

NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATE!

2003 marks the 25th Anniversary for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. For 25 years the volunteer members of this association have been assisting fellow mariners in distress, at times putting their own lives at risk, to ensure the safety of others.

Members from the country's five regions—Pacific, Central & Arctic, Quebec, Maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador—should be proud, for this organization would not be the success that it is without the dedication of its members and their tireless efforts to offer security to the men and women who ply our waters.



The International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR) 2003 will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this year, helping to mark the Auxiliary's 25 years of operation.

The competition, which will take place from September 26-27, will provide an opportunity for members of the Canadian and United States Coast Guard Auxiliaries to test their skills and knowledge while allowing for a little friendly competition between the neighbouring countries.

Good luck to Team Newfoundland and Labrador!

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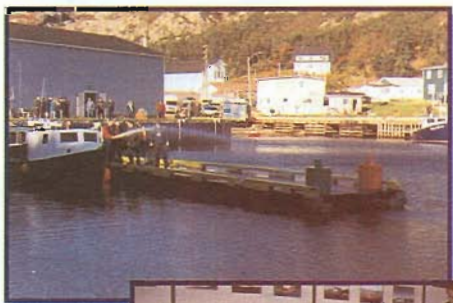
SAR SKILLS 2002

Marystown, Newfoundland and Labrador, was the site of the 5th Annual SAR Skills Competition for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Competition, held on October 19, 2002, was attended by teams of three participants representing each of the Region's 10 districts, all striving for the SAR Skills trophy and the occasion to represent the Region at ISAR 2003. Auxiliarists were also presented with an opportunity to compete with members of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) from Ireland, the crew of the French Navy vessel FULMAR from St. Pierre and Miquelon, and Team 007 from the Canadian Coast Guard.

All teams competed in six events. There was an individual team winner for each event, as well as 1st and 2nd place overall. The events tested the teams' skills in First Aid, SAR Pump operations, Line Throwing, Search and Rescue Operations and Chartwork. There was also a Mystery Event, which mimicked a ship abandonment. One team member, with the assistance of the others, had to don an immersion suit, tie a bowline, set off a distress flare, signal SOS, jump in the water and swim to a waiting liferaft— all in the fastest time.

It was a good day for a competition. It was a little cool, but the sun shone brightly and the crowd was ready to cheer on their teams. The competition ran all day, but took a break at 1400 hours to watch 103 Rescue Squadron, Gander conduct a hoisting exercise with the CCGC W. Jackman, using their brand new Cormorant helicopter.

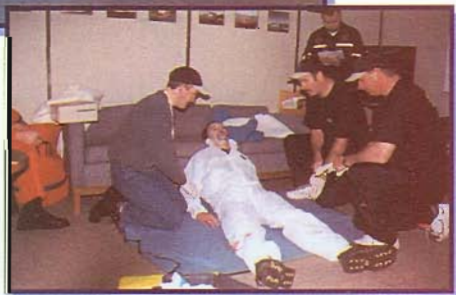
Later that evening, at the Auxiliary's 24th Annual Banquet, the winners of each of the events were announced, as well as 1st and 2nd place overall. District 2, consisting of Christopher Foley, Wade Saunders, Randy Patey and Herbert Pittman (Director), took home the trophy this year, as well as the opportunity to compete in ISAR 2003. All teams did exceptionally well. Honorable mention must be given to the members of the RNLI, the Fulmar crew, and CCG's Team 007, for although they did not qualify for any of the prizes, they competed to the best of their abilities and proved their level of skills and knowledge to everyone present.



Left: SAR Pump



Right: Line Throwing



First Aid Competition



Mystery Event

THE COMPETITORS

DISTRICT 1

Marcel O'Brien—Director
Claude Normore
Trevor Larkham
Ricky Gibbons

DISTRICT 2

Herbert Pittman—Director
Christopher Foley
Wade Saunders
Randy Patey

DISTRICT 3

Howard Noel—Director
Allan Sheppard
Joe Brake
Dave Hann

DISTRICT 4

Wesley Snook—Director
Rodney Pierce
Reuben Rose Jr.
Wade Snook

DISTRICT 5

Winston Pitcher—Director
Aubrey Wells
Pierre d'Eon
Paul Pitcher

DISTRICT 6

Edward Bruce—Director
Calvin Young
Joseph Linehan
Eugene Conway

DISTRICT 7

Charles Roberts—Director
Gary Eavis
Jeff Goodyear
Clyde Noble

DISTRICT 8

Harry Strong—Director
Edwin Power
Don Barrett
Lloyd Pretty

DISTRICT 9

Aidan Penton—Director
Wayne Collins
Harry Hann
Sean Penton

DISTRICT 10

Byron Morey—Director
Lloyd Morey
Randy Ryan
Rodney Gray

SAR SKILLS 2002 OFFICIAL RESULTS

FIRST AID—DISTRICT 3
LINE THROWING—DISTRICT 2
SEARCH OPERATIONS—DISTRICT 7
CHARTWORK—DISTRICT 10
SAR PUMP—DISTRICT 10
MYSTERY EVENT—DISTRICT 1

1st PLACE OVERALL—DISTRICT 2
2nd PLACE OVERALL—DISTRICT 10



SAR Hoisting demonstration between 103 Rescue Squadron helicopter and Coast Guard's W. Jackman.

