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New President Elected to CMRA Newfoundland



Harry Strong

At the recent annual meeting held in Gander, Mr. Harry Strong, an Auxiliary member from District 8, was elected as the new President.

Mr. Strong succeeds Captain Peter Troake who has served as President since the formation of the Auxiliary some three years ago.

Mr. Strong has been an active member of the Auxiliary in this Region since its formation and has also served as First Vice-President. He has represented his district at all annual meetings and represented the Newfoundland Region at meetings of the Auxiliary at the National level.

A very successful fisherman and the skipper of the longliner, Desmond Boyd, Mr. Strong makes his home in Old Perlican, Trinity Bay. He and his wife, Carol, have three children.

CMRA Holds Third Annual Meeting

Elected representatives of the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary gathered in Gander, Newfoundland on the weekend of November 20-22, for the Third Annual Meeting.

Attending were Captain Peter Troake, President; Harry Strong, First Vice-President; Captain Jim Batt, Second Vice-President; Dr. C.R. Lucas, Secretary/Treasurer; Herbert Pittman, Winston Ricketts, and David Hann. Representing the Canadian Coast Guard was Mr. E. Stack, Auxiliary Co-ordinator and presently Acting Regional Manager, Search and Rescue.

The highlight of the meeting was the President's Annual Report during which the members were informed of the activity of the CMRA members during the past year. Auxiliarists participated in thirty-three Search and Rescue Incidents in the Newfoundland Region, with the total cost of reimbursements amounting to \$12,824.25. The average incident time was 10.5 hours and the average re-imbursement amounted to \$388.62. In delivering his report, the chairman stated that at present there are 100 vessels registered in the Auxiliary and the membership is over the 200 mark. In comparison to the previous year this showed an increase of 20 vessels and 50 members. The Chairman also noted that even though the organization has grown there still are areas of the

Region where coverage is sparse, and other areas where there is no representation.

Mention was made of various meetings attended by local representatives at the national level. Dr. Lucas appeared before a Committee of Deputy Ministers on Foreign and Defence Policy and it was reported that the committee were extremely impressed by the operation of the CMRA in Newfoundland.

Other highlights discussed at the meeting included:

- members are now covered when navigating North of 55°N and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence between mid-December and May.
- the re-imbursement ratio has been increased from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per meter vessel's length, per hour;
- CMRA now has coverage for vessels worth over \$500,000.
- The name of the Search and Rescue Emergency Centre would probably change from SAREC to Rescue Sub-Centre (RSC) during the coming year.
- the position of Training Officer for the Auxiliary would be filled in the very near future.
- Mr. R.N. Stright, Regional Manager had assumed new duties as Regional Manager, Emergency Operations in the Maritimes Region. This would also result in the appointment of a new Regional Manager Search and Rescue in the New Year.

Captain Troake steps down as CMRA(N) President

Captain Peter Troake, President of the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporated, since its formation in 1978, stepped down as President at the current annual meeting held in Gander.

Captain Peter's sea-going career, which exceeds sixty years, is a well-known Newfoundland sea captain and the auxiliary has been most fortunate in having him as its first President.

On the occasion of his stepping down as President, his fellow auxiliaryists were loud in their praise of the contribution he has made to the success of the auxiliary in this Region.

The following is a summary of the active and varied career of Captain Peter:

Letter of Thanks from RMSR

Captain Peter Troake
President
Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary
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Dear Captain Peter:

I shall be leaving Newfoundland shortly to assume new duties in another region of the Canadian Coast

Guard. As a consequence, I regret that I will be unable to attend this year's annual meeting in Gander.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and your Board of Directors for the excellent services provided by your organization to the Search and Rescue Division.

In a short three years, the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador has developed into a very strong and dedicated organization and attained national recognition for its efforts, under your very capable leadership.

The success of your organization has exceeded my personal expectations and I am sure those of the Canadian Coast Guard as well. The auxiliary is to be commended for its efforts and the seamanship and professionalism exhibited by your members during past search and rescue incidents is certainly in keeping with the finest tradition of Newfoundland seamen.

I am most grateful to have been able to work with you and your membership during the past three years and leave this region satisfied that the Auxiliary in Newfoundland is second to none. A sincere thank you to you and your membership and continued good luck and smooth sailing.

