

Water Lines



Burin hosts . . . Rescue Competition 2006

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The year 2006 saw a continuation of our annual competition. Teams from the 10 Administrative Districts of CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporated enthusiastically made their way to the Canadian Coast Guard Lifeboat Station in Burin in October, 2006 to participate in the 8th annual CCGA (NL) Inc. Rescue Competition.

The weekend began on Friday, October 13th with the 28th Annual General Meeting held at the Marystown Hotel. Registration for the competition was held Friday evening at the Hotel.

On the morning of October 14th - 10 teams made their way to the CCG Lifeboat Station in Burin for a day of participation in events such as Search and Rescue Operations; Emergency Abandonment; First Aid; Line Throwing; Dewatering Pump Operations; and a Mystery Event, which was line splicing.

After a grueling day of competition, a banquet was held during the evening at the Hotel Marystown where the winners were announced.



28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 28th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. was held on October 13th, 2006 at the Marystown Hotel.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President, Director District 1
Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 7
Harry Strong—Immediate Past President, Director District 8
Ronald Pittman—Director District 2
Howard Noel—Director District 3
Wesley Snook—Director District 4
Aidan Penton—Director District 9



Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Regional Business Manager
Jeremy Wagg—CCGA Operations/Training Officer

Regrets:

Byron Morey—2nd Vice President, Director District 10
Edward Bruce—Director District 6

Invited Guests:

Frank McLaughlin—President, CCGA (Maritimes)
Francois Vezina—Business Manager CCGA National

The Canadian Coast Guard was represented by:

John Butler
Assistant Commissioner
CCG (NL) Region

Yves Villemaire
Director General Maritime Services
Ottawa

Ray Browne
Director Marine Programs
CCG (NL) Region

Brian Stone
Superintendent, Maritime SAR
CCG (NL) Region

Neil Peet
Supervisor, Marine SAR Programs
CCG (NL) Region

Gerard Lacey
Training Officer
CCG (NL) Region

Mary Pye
Administrative Officer
CCG (NL) Region

CCGA (NL) 2006-2007 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Winston Pitcher—President
Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice President
Aidan Penton —2nd Vice President
Charles Roberts—Secretary/Treasurer



Congratulations to Director Ron Pittman and his team from District 2 (Northern Peninsula). This team, consisting of Ron Patey, Keith Kearney and Larry Cull won top honors at the Rescue Competition and received the Capt. Peter Troake CM Memorial Trophy. The team will travel to Toronto in September, 2007 to represent Newfoundland & Labrador in the International Search and Rescue Competition.



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2006 marked my 16th consecutive year as President, CCGA (NL) Inc. It is an honour and privilege to once again bring greetings to you and to thank you for the work you continue to do on behalf of our organization. We can boast a membership of 927 members and 467 vessels with a resale value of over \$237 million. We continue to provide a significant resource to augment the Search and Rescue system.

On October 13/14 our 28th annual general meeting and 8th annual rescue competition was held in my hometown of Burin. At our annual general meeting on October 13th we welcomed a new Director to the Executive Committee. Mr. Aidan Penton, Director District 9, was elected 2nd Vice-President for the voting year 2006 / 2007.

At our 28th annual general meeting banquet held at the Marystown Hotel, we honoured our 10 and 25 year members, as well as those members who have earned Lifetime Membership status. The 25 year members were presented with Long Service Medals. Additionally, we presented the President of CASARA (Civil Air Search and Rescue Association) Mr. Brian Bishop, with an Honourary Membership in CCGA (NL) Inc. Congratulations and thank you to all. Keep up the good work.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to two of our members from Labrador, Mr. Marcel O'Brien and his wife Alma. Both were instrumental in ensuring the success of our competition held in Southern Labrador in 2005.

Although we celebrate our successes, we did find ourselves in a position of having to bid farewell to some of our members who passed away in 2006.

I would like to make special mention of the passing of Mr. Charles Roberts. Charlie joined the CCGA (NL) Inc. in 1986 and served as Director District 7 (St. John's area). Additionally, Charlie served on the Executive Committee as Secretary / Treasurer for 15 years. He was a great advocate for the fishery and marine safety as well as a leader amongst his peers. His presence will be sorely missed. ***"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on...."***

- Walter Lippmann -

I would like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks to all our members and to wish you continued smooth sails and following seas.

*Each day's a new beginning
We sail an unknown course
But if we trust the Master
And seek Him as our source,
He'll guide our ship of hours
As we strive to chart our way,
And we'll feel a reassurance
That will comfort all the day.
For when we ask our Father
To help us at day's end,
He'll strengthen and sustain us
With love to overwhelm.*
- Virginia Borman Grimmer -



**Winston Pitcher
President
CCGA (NL) Inc.**

REMINDER!!