10 YEAR MEMBERS

The following Auxiliaries received their 10 year membership awards in 2002. Your dedication and continued support to the Search and Rescue Program is genuinely valued. Your availability and readiness to respond to the needs of others is a reassurance to all those who navigate our waters.



District 1

Ricky Gibbons—Capstan Island
Walter Gibbons—Red Bay
William Walsh—Cartwright
Rennie Walsh—Cartwright

District 2

Patrick Scanlon—Castor River

District 4

Colin Greene—Francois

District 5

Pierre d'Eon—Grand Bank

District 7

Raphael Croft—Fermeuse
Roger Bath—St. John's
Rodney Gray—Mount Pearl
Jeffrey Goodyear—Paradise
Gary Eavis—Topsail

District 8

Charles Sutton—Harbour Grace
George Webber—Clarenville



Left to Right: John Butler, Regional Director CCG, Gary Eavis, 10 year member, District 7, Winston Pitcher, President CCGA

District 9

Wade Hann—Musgrave Harbour
Harry Hann—Musgrave Harbour
Alonzo Tobin—Joe Batts Arm
Martin Tobin—Joe Batts Arm
Gerald Tobin—Joe Batts Arm
George Penton—Joe Batts Arm
Sean Penton—Joe Batts Arm
Wayne Collins—Joe Batts Arm
Stephen Rowe—Seldom
Christopher Harnett—Seldom
Anthony Penton—Joe Batts Arm
Andre Penton—Joe Batts Arm

District 10

Randy Ryan—La Scie
Terry King—La Scie
Eugene Gray—La Scie
Dr. Michael Bland—Grand Falls
Roy Morey—La Scie
Lorne Morey—La Scie
Roy Ward—La Scie

DID YOU KNOW?

You are not considered to be on Authorized Activity unless you have been tasked by Search and Rescue. If you do not receive the proper authorization, you are not entitled to any reimbursement, and more importantly, you are liable for any damage done to your vessel.

Remember to notify the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre and obtain an Incident Number. It is for your own protection.

1-800-563-2444



24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador) Incorporated was held on October 18, 2002 at the Hotel Marystown.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5
 Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice-President, Director District 1
 Herbert Pittman—2nd Vice-President, Director District 2
 Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7
 Harry Strong—Immediate Past President, Director District 8
 Howard Noel—Director District 3
 Wesley Snook—Director District 4
 Edward Bruce—Director District 6
 Aidan Penton—Director District 9
 Byron Morey—Director District 10
 Keith Kearney—CCGA Operations/ Training Officer
 Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Administrative Assistant
 Francois Vezina—CCGA National Business Manager

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard were represented by:

John Adams—Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard
 Steve Daoust—Superintendent, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
 John Butler—Regional Director, Canadian Coast Guard
 Ray Browne—Director, Marine Programs
 Brian Stone—Regional Superintendent, Maritime SAR
 Neil Peet—Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs
 Gerard Lacey—Training Officer, Canadian Coast Guard
 Valerie Dwyer—Administrative Assistant, Canadian Coast Guard

Special Guests:

Frank McLaughlin—President, CCGA Maritimes
 Ed Mackenzie—USCGA
 Sue Mackenzie—USCGA
 Jim Anderson—USCGA
 Jennifer Fletcher—USCGA

2003 CCGA (NL) EXECUTIVE

Winston Pitcher—President
 Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President
 Herbert Pittman—2nd Vice President
 Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer
 Harry Strong—Immediate Past President

VOTES RECEIVED DISTRICT PERCENTAGES 2002

District 1—71%	District 6—90%
District 2—76%	District 7—66%
District 3—84%	District 8—68%
District 4—67%	District 9—68%
District 5—76%	District 10—67%

Each year, CCGA (NL) Inc. members are given the opportunity to elect a Director for their district. Members are encouraged to return their voting form by the deadline to have their vote count.

For 2002, 72% of Auxiliary members voted.



The CCGA (NL) presented gifts to the members of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) from Ireland. From left to right: Martin O'Boyle, Brendan Dillon, Harry Strong, Ned Dillon, Geoff Kearns, Cead Muller, Aiden Downey.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. celebrated its 24th year of successful operation at its Annual General Meeting in Marystown, NL from October 18-19, 2002. At that time we held our fifth SAR Skills Competition at the Coast Guard Base in Burin. I would like to congratulate all participants and winners for a job well done, especially the overall winners from District 2 (Herb Pittman, Director).

