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CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (NEWFOUNDLAND) INCORPORATED

NEWSLETTER



NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CCGA (N) INC.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, (CCGA) Newfoundland Incorporated held its nineteenth annual general meeting at Hotel Gander on November 01, 1997. Attending were:-

Mr. W. Pitcher, President, Director District 5
 Mr. E. Bruce, 1st. Vice-President, Director District 6
 Mr. M. O'Brien, 2nd. Vice-President, Director District 1
 Mr. C. Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7, 1997
 Mr. H. Strong, Chairman National Council, Director District 8
 Mr. H. Pittman, Director District 2
 Mr. H. Noel, Director District 3
 Mr. W. Snook, Director District 4
 Mr. H. Stagg, Director District 9

The elected Directors for District 7 and District 10 were unable to attend.

Canadian Coast Guard representatives were:-

Mr. J. Butler, Regional Director, Canadian Coast Guard
 Mr. R. Browne, Director Marine Programs
 Capt. D. Mason, Superintendent, RSER
 Mr. G. Lacey, Training Officer CCGA (N) Inc.
 Mrs. D. Noseworthy, Recording Secretary

The election of Officers took place in the afternoon. Mr. Winston Pitcher was re-elected as President; Mr. Edward Bruce was re-elected as 1st. Vice-President; Mr. Marcel O'Brien was re-elected as 2nd. Vice-President; and, Mr. Charles Roberts was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.



Back row (L-R) W. Snook, R. Browne, H. Noel,
 E. Bruce, D. Mason, H. Strong.
 Front row (L-R) J. Butler, C. Roberts, M. O'Brien,
 H. Pittman, W. Pitcher

DISTRICT DIRECTORS - 1998

The following Directors were elected to represent their District for 1998. If you have any concerns feel free to call your District Director.

- District 1 - Marcel O'Brien, L'anse au Loup, 927-5540
- District 2 - Herbert Pittman, Englee, 866-2551
- District 3 - Howard Noel, Woody Point, 453-2458
- District 4 - Wesley Snook, Hr. Breton, 885-2422
- District 5 - Winston Pitcher, Burin, 891-1150
- District 6 - Edward Bruce, Long Hr., 228-2386
- District 7 - Gerard Chidley, Renews, 363-2900
- District 8 - Harry Strong, Old Perlican, 587-2196
- District 9 - Harold Stagg, Wesleyville, 536-2413
- District 10 - Chesley Coish, Hillgrade, 628-5258

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, (CCGA) Newfoundland Incorporated held its 19th Annual General meeting on November 01, 1997 at Hotel Gander. During the dinner a number of 10 year certificates and pins were presented to deserving members. I personally congratulate again those members and their families.

1997 brought a number of changes to our Auxiliary: one being our official name change; another being a substantial increase in our budget. We are presently in the process of purchasing floater suits, vests, and some water pumps for auxiliariest's use. These should be forthcoming in early 1998.

Our membership increased in 1997 to 643 with a total of 387 registered vessels representing a total resale value of approximately 109 million dollars.

Our Auxiliary received 2 prestigious awards last year - The Award of Excellence for Outstanding Contribution; and, The Deputy Minister's Commendation. You, our members, can be very proud of these awards since it is your contribution to Search and Rescue which made them possible.

Thank you to the Executive and Directors, to the Coast Guard Staff, and all our members and their families who make the Auxiliary the success it is. With all of us working together the Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue as a strong and effective organization for many years to come.

I wish you, our members, a successful year in 1998 in whatever you choose to do.

Winston Pitcher

President CCGA (N) Inc.



On behalf of the CCGA (N) Inc., Mr. Winston Pitcher receives the Deputy Minister's Commendation...

"in recognition of a particularly valuable contribution that has brought credit to this Department and the Public Service as a whole".

Pictured in photo is W. Pitcher and W. Wouters.

COURTESY VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

- ✓ FISHING VESSELS 15 TONS AND UNDER
- ✓ PLEASURE CRAFT

Auxiliary members are reminded of their responsibility to have on board their vessel, and in good operating condition, at least, the mandatory equipment required for "Fishing Vessels 15 GRT and under as laid down in the "Small Fishing Vessel Regulations" and "Pleasure Craft" as laid down in the "Small Vessel Regulations".