You are not considered to be on Authorized Activity unless you have been tasked by Search and Rescue and are in receipt of an Incident Case Number. 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-Center and obtain an Incident Number before you proceed to a distressed vessel. It is for your own protection.

1-800-563-2444





JSAR 2006



NL Team #6

The 7th Annual International Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition was hosted in October, 2006 by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Can-Am Team #13

On October 23, 2006 competitors from District 1, encompassing Labrador, traveled to Portsmouth, Virginia to participate in the Annual International ISAR competition. Team members

from Newfoundland and Labrador included Trevor Larkham, Kevin Normore, Chester Davis, and spare Darrell O'Brien.

Registration began on Thursday, October 24 and the competition events began on Friday, October 25 at the Portsmouth, Virginia Seawall at the North Ferry Landing. During the meet and greet held Thursday evening, teams were finalized, with one team member from each geographical area being chosen to sit on a combined 'Canadian—American' team. The individual chosen to sit on the Can-Am team was Chester Davis. The team from Newfoundland & Labrador, coached by District Director Marcel O'Brien and captained by Trevor Larkham, were extremely successful and walked away with not only individual event trophies but also the top Canadian trophy, and the overall trophy naming them "International Champions". We are extremely proud of our members from Labrador and wish to thank them for a job that was second to none!!



Canada Team #1

In addition to the four team members from District 1, CCGA (NL) Inc. was asked to send a member to ISAR 2006 to participate on 'Team Canada'. The 'Team Canada' members are made up of 4 members from each of the 5 respective CCGA regions across Canada.

The member chosen to be on 'Team Canada' for 2006 was Mr. Jerry Best from Fogo (District 9).

Mr. Best's team were very successful as well and won two events.



SERVICE AWARDS—2006

Each year CCGA (NL) Inc. honours its members for years of service. The 5, 15, and 20 year awards are sent to members each year in January / February. The 10 and 25 year members are invited to the annual banquet where their awards are presented. The following Auxiliary members received their 10 and 25 year service awards in 2006. The dedication and continued support shown by you to Search and Rescue is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to respond to the needs of mariners in peril is a comfort to all those who ply our waters. Congratulations to all.

CCGA (NL) Inc. 25 Year Members

CCGA (Newfoundland and Labrador) would like to commend the following Auxiliarists on receiving their 25 year awards at the AGM Banquet, October 14, 2006

District 6

Philip Dohey
Edward Bruce

District 8

Kevin Fitzgerald
Clyde Simmons

District 9

George Jacobs
Morley Rowe



Pictured above (L-R) Winston Pitcher, Alma O'Brien, Marcel O'Brien, John Butler.....Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien received certificates of appreciation for their efforts and assistance in bringing the annual rescue competition to Southern Labrador.

CCGA (NL) Inc. 10 Year Members

District 1

Joseph Webb
Irving B. Powell
Llewellyn Burt Jr.
Leonard Stickley
Dominic Rose
Jerry Ryland

District 6

William Hickey

District 8

Derek Peddle
Paul Rodgers

District 2

Alvin Cassell
Dorman Caines
Keith Kearney

District 9

James Cooper
Ralph M. Rose
Michael Gill
Jeffery Heath
Ambrose Harnett

District 3

Perry Sheppard
Edward Fiander

District 10

Derrick Bath
Victor Barrett
Dwayne Barrett
Robert Randell
John Martin
Gerard Martin

District 4

Norman Graham
Ronald Willcott
Fabian Willcott
Ross Francis

District 5

Paul Wells

**You will find as you look
back upon your life, that the
moments that stand out are
the moments when you have
done things for others.....**



Continued Proficiency Endorsement

Every applicant for a continued proficiency certificate who holds a certificate shall:

- (a) Hold a valid medical certificate
- (b) Fulfill the service requirements of either 12 months service onboard a ship as master or mate in charge of the watch.
- (c) Completed a marine emergency duties course A1

For members holding Fishing Masters or Mates certificates, this means five years from the date of issue on your certificate. Example, date of issue—2003, by 2008 you must show a valid medical (seafarers medical) and qualifying sea time. The sheets for writing up your sea time can be obtained at your nearest Transport Canada Marine Safety office.

Clarenceville—466-4515 Corner Brook—637-4870
Goose Bay—896-6190 Lewisporte—535-2503
Marystown—279-2201 St. John's—772-6197

Information taken from TP2293E, Chapter 29

CSI's

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.

You will be notified that your vessel is unavailable for Search and Rescue. Upon receipt of this notification, please forward a copy of your current CSI or notify the office in St. John's of any delays so that your vessel is not removed from the SAR system permanently.