A banquet followed the day of competition, where the 10-year members of the CCGA (NL) were presented with their membership awards. Also presented were the following—**Administrative Excellence Medal**—**Charles Roberts**, St. John's; **Leadership Medals**—**Harry Strong**, Old Perlican; **Winston Pitcher**, Burin; **Exemplary Service Medal**—**Herbert Pittman**, Englee; **Operational Merit Medals**—**Rodney Pierce**, Harbour Breton; **Arthur Pierce**, Harbour Breton; **Wesley Snook**, Harbour Breton; **Aubrey Wells**, Fortune. I would like to congratulate the award winners and all Auxiliaries on a successful year.

In 2002, the CCGA (NL) Inc. increased its membership to 1018 members, and the number of vessels supporting the Search and Rescue program increased to 484. The Auxiliary responded to 219 SAR incidents, representing 46% of all the province's SAR incidents for

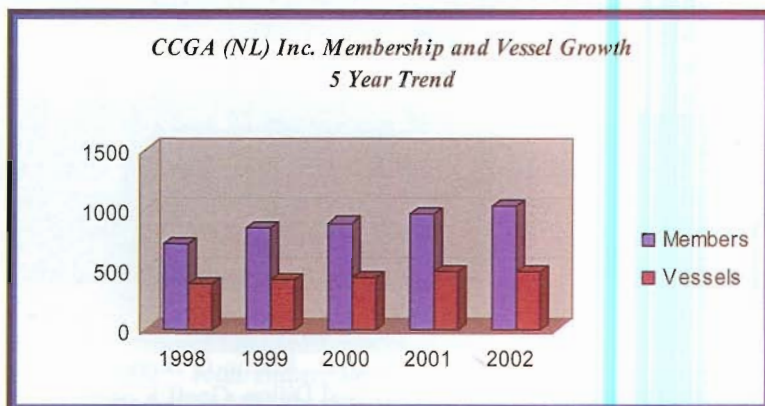
2002, committing approximately 2100 hours to the SAR program. If it were not for the dedication of its members, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary would not be able to perform the service it does for the boating community.

Many thanks to all Auxiliary members, Executive, Board of Directors and Coast Guard Support Staff for helping to make the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. the success that it is. With all of us working together we will continue as an effective organization helping our fellow man as the need arises.

Winston Pitcher
President
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc.



Winston Pitcher, President CCGA (NL) receives Leadership Medal from Harry Strong, CEO National Council, CCGA at AGM Banquet in Marystown, NL.



This chart represents the CCGA (NL) Inc.'s membership and vessel growth since 1998. Membership has increased steadily from 714 volunteers in 1998 to 1018 in 2002 and 100 vessels have been added to the list of Search and Rescue resources.

CCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS—2003

Each year, as active members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador), you are asked to vote for a Director for your District. The following people were chosen by you to represent your District for 2003:-

District 1—Marcel O'Brien—927-5540

District 2—Herbert Pittman—866-2555

District 3—Howard Noel—453-2458

District 4—Wesley Snook—885-2422

District 5—Winston Pitcher—891-1150

District 6—Edward Bruce—228-2386

District 7—Charles Roberts—726-7601

District 8—Harry Strong—587-2196

District 9—Aidan Penton—658-3683

District 10—Byron Morey—675-2898/2269

Feel free to contact your District Director if you have any questions or concerns.



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary 20 Year Members



The CCGA (NL) Inc. would like to congratulate the following Auxiliarists on their 20 years of dedicated service:-

Roy Leyte—Lewisporte
James Boland Sr.—Benoits Cove
John Hearn—Petty Harbour
Raymond Petten—Bareneed

Claude Normore—L'Anse au Loup
Glenn Burton—Lewisporte
Perry Burton—Lewisporte
Kenneth Mesher—Happy Valley

The continuing success of the Auxiliary must be attributed to members like you, for without dedication and commitment such as yours, the CCGA would not exist as it does today.



Left to right: Winston Pitcher, Wade Saunders, Herbert Pittman, Christopher Foley, Randy Patey and John Butler.

District 2 were declared the overall winners of the 5th Annual SAR Skills Competition in Marystown, NL for 2002. They were given the option of representing the Newfoundland and Labrador Region in the 2003 International SAR Competition which takes place in St. John's, NL or the 2004 International SAR Competition which will take place in the United States.



The International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR) took place on October 5, 2002 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Through the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the United States and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliaries, the competition provides an opportunity for SAR volunteers to the North and South of the 49th parallel to meet and exchange SAR skills and knowledge in a friendly, but competitive, environment.

The ISAR competition targets three major objectives:

- To accomplish a major training exercise in search and rescue that allows the rescuers to put the knowledge and skills they have obtained into practice.
- To provide an opportunity for the volunteers to increase esprit de corps and exchange information and ideas, all essential elements of an effective search and rescue team.
- To provide a forum for the participants to receive recognition for the work that they do as volunteers.


