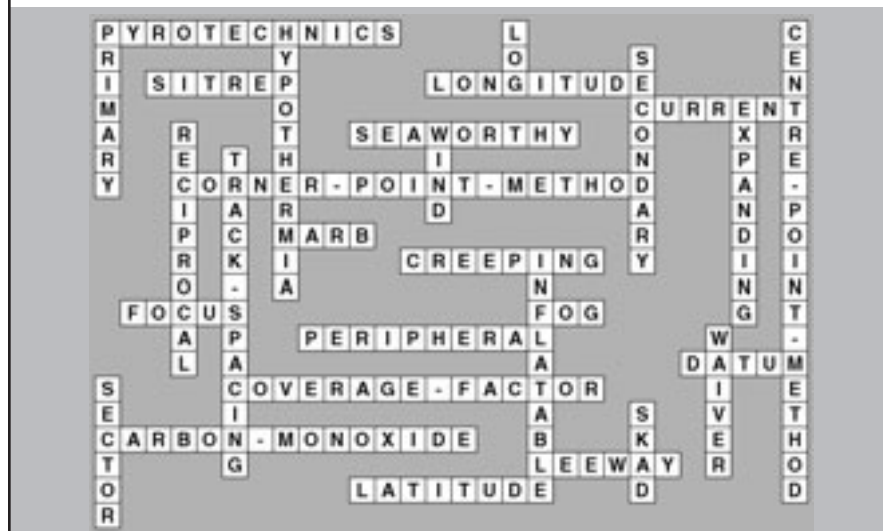
CCGA (Quebec) inc. and the Service de sécurité incendie de l'Agglomération de

Longueuil were recognized for the development and implementation of unique strategies on emergency preparedness to keep citizens safe with their joint initiative: Quebec Municipalities: Our SAR Partners. ⚓



■ From left to right: Jeff McGuire, Deputy Director, Toronto Police and Co-chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Jean-Pierre Lacombe, Director, Service de sécurité incendie de l'agglomération de Longueuil, Ted Smith, President, CCGA-Quebec (recently elected National President) and Derek Prada, Morotola.

Marine SAR Terminology... Solution

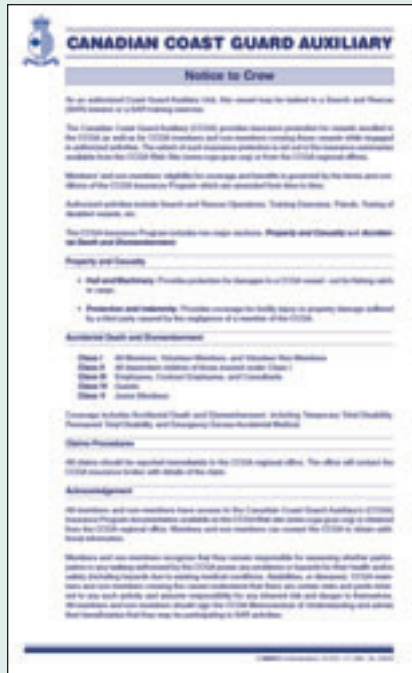


Keep your Crewmembers Informed


A significant number of CCGA vessels are engaged in commercial fishing. Crews on board of these vessels tend to change and rotate during the various fishing seasons; it is the nature of this industry.

In order to protect all those who participate in Auxiliary authorized activities, including non CCGA members, the National Insurance Program provides the same coverage and benefits to members and non-members involved CCGA authorized activities.

Because non-members do not attend CCGA meetings and do not receive CCGA publications such as The Auxiliarist, a good idea is to post in the cabin of your vessel the following Notice to Crew (see illustration). The notice provides non-



CCGA members with basic insurance information and tells them where to find additional information. It also invites them to obtain the Memorandum of understanding for non-CCGA member which allows them to designate an insurance beneficiary.

Laminated versions of the Notice to Crews are available from your CCGA regional office. 

Change of Address

If you change address, please inform your CCGA regional office by mail, fax or by updating your personal information using the SAR Management System (where available). Please print.

NAME: _____

CCGA REGION: _____

Old Address: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

PROV. _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TEL.: _____

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STREET: _____

CITY: _____

PROV. _____

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Adequate Insurance Coverage is No Accident



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Protect your family and your financial future from the unexpected costs of a serious injury or accidental death.

Plus! Reimbursement for expenses associated with a serious accident

- Rehabilitation – up to \$10,000
- Home Alteration & Vehicle Modification – up to \$10,000
- Family Transportation – up to \$10,000

Plus! Support for your family if you were to die in an accident

- Retraining for your Spouse – up to \$10,000
- Choose the Member & Family Plan and your family will receive up to \$5,000 per child if they are enrolled in daycare or a post-secondary school at the time of your death

\$200,000 to \$750,000 of coverage for only pennies a day!

Monthly Premium per
\$25,000 of coverage

Member Only Plan	\$1,25
Member and Family Plan	\$2,25

As a member of CCGA, your acceptance in this plan is guaranteed – no medical questions will be asked, and you cannot be turned down.

You are covered 24/7/365 – even while you are at work

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www.ccgagcac.org

IAP Customer Service: 1-800-266-5667 or email group@iapacific.com

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