DID YOU KNOW?

An auxiliary vessel MUST be under the command of a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (i.e., owner or alternate skipper) before accepting a tasking from the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre. It is imperative that the Rescue Centre be informed if no qualified Auxiliarist is onboard the vessel at the time of a request for tasking.

Upon acceptance of a vessel into the CCGA, the owner/operator designates an alternate skipper. This skipper is deemed to have the proper qualifications to operate the vessel, in accordance with the rules and regulations set by Transport Canada. If a qualified Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary skipper is not onboard a vessel at the time of an incident, the tasking must be refused.

If a vessel accepts a tasking without a qualified Auxiliary member onboard, the vessel would not be reimbursed for the incident. More importantly, there would be no insurance coverage if damages were to occur during the prosecution of the incident.

Please remember, before accepting a tasking from the Marine Rescue Sub-Centre on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, advise the Rescue Centre if there is no qualified Auxiliarist onboard.

Scuttlebutt—

A butt was a barrel. Scuttle meant to chop a hole in something. The **scuttlebutt** was a water barrel with a hole cut into it so that sailors could reach in and dip out drinking water. The **scuttlebutt** was the place where the ship's gossip was exchanged.





A Message from the Assistant Commissioner CCG—NL Region



As the Assistant Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard for Newfoundland and Labrador Region, it gives me great pleasure to speak to the nearly 1000 members of the CCGA in Newfoundland and Labrador through the medium of your annual newsletter.

I would like to start off by acknowledging the passing of two great leaders and mentors of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Newfoundland and Labrador and in Canada. I'm sure that we were all touched by the sudden passing on 15 November 2006, of Charles Roberts, Director for District 7 and Secretary / Treasurer. Charles was a long time member of and proponent for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a well known voice regionally and nationally on matters pertaining to fishing vessel safety. Charles' wealth of knowledge, leadership and quiet demeanor will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him and worked with him in the CCGA and the commercial fishing industry and once again our thoughts and prayers are extended to Shirley and family during their time of loss.



July of 2006 also saw the passing of Robert Petitpas, National President and Chief Executive Officer. Robert was also a long time member of the CCGA and Past President of CCGA Quebec and will no doubt be best remembered for establishing the Pleasure Craft Operator Competency Program in the CCGA. I had the opportunity to work with Robert in the past at a CCGA National level and I know that his experience and professionalism will be sadly missed at the National Board of Directors table.

In this region the year 2006 was also a very busy year for the CCGA in support of the Maritime Search and Rescue program. A total of 456 SAR missions were prosecuted by the Canadian Coast Guard and 179 CCGA resources were utilized on 157 of these incidents, or 34% of the time.

As I have said many times in the past, the CCGA is not only a valuable asset to the CCG, your involvement as our official partner in SAR is mission critical to us. Given Newfoundland and Labrador's vast geography and the 15 ship Coast Guard Fleet in this Region, it is evident that we cannot be in all places at all times to answer the calls for assistance, that's why the CCGA was there 34% of the time as first on the scene.

It is a rare and high privilege to be in a position to help people understand the differences that they can make, not only in their own lives, but in the lives of others by simply giving of themselves.
- Helen Boosalis -

Such a well organized and delivered program would not be possible were it not for the effective management structure that the CCGA has in place in this Region and I would be remiss if I did not offer personal thanks to your President, Winston Pitcher, and the Board of Directors for their volunteer efforts in governing all activities of the CCGA in this province.

In closing, on behalf of our Commissioner, George DuPont, the men and women of the Canadian Coast Guard and myself, I would like to thank you for putting the safety of mariners ahead of your own livelihood and personal safety. I would also like to congratulate you for nationally saving over 200 lives per year and for helping to make Canada's Search and Rescue System one of the most effective in the entire world.



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

15 and 20 Year Members

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. would like to congratulate the following members on their 15 and 20 years of continued dedication and service:-

15 Year Members

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| Jerome Kearney, Conche | Jerry D. Newhook, Long Cove |
| Ron Pittman, Englee | Hedley Butler, Bonavista |
| Alex J. Bateman, Port aux Basques | Jerry R. W. Best, Fogo |
| Robert Pink, Ramea | Donald E. Best, Fogo |
| Paul Pitcher, Burin | Glen Best, Fogo |
| Donald J. Sullivan, Calvert | Austin Reid, Seldom |
| Gary J. Sullivan, Calvert | Robert Harnett, Seldom |
| David Croft, Fermeuse | Aidan G. Penton, Joe Batts Arm |
| Eugene Brothers, Fermeuse | Jerry Penton, Joe Batts Arm |
| Brian Walsh, Bay de Verde | Raymond Cult, Joe Batts Arm |
| Ivan R. Petten, Bareneed | Billy F. Greenham, Newstead |
| Tony Oliver, Old Perlican | David J. Greenham, Comfort Cove |
| Bruce Layman, Ochre Pit Cove | Clyde Noble, Lewisporte |
| Barry Harris, New Chelsea | Cecil Ward, La Scie |
| William Porter, Port de Grave | Ford Ward, La Scie |
| David L. Newhook, Norman's Cove | |