Vessels offered for use in Auxiliary activities are subject to periodic examinations as set down in the Operational Guidelines. A representative from the Canadian Coast Guard will be contacting the membership to arrange an examination. If there are any questions in this regard please call our toll free number 1-800-563-6158.

W. Pitcher, President



Pictured above H. Strong, CCGA National Chairman, receives the Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans, "Award for Excellence" on behalf of all auxiliaries across Canada.

REMINDERS

☎ Our toll free number is 1-800-563-6158

☎ If you are involved in a Search and Rescue incident make sure you notify the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre as soon as possible.

☎ Let us know if you sell your boat.

☎ Let us know if your boat is winterized or out of the water.

☎ Let us know if you have made changes to your boat to increase its value.

☎ Let us know if you are fishing/operating in an area away from your home port.

✉ Send in your renewal form.

✉ Send in your voting form.

✉ Order from our video loan library list.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

GREETINGS FROM CCGA (NATIONAL) INC.

Nationally this has been a very busy and rewarding year for all. Canadian Coast Guard made good on their promise to increase our funding substantially this year. In a time of fiscal restraint and government cut backs this action tells us that we are appreciated and we are providing a worthwhile service to the public of Canada.

CCGA was the recipient of several National awards this year.

We received the Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans, Award for Excellence. We also were awarded the National Transportation Week Award. These two very prestigious awards will help raise the profile of the Auxiliary and make us better known to the general public.

We were also involved with several International conferences this past year.

We took part in a Waterborne Safety Conference in Scotland which was very educational.

We attended the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Annual Conference at Dallas, Texas. While there we attended meetings with representatives of Italy, United States, and the United Kingdom.

As we look ahead to our 20th year of operation under our new name - Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - I wish all members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Nfld.) Inc., and their families, all the best in 1998.

Harry Strong

Chairman CCGA (National) Inc.



Pictured is Winston Pitcher participating in a line throwing competition that was part of Rescue Challenge '97 in PEI. During the competition he was successful in throwing the line across the marker 3 times out of 4. Way to go Winston.

SUPERINTENDENT'S GREETING

I recall beginning last year's greeting by referring to the numerous changes the Coast Guard Auxiliary had undergone in 1996. Well, 1997, in my opinion, surpassed 1996 for change and I am pleased to report that it was significantly positive in nature.

During the past year the Newfoundland and Labrador Coast Guard Auxiliary:-

- Finalized its name change to reflect the parent organization.
- CG Support Staff were shifted from the Environmental Response section to the SAR section.
- Funding to CGA was appreciably increased with potentially more to come.
- The Coast Guard Regional Auxiliary Coordinator position was reinstated.

These are just a few of the major changes that occurred in the past year. The reinstatement of the CG Auxiliary Coordinator should prove of particular benefit to our members. I have asked the Coordinator to ensure vessel inspection and SAR training exercises are given high priority in the coming year. This in itself will ensure our members, who are responding to an ever increasing number of SAR incidents, are better positioned to safely and effectively respond. The professionalism and dedication of our members is a trade mark of Newfoundland and Labrador's Auxiliary.

We in Coast Guard were saddened to hear of the passing away of Capt. Peter Troake. A good deal of what the Coast Guard Auxiliary is today can be attributed to the early dedicated efforts of Capt. Troake. His legacy is reaffirmed upon the successful completion of every Coast Guard Auxiliary SAR mission.

On behalf of Mr. Lorne Humphries - Director General, DFO; Mr. John Butler - Regional Director, Canadian Coast Guard; Mr. Ray Browne - Director Marine Programs; and, myself I would like to wish all members and their families a safe and successful 1998.

Capt. David Mason, Superintendent RSER



(L-R) J. Butler, R. Coles, W. Pitcher

On April 01, 1997 Ronald Coles, Training Officer for the CCGA (N), retired after 41 years service with the federal government. At the annual general meeting dinner held in Gander in November Mr. Coles was presented with an honorary membership certificate for the CCGA (N). We wish Ron, and his wife Mabel, many years of enjoyable retirement.