Both countries were allowed to send six teams to the competition to determine whose abilities, knowledge, training and resourcefulness would earn them the coveted title of International Champion. Each of the five Coast Guard Auxiliary regions - Pacific, Quebec, Central & Arctic, Maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador -- sent teams made up of four auxiliaries. As well, four of the five regions selected an Auxiliary member to attend ISAR and participate on a national team (Team Canada). Once in Milwaukee, a member of each of Canada's six teams was selected to participate on an International team. Team Newfoundland, the winners of the 2001 Regional SAR Skills





Team Newfoundland. Back (from left to right):- Romuald Dalton, Andrew Daley, Richard Best, Delton McGrath. Front:- Stewart Marrie

competition, was comprised of Delton McGrath, Romuald Dalton, Richard Best, Stewart Marrie (spare) and Andrew Daley (Director). Romuald Dalton was selected to compete as part of an International team. Ralph Priddle was selected at the regional level to join Team Canada.

REMINDER

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DID YOU KNOW?

The CCGA (NL) Office in St. John's must have an up-to-date copy of your vessel's Canadian Steamship Inspection (CSI) certificate. All vessels that become delinquent in their CSIs are flagged in the Search and Rescue system and are considered unavailable for tasking.

If your vessel has been flagged and it participates in an incident, you will not be eligible for compensation, and more importantly, your vessel will not be covered by insurance should it incur damages.



GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL

As we close the book on 2002, let me take a quick moment, on behalf of the CCGA National Council, to offer a heart-felt thanks and a "Bravo Zulu" to our CCGA volunteers in Newfoundland and Labrador for another banner year of service to Canadians.

Throughout our newsletter, our colleagues from the Canadian Coast Guard have provided you with our impressive search and rescue statistics for 2002. At a time when there is a downturn in certain aspects of our fishery, as it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain our enterprises, we still stand ever vigilant to answer calls for assistance from our fellow mariners.

Many CCGA SAR missions are of long duration, sometimes in excess of 80 hours, and they often occur during very severe weather conditions and in remote locations. But yet, you are always there to respond without a second thought and sometimes at an economic loss to your enterprise. You provide a valuable service to Canadians; you are an equal partner in Team Search and Rescue and are highly respected by your fellow SAR providers in the Canadian Coast Guard and the Canadian Forces. A reputation of which you should be most proud.

On another note, you are all no doubt aware that in 2003 we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the CCGA. To mark this occasion, your President

and I will be representing CCGA (NL) at a national-ceremony to take place at Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario on 08 August 2003. In addition, CCGA (NL) will be hosting the 4th Annual International Volunteer Search and Rescue Competition in St. John's on 26/27 September 2003. This year, the Auxiliarists that are representing Newfoundland & Labrador at the Competition are from District 10 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Byron Morey and his team the best of luck. I'm sure they will show our friends from the rest of Canada and the United States how we conduct the business of search and rescue here on the East Coast.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you health and prosperity in 2003 and until next year, happy and safe boating!

Harry Strong
CEO National Council
CCGA



"Happiness is not so much in having as in sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life out of what we give."

Norman MacEwan

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 25 YEAR MEMBERS IN 2003

The CCGA (NL) Inc. would like to congratulate the following Auxiliary members for 25 years of continuous, dedicated service.

Austin Sheppard—Lark Harbour
Ross Osmond—Jackson's Cove
Harry Strong—Old Perlican
Linda Clenche—Random Island
Thomas Mills—Clareville
John Troake—Durrell



GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for another successful year. The Auxiliary was involved in over 40% of the search and rescue incidents in the Newfoundland and Labrador Region during 2002. Your continuing dedication and support to the Search and Rescue program is greatly valued.

You, the members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador, are valued members of the "Team Search and Rescue" community. We have come to rely on your willingness to respond and to provide assistance where and when required. Your dedication to the maritime search and rescue program and your professionalism demonstrated during this past year were both noted and very much appreciated. Your presence enables a much faster and more comprehensive response than would otherwise be possible. Your partnership role is well appreciated by mariners and members of the public who know of your work. It should bring comfort to all mariners to know that such a readiness to assist in times of peril exists on the waters off Newfoundland and Labrador. Your contribution is even more highly valued by the members of the Canadian Coast Guard who appreciate how essential your services are. The Canadian Coast Guard would not be able to carry out our search and rescue missions without Auxiliary volunteer support.

Having completed one full year as Superintendent, Maritime Search and Rescue, I now have a better perspective as to how important a member the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to Team SAR, "FOR WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD BE LOST". Your professionalism and willingness to involve yourselves in sometimes precarious situations has proven time and time again your dedication to assisting your fellow mariner. Through activities outside normal operations, I have gotten to meet some of you in person, and it has been a privilege to have had this opportunity.

We all recognize that volunteers are the people who choose to give of their time, of their energy, or of their knowledge—to show solidarity with their fellow mariners. You are the people who reach out and support others in need, and we thank you for it.

Volunteer organizations cannot succeed alone. They need the support and co-operation of their government in order to develop in a volunteer friendly environment. The way we act regarding volunteering and your voluntary organization has a great impact on its viability and effectiveness.

On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, myself and my colleagues at MRSC St. John's, I would like to take this opportunity to offer you, your crew and families sincere thanks and applaud you for your dedication and efforts. We can always count on the enthusiasm of the Auxiliary, and we appreciate your continued support in our Search and Rescue efforts. The Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre is located on the third floor of the Coast Guard building on Southside Road. Please feel free to drop by for a visit.