Yours truly,
R.N. Stright
Regional Manager,
Search & Rescue

Auxiliary Incident Highlights for 1981

To date this calendar year Auxiliaryists in the Newfoundland Region have been involved in thirty-three Search and Rescue incidents. The following is a random sample of the type of incidents in which Auxiliaryists in this Region became involved.

January 5, 1981 — Auxiliaryist Ray Berkshire rescues injured man from isolated island in Placentia Bay. Time - 4 hours.

March 18-23 — Auxiliaryist Ray Wells assists, tows, and escorts several longliners holed and leaking in ice from Labrador coast to Englee. Time - 5 days.

May 26 — Auxiliaryist Ralph Keats tows open fishing boat to Fermeuse after

being spotted by M/V Imperial Acadia. Boat and three occupants had been drifting for over 14 hours.

July 7 — Auxiliaryist Harry Strong and Lester Brookings search for overdue boat in dense fog.

August 22 — Auxiliaryist Ellison Barfitt tasked to do communications search for overdue fishing vessel on CB and VHF. Also tasked to commence search in his own vessel.

September 26 — Auxiliaryist Herb Pittman and crew tasked to search for two fishing boats 24 hours overdue from a fishing trip in Hooping Harbour area.

October 10 — Auxiliaryist Esau Hopkins tasked to rendez-vous and assist in transporting injured seaman from a fishing vessel to hospital in St. Anthony.

Captain Peter Troake was born in Twillingate, Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland June 16, 1908. The oldest son of a family of eleven, he was introduced to the sea at an early age to help support the family. At the age of five he went fishing with his father in the summer months and ever since has earned his "bread and butter" from the sea.

At the age of 12 he and his brother got a loan to buy a 21' boat to fish for a living. At the age of 16 he went to the Labrador Coast to fish and he continued this for a few years. During the second World War Captain Troake voluntarily served in the over-seas Forestry Unit in Scotland for 2½ years.

Upon returning home he joined the sailing schooners transporting general cargo from Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia to Newfoundland. Eventually Captain Troake saved enough money to buy his own schooner and he returned to the Labrador to fish in the summer months. For several springs he took part in the annual seal fishery on the front and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Despite very little education he was determined to earn a Master certificate. His varied experience and considerable sea knowledge gained over the years rewarded him with a Master certificate from the Ministry of Transport in May 1950.

Captain Troake is well known around the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. For twenty years he manoeuvred the floating X-Ray unit Christmas Seal into every coastal community in Newfoundland and Labrador. When the Christmas Seal ceased her program Captain Troake became Master of the International Grenfell Association ship "Strathcona", until the ship was sold to Clyde Mullett from Lewisporte. Mr. Mullett renamed the ship the "Northern Seal" and hired Captain Troake as Master. Captain Troake sailed the Northern Seal to the Great Lakes and remained there for the one-year charter of the ship.

Captain Troake, now at the age of 73, has been actively employed with the Green Bay Transport Ltd. as Master of their passenger ferry for the past three years and he plans to continue working as long as he holds good health.

Captain Troake's love and devotion to the sea and ships has well earned him the title "Skipper".

Merry
Christmas

Membership of the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (N) Incorporated