NEWFOUNDLAND BORN

(passage from)

*We have heard the weird foghorn
Blast its notes across the night,
Fought the wall of snow before us
As we sought the harbour light,
We have seen the helpless schooner
Break her back upon the reef,
We have seen the orphaned children
In the agony of grief.
We have viewed pathetic bodies
Washed up from the keel's floor,
Where the screaming North Easter
Rolls the ocean through your door.
We have witnessed daring rescues
Of men from a watery grave,
Where, with courage, our seamen
Won the battle o'er the wave
-OTTO KELLAND-*



VIDEO LOAN LIBRARY

The following videos are available through our video loan library. To obtain these videos please contact Gerard Lacey at our toll free number 1-800-563-6158.

1. Guide to Weekend Cruises
2. 12 Volts Made Easy
3. Haul Out
4. GPS Navigation
5. Powerboat Navigation
6. Radar Navigation and Collision Avoidance
7. Rules of the Road
8. VHF Made Easy
9. Weather to go Boating
10. Medical Emergency Video
11. Fire Prevention
12. Personal Floatation Devices
13. Visual Distress Signals
14. Improve Your Sailing Skills
15. Sailing in Heavy Weather
16. Sailing with Confidence
17. Fishing Boat Stability
18. Buoyage System A
19. Meteorological Conditions at Sea
20. Part 1 - Fire Prevention
21. Part 2 - Basic Firefighting
22. Helicopter Assistance at Sea
23. Connecting a Tow at Sea
24. GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System)
25. Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance
26. Marine Gas Engine Maintenance
27. Spring Commissioning
28. Winterizing Your Boat
29. Basic Navigation Rules of the Road
30. Loran C: A Navigator's Approach

31. Modern Coastal Piloting
32. Handling and Anchoring Your Boat
33. Heavy Weather Power Boat Handling
34. Pleasure Boating: The Basics of Boating
35. Single Side Band
36. Using Marine Electronics
37. Abandon Ship
38. Cold Water Survival
39. Marine Hurricane Preparedness
40. G02 First Aid Action
41. G03 Survival At Sea
42. G16 Air Masses & Fronts (Cold Fronts)
43. G38 Recognizing Sudden Illness
44. G39 Hand & Power Tool Safety
45. D03 Aids to Navigation for Boatsmen
46. D11 Automatic Radar Plotting Aids
47. D18 Selection and Care of Rigging Equipment
48. D19 Rigging Equipment Inspecting for Safety
49. E01 Electricity the Hidden Heat
50. E03 Diesel Engine Crank Case Lubricating Oil
51. E05 ABC of Diesel Engine
52. E06 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems D-53-PT.1
53. E07 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems D-53-PT.2
54. E08 Diesel Engine Fuel Systems G.M. Unit Injector
55. E11 Principals of Lubrication
56. E14 Direct Current Generators
57. E23 Practical Marine Electrical Knowledge
Part 1 - Ships Electrical
58. E32 Hydraulics Systems
Hydraulic Troubleshooting

TO ALL AUXILIARISTS

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporated has had a successful and productive year in 1997. Your involvement in over 29% of the marine SAR Incidents in Newfoundland Region once again demonstrates your willingness and dedication to assisting mariners in distress in the hostile waters of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1997 has also seen many changes for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary; the name change from CMRA to CCGA and the substantial increase in the Contribution Agreement to the CCGA (N) Inc. just to name a few.

1998 promises to be a busy year for the CCGA (N) Inc. Standard first-aid courses are being offered to all members of the Auxiliary. The vessel inspection program will be brought up to date. SAR Exercises are being scheduled for each of the 10 Districts, and plans are being developed to conduct a SAR Games competition to run in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting in October.

In addition, several new initiatives are in place for members of the Auxiliary in 1998. Most members will receive a marine anti-exposure coverall and personal floatation device (PFD) and the larger Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels will be issued a gasoline powered emergency dewatering pump.

Please remember that the Auxiliary support staff in St. John's is dedicated to meeting the training and logistical requirements of the CCGA (N) Inc. So, if you have any specific training requirements, new ideas, or have any issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call our office...we want to hear from you!!

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the CCGA (N) Inc. for their continued dedication and service and I look forward to working with you in 1998.

Neil Peet

Acting Coordinator CCGA (N) Inc.