Brian Stone
Superintendent
Maritime Search and Rescue



DID YOU KNOW?

Vessels enrolled in the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Newfoundland and Labrador that are engaged in authorized activity must be under the command of a member of the Auxiliary. An Auxiliary vessel that has been tasked to an incident, if not under the command of an auxiliaryist, is not entitled to reimbursement and more importantly, is not covered by insurance.

If the owner/operator is not aboard the vessel and there is no designated CCGA member in command, a tasking should not be accepted, even if the vessel is registered as an Auxiliary vessel.



DID YOU KNOW?

Who Needs Restricted Operator's Certificate – Maritime Commercial Training?

If you are in charge of a radio watch on a vessel that is required to have a VHF-DSC radio or INMAR-SAT equipment, you must obtain at least a Radio Operator's Certificate – Maritime Commercial (ROC-MC).

The ROC-MC certificate is a new requirement. There are no grandparenting provisions for previous radio certification. If you already have a General Operator's Certificate, you do not need to also obtain a ROC-MC.

Where can I get ROC-MC training?

The Marine Institute offers four training programs to choose from.

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| • 10-hour ROC-MC Abridged Course | ROC required | \$130 |
| • 2-day ROC-MC Abridged Course | ROC required | \$210 |
| • 20-hour ROC-MC Course (on-campus) | No pre-requisite | \$290 |
| • 20-hour ROC-MC Course (community based)* | No pre-requisite | \$395 |

* Where there is sufficient demand


To view our ROC-MC Course schedule, visit our website at www.mi.mun.ca/mi/cms
Students interested in distance delivery options should contact Michelle Carroll at 709-778-0539.

To register for courses, please contact:

Registrar's Office, Marine Institute
P.O. Box 4920, St. John's, NL Canada A1C 5R3
Tel: (709) 778-0600 Fax (709) 778-0322
Toll Free: 1-800-563-5799, ext 600
Email: admissions@mi.mun.ca
www.mi.mun.ca



COURTESY VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

 FISHING VESSELS 15 TONS AND UNDER

 PLEASURE CRAFT

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

Vessels offered for use in authorized Auxiliary Activities are subject to periodic examinations as set down in the CCGA (NL) Inc. Operational Guidelines. A representative from the Canadian Coast Guard or Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary will contact members to arrange an examination, if required. If there are any questions, please call our toll free number **1-800-563-6158**.

MARINERS HELPING MARINERS

On June 1, 2002, the Royal Mariner, owned and operated by Andrew Daley of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, had just arrived at the fishing grounds in the Davis Strait after six and a half days steam from Newbridge, St. Mary's Bay. They had been shooting gear for six to seven hours when at 1400 hours, the Royal Mariner received a call from Captain Elijah Cull of the Newfoundland Mariner, requesting assistance.

Captain Cull of the Newfoundland Mariner advised that he had been adrift for two days with his main engine broken down and was now very close to the Arctic pack ice. He required a tow to the nearest safe haven, which was Nuuk, Greenland.

The Royal Mariner steamed 120 miles to reach the Newfoundland Mariner. They then began the 223 mile tow to Nuuk, Greenland at 0900 on June 2nd. Just two hours after the tow began the winds increased to 35-40 knots Northeast with 4-5 meter swells. Speed was reduced to 2 knots and the towline had to be increased to 500 meters. These weather conditions persisted until late the next day. As the tow neared the coast of Greenland on June 4th, the weather improved with winds dropping to 10 knots. At 1000 on June 4, the Royal Mariner safely delivered the Newfoundland Mariner and her 12 crew to Nuuk, Greenland for repairs. The steaming was not over yet for the Royal Mariner and her crew as they immediately turned around and headed back to their fishing grounds, 220 miles away.

Story submitted by Andrew Daley of District 6.

Editor's note: This may possibly be the longest incident in CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador history, lasting 84 hours in duration.



Charles Roberts of St. John's receives the Administrative Excellence Medal from Harry Strong, Chief Executive Officer of CCGA National.

Charlie is the Secretary/Treasurer of the CCGA.

CCGA NEWFOUNDLAND RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary awarded medals to eight of its volunteer members at the SAR Skills Competition Banquet in Marystown, Newfoundland and Labrador, on October 19, 2002.