Webb, James Nain	Harvey, Stuart L. Lark Harbour	Penney, Frank Burin	Squires, Cyril M. Old Perlican	Meadus, Howard Butter Cove	Lambert, Ernest Twillingate
Cabot, John West St. Modeste	Payne, Roderick Trout River	Farrel, Sean Little Bay	Strong, Roland Old Perlican	Petten, Calvin Port de Grave	Noseworthy, William Leading Tickle
Webb, Chesley Nain	Brake, Kevin Trout River	Miller, Eric Fortune	Strong, James Old Perlican	Whalen, Robert Bauline	Woodworth, James Baie Verte
Burke, J.R. Goose Bay	Payne, Eldon Trout River	Miller, Simeon Jr. Fortune	Cram, E. Fred Old Perlican	Plaskin, Mary Topsail	Taylor, Bert Morton's Hr.
Yetman, Harold Red Bay	Miles, Robert Pools Cove	Miller, George Fortune	Burt, Frank Old Perlican	Plaskin, Robert Topsail	Strong, William Lewlspote
Trimm, Gaius Forteau	Ingram, Lewis Burgeo	Berkshire, Raymond Arnolds Cove	Piercey, Fred Winterton	Simmons, Edgar Hickman's Harbour	Troake, Hardy Twillingate
Trimm, Douglas Forteau	Baggs, Harvey Francois	Nolan, Bernard Mt. Carmel	Petten, Lester Port de Grave	Simmons, Clyde Hickman's Harbour	Bridger, Leonard Twillingate
Ryan, Ronald Red Bay	Courtney, Gerald Francois	O'Rourke Ernest Branch	Piercey, Winston Norman's Cove	Simmons, Ralph Hickman's Harbour	Jenkins, Maxwell Twillingate
Pittman, Herbert Englee	Fudge, George Francois	Dalton, Gerald St. Brides	Osborne, E.F.G. Cavendish	Ricketts, Winston Badger's Quay	Parsons, Howard Durrell
Ropson, Baxter Harbour Deep	Andrews, William K. Francois	Conway, Robert St. Brides	King, Gilbert St. Jones Within	Granter, Robert Greenspond	Brown, Strat Durrell
Kearney, Francis Conche	Durnford, Clyde, Francois	Dohey, Philip St. Brides	Howell, Randolph Old Perlican	Granter, Gordon Greenspond	Brown, David Durrell
Kearney, Jerome Conche	Simms, G.H. McCallum	Young, Clifford St. Brides	Brookings, Lester Old Perlican	Lane, Kenneth St. Chads	Cooper, Eldon Durrell
Hopkins, Randolph Englee	Batt, Jim (Capt.) Milltown	Collett, Leslie Fair Haven	Brookings, Llewellyn Old Perlican	Powell, Chesley Eastport	Troake, Garry Twillingate
Hopkins, Percy Englee	Fudge, Samuel Francois	Lucas, C. Robert St. John's	Brookings, Maxwell Old Perlican	Melindy, John Lumsden	Freake, Lloyd Joe Batts Arm
Hopkins, Wilfred Englee	Dunford, Morgan Francois	Barnes, Thomas St. John's	Petten, Glen Port de Grave	Martin, Wayne St. Chads	Pittman, Ernest Beachside
Keough, Earl Parsons Pond	Ingram, Calvin Burgeo	Rees, Fraser St. John's	Efford, Graham Port de Grave	Gosse, Gordon Gander	Elliott, Eli Pacquet
Goodyear, John O. Roddickton	Hann, Douglas Burgeo	Dawe, Cecil G. St. John's	Lear, John Port de Grave	Caibert, W. Ralph Burnside	Elliott, Randolph Pacquet
Cossell, David Roddickton	Cokes, Edward Head Bay d'Espoir	Dawe, David Mt. Pearl	Lynch, Calvin Shearstown	Johnson, Lewis Happy Adventure	Cull, William Shoal Bay
Canning, Ronald Englee	Spurrell, Lloyd Pools Cove	Chidley, Gerard Renews	Jacobs, Hugh Seal Cove	Ralph, Albert C. Eastport	Cull, Abraham Shoal Bay
Hopkins, Esau G. Englee	Snook, Basil Pools Cove	Salter, Eric St. John's	Day, Alex Portugal Cove	Ralph, Gerald S. Eastport	Jacobs, George Shoal Bay
Pandell, S.R. Bide Arm	Holfett, Leroy Burin	Norman, John St. John's	Butler, David Newtown (Mt. Pearl)	Barfitt Ellison Salvage	Russell, Melvin Carmanville
Wells, Raymond Roddickton	MacDonald, Ed Marystown	Tessler, John St. John's	Goosney, Sue New Harbour, T.B.	Troake, Peter Twillingate	Moray, Dean Roger LaScie
Randell, Cecil Englee	Price, Ernest Fortune	Strong, Harry Old Perlican	Burt, Albert Old Perlican	Young, Donald Twillingate	Moray, Lorne D. LaScie
Andrews, Bert Englee	Rideout, Cecil, Fortune	Clenche, Linda Random Island	Kennedy, C.J. Bay de Verde	Troake, John Twillingate	Cull, Alexander Joe Batts Arm
Elliott, Wilfred St. Anthony	Forsay, Maxwell Sr. Fortune	Mills, Tom Random Island	Hatch, Michael Red Head Cove	Osmond, Rose Jackson's Cove	Leyts Earl Joe Batts Arm
Rose, Rex Flowers Cove	Hillier, Sidney Fortune	Power, Burt Chapel Arm	Strong, Ricky Old Perlican	Knight, Harry Jackson's Cove	Tilley, Raymond LaScie
Lawless, Michael Flowers Cove	Forsay, Maxwell Jr. Fortune	Smith, Isaac Southport	Pynn, Eric Kelligrews	Bartlett, Wilfred Brighton	Ward, Claude LaScie
Saunders, Roy Cooks Harbour	Forsay, Carl Fortune	Keats, Ralph Bay de Verde	Williams, Mae Long Pond	Burton, Wilson Beaumont North	Ward, James LaScie
Sheppard, Austin Lark Harbour	Hanrahan, John Little Bay	Keats, Winston Bay de Verde	Wareham, A.B. St. John's	Young, Augustus Durrell	Pardy, Paul LaScie
Messervey, Raymond St. George's	Grandy, Leonard Garnish	Oliver, Augustine Gulf Island	Gadden, Maurice Carbonear	Cosish, Chesley Hillgrade	Rowe, Morley G. Seldom
Hann, David Trout River	O'Brien, Raymond Marystown	Pike, Alexander Old Perlican	Hatch, Timothy Bay de Verde	Burt, Gilbert Tizzard's Hr.	Winsor, Gilbert Triton
Piercey, Keith Corner Brook	Frampson, Gordon Burin	Rodgers, Clayton Old Perlican	Lambert, Gordon Southport	Burt, Stephen Tizzard's Hr.	
Carter, O.F. Port aux Basques	Holfett, Frank Burin	Squires, Raymond Old Perlican	Fitzgerald, Kevin Gooseberry Cove	Caravan, Wesley Miles Cove	