Keith Ryan, Used Car Sales Manager, Dodge City/Royal Garage accepts the purchase cheque from Winston Pitcher, Harry Strong, and Charlie Roberts



"The Executive Chariot"

In February, 1998 the National Council of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the National Search and Rescue Directorate secured funding for the purchase of a vehicle for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporated. These funds were used to purchase a new 1998 Dodge Grande Caravan from Dodge City/Royal Garage in St. John's.

This minivan is presently located at the Canadian Coast Guard base in St. John's and is solely dedicated for the use of the Auxiliary on official business and CCGA functions.

Many thanks to Harry Strong - CCGA (National) Inc.; Steve Daoust - CCGA National Superintendent; and Gary Sidock - Director Search and Rescue for their support on this most worthwhile project.

Happy Motoring!!



During volunteer week in April, 1997 Mr. Edward Bruce, 1st. Vice-President of CCGA (N) attended the official opening ceremonies of Volunteer Week. Mr. Bruce was presented with a plaque commemorating volunteerism.

TO THE **CHILDREN** OF ALL AUXILIARISTS:

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland) Incorporated will be sponsoring a **COLOURING CONTEST** for the children of Auxiliaries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The **CONTEST** is open to the children of Auxiliaries only, and all submissions will be judged by the Executive of the CCGA (N) Inc.

1st., 2nd., 3rd. prizes will be awarded in each of the following age categories:-

3 years to 5 years,

5 years to 7 years;

7 years to 9 years;

9 years to 11 years.

All participating children are asked to **COLOUR** "Safety Sam" and his boating equipment on the front page and "Safety Sam" on the back page and don't forget to fill in your name, address, telephone number, and age!

All submissions to the **COLOURING CONTEST** must be received at the CCGA office in St. John's no later than Friday, 29 May, 1998. All entries will be judged and the prizes distributed by Friday, 19 June, 1998.

Mail your entries to:-

COLOURING CONTEST

c/o CCGA (N) Inc.

P.O. Box 938, Stn "C"

St. John's, NF

A1C 5M3

GOOD LUCK !!

VOTES RECEIVED DISTRICT PERCENTAGES

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|-------------|------------------------|
| DISTRICT 1 | - 66% (increase of 2) |
| DISTRICT 2 | - 70% (increase of 3) |
| DISTRICT 3 | - 84% (increase of 21) |
| DISTRICT 4 | - 72% (increase of 2) |
| DISTRICT 5 | - 86% (increase of 6) |
| DISTRICT 6 | - 75% (decrease of 6) |
| DISTRICT 7 | - 73% (increase of 26) |
| DISTRICT 8 | - 69% (increase of 1) |
| DISTRICT 9 | - 70% (increase of 10) |
| DISTRICT 10 | - 68% (increase of 14) |

MRSC CASE N97-0438

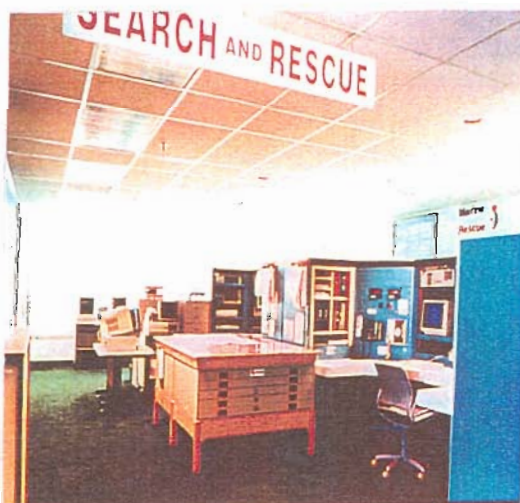
F/V JESSICA DIANE DISABLED - 2 PEOPLE ON BOARD

On September 29, 1997 St. John's Coast Guard Radio received a call from the fishing vessel Jessica Diane who reported that they were disabled with engine failure and drifting towards shore in the Bay de Verde area. The captain of the Jessica Diane reported that he was trying to anchor to keep off the rocks and winds were from the Southwest at approximately 20 kts. The Captain was concerned that if his anchor did not hold, he would be driven onto the rocks. At the request of Search and Rescue, St. John's Coast Guard Radio issued an urgency broadcast requesting any vessels in the area to proceed and assist the disabled vessel.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel **Brister** immediately responded and advised he was proceeding to the Jessica Diane to assist and would be on scene in approximately 45 minutes. As well, the Coast Guard vessel Shamook advised that his position was approximately twenty-five miles away from disabled vessel. He also advised it would take him about three hours to get on scene. Search and Rescue, MRSC St. John's, advised the Shamook that the CGA vessel **Brister** was underway and was the closer of the two vessels,

therefore, the Shamook could continue her work as she was not required at this time.