- ◆ Aubrey Wells—Fortune Operational Merit Medal
- ◆ Arthur Pierce—Harbour Breton Operational Merit Medal
- ◆ Rodney Pierce—Harbour Breton Operational Merit Medal
- ◆ Wesley Snook Sr.—Harbour Breton Operational Merit Medal
- ◆ Charles Roberts—St. John's Administrative Excellence Medal
- ◆ Herbert Pittman—Englee Exemplary Service Medal
- ◆ Winston Pitcher—Burin Bay Arm Leadership Medal
- ◆ Harry Strong—Old Perlican Leadership Medal

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!**



SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

Those of you that have attended or participated in one of the CCGA SAR Skills competitions have seen their faces. They are the SAR Training section of the Canadian Coast Guard. Their mandate is to act in a support role to overall SAR program delivery in the Newfoundland and Labrador Region. The section is responsible for the following:

- ◆ Providing SAR skills training for CCG ship's officers and crew
- ◆ Providing Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator Training (RHIOT) training to the Coast Guard Fleet
- ◆ Providing Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat courses to other SAR partners
- ◆ Providing Small Craft Training to other Federal, Provincial and Municipal agencies
- ◆ Assisting the Superintendent, Maritime SAR through the planning, execution and monitoring of SAR exercises
- ◆ Providing first-aid/medical training for SAR partners
- ◆ Administering and coordinating the Rescue Specialist program on a Regional basis
- ◆ Staffing, training and providing three seasonal Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB) units
- ◆ Providing, maintaining and replacing all SAR equipment onboard Coast Guard ships.

As you can see from their list of duties, they are a very busy section. However, each fall, they volunteer their weekend to assist the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary with their Annual SAR Skills competition.

They tow the Fast Rescue Crafts to the town or city that is hosting the event. They arrange for the volunteer casualties to participate in the First Aid Competition. And on the day of the event, while the rest of us are still asleep, they are at the site of the competition, setting things in motion and ensuring that the equipment required for the smooth running of the day is in good working order. They spend the day of the competition ferrying the participants of the Search and Rescue Operations event, all the time ensuring the safety of their passengers. Then, as everyone else is returning to the hotel to prepare for that evening's festivities, the SAR Training section is busy packing up all the gear for the journey home the next day.

At the 2002 Annual CCGA Banquet, the members of the SAR Training section (seen below) were presented with a plaque of appreciation for their tireless efforts in support of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Newfoundland and Labrador SAR program.



Left to Right: Winston Pitcher, Dave Griffiths, Andy Duke, Kevin Lawless, Peter Fontaine (missing) Steve Sheppard



Members of the SAR Training section preparing for the Search and Rescue Operations competition at the Lifeboat Station in Burin during the 2002 SAR Skills competition.

REMINDER

Send In Your:

- ⇒ Renewal Form
- ⇒ Voting Form
- ⇒ Incident Report Form



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SAR SKILLS 2002

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (N) Inc. would like to thank all sponsors for the SAR Skills Competition held in Marystown on October 19, 2002.

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TO ALL AUXILIARISTS

In 2002, the Newfoundland and Labrador Region of the Canadian Coast Guard prosecuted 475 maritime search and rescue incidents. Of these incidents, 72% involved commercial fishing vessels.

You, the Auxiliary members, represent a significant resource for maritime SAR operations in Newfoundland and Labrador. You are, in fact, responsible for, either single handedly or as part of a larger team of SAR providers, resolving 46% of the maritime SAR incidents for 2002. Auxiliarists spent on average 8.39 hours per tasking, for a total of 2097 hours on task.

This past year has been a busy one for the Auxiliary. Membership increased as well as the number of vessels enrolled. 184 Auxiliarists received Marine Advanced First Aid training, 60 Courtesy Vessel examinations were performed on CCGA vessels under 15 GRT and 120 Pleasure Craft Operator cards were issued to CCGA members.

The 5th Annual CCGA SAR Skills competition, held in Marystown, was a great success and this year you will be celebrating 25 years as a volunteer organization.

I am proud to say that due to your safety consciousness, seamanship skills and the dedication you have shown to the Newfoundland and Labrador SAR program, this organization will benefit the mariners who ply our waters for many more years to come.

You are a valuable member of the "Team SAR" community, and on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, thank you for making our waters just a little safer for those who navigate the North Atlantic in pursuit of business or pleasure.

Neil Peet
Marine SAR Programs
Canadian Coast Guard



ATTENTION: Fish Harvesters and Mariners

Marine Emergency Duties (MED) Training

Transport Canada Marine Safety (TCMS) wishes to notify all interested parties of a recent policy decision to extend the implementation period for basic marine safety training for crewmembers **aboard small commercial and fishing vessels** as required under Section 21 of the Crewing Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act.

TCMS will not take enforcement action against crewmembers on small fishing vessels less than 150 GRT and commercial vessels on Home Trade IV and Minor Waters voyages prior to **April 1, 2007** provided that individuals can demonstrate that they have registered for the requisite marine safety training by **July 30, 2003**.

Please also be advised that TCMS has approved 2 new marine emergency duty (MED) courses, the MED A3 and the MED A4, for crewmembers on vessels operating within specified limited distances from shore.

MED A3 will be allowed in lieu of MED A1 for crewmembers on fishing vessels operating no more than 20 miles offshore and passenger vessels, not including ferries with unberthed accommodation, only on minor waters and Home Trade IV voyages.

MED A4 will be allowed in lieu of MED A1 for crewmembers on board fishing, aquaculture and non-passenger carrying vessels operating in sheltered waters no more than 2 miles from shore.

The MED A1 course will continue to apply to crewmembers aboard vessels operating beyond these limits.