Cold Can Kill

With the onset of winter, dangers that are part of our climate year round are further compounded. While it is true that there is a slowdown in most areas in the number of people pursuing the fishery at this time of year, other activities especially bird hunting and seal hunting expose the fishermen to the dangers associated with cold temperatures and cold water.

Despite the best of intentions and preparations, accidents do happen and every year lives are lost.

As Auxiliaries, there may be occasions when you will be asked for advise on how to combat cold or you may have to rescue somebody suffering from exposure to cold. In the latter case proper treatment can mean the difference between survival or death for the person suffering from exposure.

The following is a list of things to do

if you encounter somebody suffering from exposure:

— remove wet clothing and replace with dry as soon as possible, or wrap victim in blankets or a sleeping bag.

— hot sweet drinks should be given but NEVER alcohol as alcohol can cause a further decrease in the victim's inner temperature.

—if the victim does not respond, and if available place him in a bath of hot water, being careful not to immerse arms and legs.

— exposure often simulates death — do not give up, keep trying to revive the victim until medical help arrives; apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to help raise the inner temperature.

At this time of year whether on land or sea be prepared to cope with cold. By being prepared for any eventuality can mean the difference in your activity being enjoyable and rewarding rather than a sad statistic. Think Hypothermia, think exposure. Cold Can Kill.

Name Change For SAREC

At the Annual Meeting in Gander, representatives were told that the name of the Search and Rescue Emergency Centre would most likely be changed to Rescue Sub Centre during the coming year.

The reason for the change is to bring the name of the centre into line with existing international terminology. The name Rescue Sub Centre conveys the exact role of the Emergency Centre as it works under the direction of the parent Rescue Co-ordination Centre, in our case RCC Halifax.

Rescue Co-ordination Centres are manned by both Department of National Defence and Canadian Coast Guard Personnel, and the Rescue Sub-Centres are manned solely by Canadian Coast Guard personnel.

Search And Rescue Emergency Centre (SAREC)

St. John's, Newfoundland

Emergency Calls — 24 Hours Daily

St. John's Area: Dial 737-5151

All Other Areas: Zenith 07021

Report Incidents Promptly

Occasions arise in emergency situations whereby Auxiliaries respond to calls for assistance other than being formally tasked by SAREC.

When such instances arise, it is very important to notify the Search and Rescue Emergency Centre immediately upon completion of the incident. This procedure is important for a number of reasons — delay in reporting may result in some of the more important information relating to the case being overlooked — as all SAR cases are assigned a number in sequence, it is difficult to backtrack and issue case numbers days or weeks after an incident is reported — a delay in reporting results in a delay in reimbursement.

The reporting can be done by means of a simple call to the Rescue Centre, at any time of the day or night. The telephone number is 737-5151 or ask the operator for ZENITH 07021.

Any correspondence including inquiries about the Rescue Auxiliary should be addressed to:

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