The Jessica Diane reported she had put out her anchor and it was presently holding. Approximately 40 minutes after receiving the call the CGA **Brister** arrived on scene and the winds had increased to a speed of 40 knots. The conditions had drastically changed but the CGA was on scene and proceeded to hook up their towline and tow the Jessica Diane to safety. After successfully connecting the towline, an attempt was made to move the vessel away from



danger. Due to high winds, the **Brister** was unable to tow and was having difficulty holding the disabled vessel. There was concern that if weather conditions did not improve quickly, and no other help was available, the **Brister** would have to release the tow for her own safety.

Search and Rescue was advised of the situation and tasked the CCGS Shamook to proceed, but due to her distance, Search and Rescue went looking for a closer resource. The CGA **Morning Mist** was located secured to the fish plant wharf in Bay de Verde, approximately thirty minutes away. This was a closer resource, as well a larger vessel, and with both CGA on scene, the tow should not be a significant problem. Search and Rescue made contact and tasked the CGA **Morning Mist** who directly departed to assist the disabled vessel. Approximately 30 minutes after tasking, the CGA **Morning Mist** arrived on scene and found both vessels hove to awaiting her arrival. She connected and commenced towing the disabled fishing vessel, both arriving safely in Bay de Verde.

This was a well coordinated effort, on behalf of both Coast Guard Auxiliary members, that not only saved the fishing vessel Jessica Diane but, in all probability, saved the lives of both crewmembers. This is an excellent example of how indispensable the CG Auxiliary is to the Canadian marine Search and Rescue system. Congratulations on a job well done from the officers of MRSC St. John's to both CGA Captains and their crews.



QUESTIONS

DOES AN AUXILIARIST HAVE TO COMPLETE A TASKING RIGHT AWAY?

No. As an Auxiliarist you have the right to refuse a tasking if you believe the response is beyond the capability of your vessel or crew. You also have the right to delay your response to a tasking if you wish. For example, if you are tasked in good weather to tow a vessel, that is not in immediate danger, to the nearest safe haven and you have one more fleet of nets to haul, or string of pots, you do have the option to haul your nets or pots before you proceed to assist the vessel. You must inform the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre in St. John's of your intention to haul your gear before you respond to the tasking. It would be advisable to provide the Rescue Centre with your estimated departure for the disabled vessel.



SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST FLY THE CCGA FLAG?

As an Auxiliarist you are required to fly the CCGA flag when tasked on an authorized activity. However, you are not limited to only flying the flag on these occasions. Many Auxiliarists fly the CCGA flag all year round. If a replacement flag is needed we will forward one to the vessel owner, immediately, upon request.

THE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published annually for the members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are looking for stories and pictures from you!! If you have any news items and/or photographs please send them to:-

Editor: Auxiliary Newsletter, P.O. Box 938
St. John's, NF A1C 5M3

SHOULD I CONTACT COAST GUARD SUPPORT STAFF IF I CHANGE MY VESSEL?

Yes. If you sell your vessel and acquire a new one and you wish to enroll your new vessel into the Auxiliary you must notify the office and complete a new application on your new vessel. When the new information is received on your vessel it is entered into the database at the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre at St. John's. This will enable you to be reimbursed and ensures insurance coverage if in the case of an accident whilst on authorized activity.

**TOLL FREE
1-800-563-6158**

SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST SEND IN AN INCIDENT REPORT FORM?

Yes. Completing an incident report form is the initiating step for an Auxiliarist to be reimbursed for an incident tasking. Without the completed incident report form we cannot initiate payment to the member for services rendered. If assistance is required in completing this form please call our toll free number.

SHOULD AN AUXILIARIST SEND IN A VOTING FORM?

Yes. The ten district directors elected represent the CCGA members in their district. They are elected by those members who return their voting forms. To have a say in who you would like to represent you at the Annual General meeting, and other functions, you should return your voting form before the deadline date.

ANSWERS