VHF Radio Installation with Digital Selective Calling (VHF-DSC Radio)

Please be aware that new requirements for VHF-DSC Radio operations for certain vessel types will be coming into force by **August 1, 2003**.

The new requirements apply to: ships of closed construction that are more than 8 m in length; ships carrying more than six passengers; and towing vessels.

The requirements do not apply to ships on inland voyages nor to ships on home-trade voyages, Class IV, that are within a Vessel Traffic Services zone.

The requirements are detailed under Ship Safety Bulletin No. 04/2002 (2002-04-09)

Please contact the nearest **Transport Canada Marine Safety office** for further information or refer to Transport Canada website: www.tc.gc.ca.

New Brunswick

Bathurst: (506) 548-7491
Saint John: (506) 636-4748

Newfoundland and Labrador

Corner Brook: (709) 637-4390
Lewisporte: (709) 535-2503
Marystown: (709) 279-2201
St. John's: (709) 772-5166

Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown: (902) 566-7987

Nova Scotia

Dartmouth: (902) 426-2060
Port Hawkesbury: (902) 625-0803
Sydney: (902) 564-7002
Yarmouth: (902) 742-6860

COLOURING CONTEST

Hey Kids!

Once again it's time for the CCGA (NL) Annual Colouring Contest. The contest is open to the children of Auxiliaries only. All submissions will be judged by the Executive of the CCGA (NL) Inc.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each of the following age groups:

3-4 years

5-6 years

7-8 years

9-11 years

All entries must be received at the CCGA (NL) Inc. office in St. John's no later than Friday, June 27, 2003.

Please send your entry to:

Colouring Contest
c/o CCGA (NL) Inc.
P.O. Box 938, Station "C"
St. John's, NL A1C 5M3



CCGA (NL) INC. 5TH ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

Ages 3-4
1st—Maria Normore
2nd—Amber Strickland
3rd—Tanner Fillier

Ages 5-6
1st—Mitchell Butler
2nd—Mateo Clyde Gill
3rd—Michael Strong

Ages 7-8
1st—Justin Wells
2nd—Carly Saunders
3rd—Kelli Linehan

Ages 9-11
1st—Danielle Boutcher
2nd—Andrew Northcotte
3rd—Ian Hedderson



Maria Normore,
Age 4



Mitchell Butler,
Age 6

2002 First Place Winners



Justin Wells,
Age 8



Danielle Boutcher,
Age 11

TWO LOAVES AND A QUILT OF THANKS

On December 27, 2001, Andrew Daley was just sitting down to supper with his family and visiting friends when he received a phone call at 5:10pm from Gerard Power of O'Donnell's. Gerard, also an auxiliary member, advised that his brother-in-law and two friends were out in an 18 foot open boat and overdue since noon. Both men understood that this was serious because there was 45 knots of southeast winds and heavy rain. Andrew sent two of his sons to the dock to start to take off the winter lines on his boat, the *Royal Mariner*, and then he called his crew.

Andrew called the Rescue Sub-Center in St. John's and informed them of the situation and that the *Royal Mariner* was being prepared to search for the missing men. He would inform MRSC St. John's when the search was underway. Andrew's biggest concern was how long it was going to take to get the winter lines off the boat on such a poor night with heavy rain and cold temperatures. When he arrived at the dock at 5:30pm, Andrew's son and mate Matthew informed him that the boat was ready to depart. There were 10 people aboard the boat helping with the ropes and as many more on the dock, as the word spread rapidly through the community of the missing men.

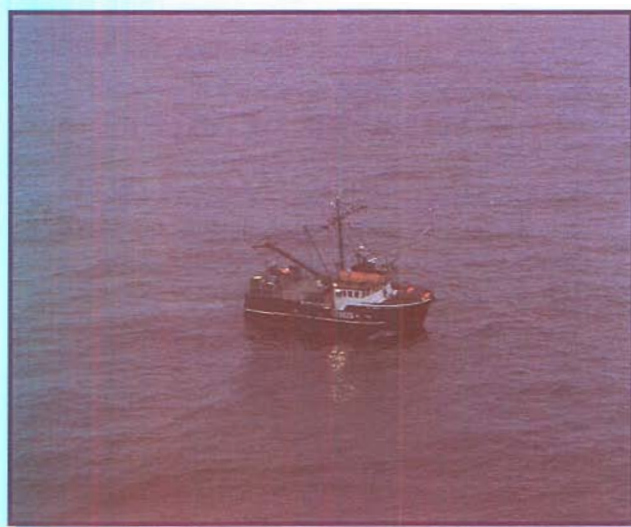
The *Royal Mariner* proceeded to Little Colinet Island, the last known position of the missing boaters. Visibility was poor due to heavy rain and strong winds. As the boat neared the search area, a call was received from the Works, Services and Transportation supervisor who was on duty and aware of the missing boaters. He said he had seen a fire with his binoculars across the bay. With spotlights, the shore was searched for any sign of a fire or the missing boat. As the *Royal Mariner* neared the shoreline, the fire was sighted and the spotlights brought the three waving men into view. Conditions prevented sending a small boat to their shore location, so the men walked through a wooded area to reach a sheltered cove so a dory could be put out to rescue the stranded men. The men were well clothed and in good physical shape. They were safely brought aboard the *Royal Mariner* at approximately 10:00pm.

While returning to port and anxious family members, the men informed the rescuers that while returning to port, their motor had failed. While they were drifting, the strong wind had nearly swamped their boat. They did drift ashore 50 feet from the end of Colinet Island. Had they missed the island, they would have been in serious trouble.

When Andrew Daley made his customary Christmas Eve visit in 2002 to the home of John and Patricia Singleton, parents of one of the rescued boaters, Mr. Johnny (95 years old) thanked him for rescuing the boys on such a stormy night. In addition, Mrs. Patricia presented him with a quilt she had made herself in appreciation of the safe return of her family members. She also gave Andrew two loaves of raisin bread.

Story submitted by Andrew Daley of District 6.

Longtime Auxiliary member Andrew Daley said he was proud that he and his crew achieved a safe rescue and that he was quite honoured to receive the quilt and raisin bread in thanks. He would like to extend special thanks to his crew members and to the willing neighbours who came so quickly to help that stormy December night.



NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary invites its members to "NAME THE NEWSLETTER". Any member of the Auxiliary can submit a name for the Annual CCGA newsletter. Just write the suggested name on a piece of paper with your name, address and telephone number and mail it to:

Name the Newsletter
c/o CCGA (NL) Inc.
P.O. Box 938, Station "C"
St. John's, NL A1C 5M3

Please submit your entries by July 31, 2003. The winning submission shall be chosen by the Executive members of the CCGA Board of Directors. The winner will receive a prize, compliments of the CCGA.

Visit the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary online at www.ccg-gcac.org

REMINDER

Let Us Know If You:

- ⇒ Sell your vessel
- ⇒ Change your address or telephone number
- ⇒ Remove your vessel from the water
- ⇒ Increase the value of your vessel
- ⇒ Fish/Operate in an area away from your home port
- ⇒ Change Alternate Skippers



DID YOU KNOW?

It is the responsibility of the CCGA owner/operator to report any damage or suspected damage to your regional Coast Guard representative immediately following the conclusion of the SAR case. In addition, if damage occurs during a SAR case, every effort should be made to notify MRSC of the damage, especially if the damage might jeopardize the safety of the CCGA vessel and its crew. MRSC must be notified so that they can monitor the progress of the CCGA vessel to ensure it reaches port safely.



THE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published annually for members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador) Incorporated. If you have any news items, stories and/or photographs, please send them to:

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c/o CCGA (NL) Inc.
P.O. Box 938, Station "C"
St. John's, NL
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IN MEMORIAM

Commodore Ed MacKenzie crossed over the bar on 10 February 2003. Commodore MacKenzie was a valued member of Flotilla 38, D1-NR. Having served as an active duty Coast Guard radarman, Ed joined the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary where he served the boating public by spreading the knowledge of safe boating as an instructor and a vessel examiner. As a coxswain and a qualification examiner he helped prevent injury or loss of life for the boating community.

Commodore MacKenzie served Flotilla 38 as Flotilla Commander, Division 3, as Staff Officer Member Training, Division, Vice Captain and Division Captain. He served as the National Branch Chief-Editor for the Auxiliary's national publication "Navigator."

Commodore MacKenzie served the First Northern Region as District Staff Officer-Publications; Rear-Commodore-North; Vice Commodore and District Commodore 2002 and 2003.

Ed was very proudly present for the dedication of a memorial to the Auxiliary on the 50th anniversary of his becoming a "Coastie."



In addition to the awards he earned during his active duty service, Commodore MacKenzie's Auxiliary service earned him two Auxiliary Achievement Awards; two Auxiliary Commendation Awards; Eighteen Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards; The Department of Transportation Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award; two Coast Guard Unit Commendations; a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation; the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation; and a Special Operations Service Ribbon.

His wife of 30 years, Suzanne, and a son, Ross, survive the Commodore.

Now, the Supreme Admiral of the Universe has called our shipmate to sail with him in eternally calm waters, forever free from the storms and tempest of mortal life.

Editor's note: Ed MacKenzie had a connection with Newfoundland and Labrador as the USCG cutter on which he served made many trips to the US Naval Base in Argentia while on convoy duty during WW II. First District, Northern Region also shares a common border with the CCG and CCGA in Maritimes Region. In 2002, he and his wife Sue attended the CCGA SAR Skills Competition in Marystown, NL.

THANK YOU

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the 24th AGM and 5th Annual SAR Skills competition a huge success. Special thanks to the Hotel Marystown, the staff of the CCG Lifeboat Station in Burin for letting us use your facilities and for donating your time and assistance to the event, the CCGA support staff, the volunteers from the Canadian Coast Guard and 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Gander, and to all CCGA members and friends who competed or supported the competitors.

SCRAPBOOK