20 Year Members

Sherwin Saunders, Charlottetown
Winston Pitcher, Burin Bay Arm
Donald E. Paul, Burin
Morris J. Fudge, Burin
David Slade, North Harbour
Ivan Burton, St. John's
Otis A. Bath, St. John's
Albert Johnson, Little Catalina
Robert Gill, Fogo
Ronald Rideout, Summerford
Hubert Rideout, Summerford

*For me, my craft is sailing on,
Through mists today, clear seas anon,
Whate'er the final harbor be
T'is good to sail upon the sea!*

Quote attributed to John Kendrick Bangs

Congratulations!

AGE EXCLUSIONS

The current CCGA Insurance Policy includes two age exclusions. The first exclusion affects CCGA members aged 65 years or older. Under the insurance policy, CCGA members 65 years or older are not covered if they suffer a Heart or Circulatory Malfunction during any authorized CCGA activity. Basically what this means is that if a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary member is 65 years of age or older, there is no Heart or Circulatory Malfunction coverage for them.

The second exclusion is that CCGA members aged 70 years or older are not covered by the Permanent Total Disability Benefit if they should become permanently and totally disabled during any authorized CCGA activity.

It is important to note that these two age exclusions are only for these two benefits and that all members, regardless of age, are insured by the other CCGA insurance coverage's.

In light of these exclusions, it is recommended that all CCGA members 65 or older consider whether they wish to continue participating in authorized search and rescue operations or other CCGA activities. As well, it is recommended that these members consult with their doctors to ensure that they are medically fit to participate in search and rescue operations and other CCGA activities.



Speed and Wake

Boaters are reminded to operate at a safe speed. You may have to stop or turn suddenly to avoid a collision, so operate at a safe speed. When choosing a safe speed consider:-

- ⇒ Visibility conditions (fog, mist, rain, darkness) and your ability to see ahead;
- ⇒ Wind, water conditions, and currents;
- ⇒ Maneuverability of your boat;
- ⇒ Traffic density, types of vessels in the area, and their proximity; and,
- ⇒ The proximity of any navigational hazards (rocks, etc.)

Be especially careful when operating in areas of restricted visibility such as entering or exiting a fog bank.

As well, consider the effects your boat's wake might create while choosing your speed. Your boat's wake can damage other vessels, docks, and the shoreline. Consider others users of waterways such as divers and people onboard smaller vessels. Your wake could cause smaller vessels to capsize. You could be held liable for possible damages incurred.

Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations

As part of the reform of the Canada Shipping Act, Transport Canada made a presentation on the reform of Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations during the last meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Committee (CMAC).



*The man who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare. The sure-thing boat never gets far from shore.
(Quote attributed to Dale Carnegie)*

Small Vessel Regulations (2007)

As part of the reform of the Canada Shipping Act, Transport Canada made a presentation on new regulations expected to come into force in the spring of 2007. The new regulations combine the Pleasure Craft and Small (Commercial) Vessel regulations. The presentation was made during the last meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Committee (CMAC).

To see a copy of the presentations please visit the CCGA website at www.ccg-gcac.org.

PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR CARD

In 1999 the Operator Competency 10 year phase-in period began whereby age and horsepower restrictions were placed on recreational vehicle operators.

As of September 15, 2009, any person operating a powered recreational vessel must have proof of competency.

For any CCGA members who do not currently possess their pleasure craft operator card, please contact the office in St. John's to obtain information on how to acquire the card.



Excerpt from our first newsletter, vol. 1, no. 1—1979

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give"....Winston Churchill

On the 16th of February, 1979, the Honorable Otto Lang, then Minister of Transport, officially signed a contract which brought into being the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (Nfld.) Incorporated. The Newfoundland branch is similar to the other four which will be operated in their respective Canadian Coast Guard Regions throughout Canada.

The Auxiliary is comprised of community minded, marine experienced volunteers, who voluntarily offer themselves and their equipment to supplement existing search and rescue resources throughout the country. Because the Auxiliarist, generally, possesses a thorough knowledge of his area of operation he becomes an extremely valuable asset in responding to incidents in this area. This knowledge, together with a quick reaction time, will hopefully, bring a successful conclusion to many of the marine incidents which occur around the coast each year.



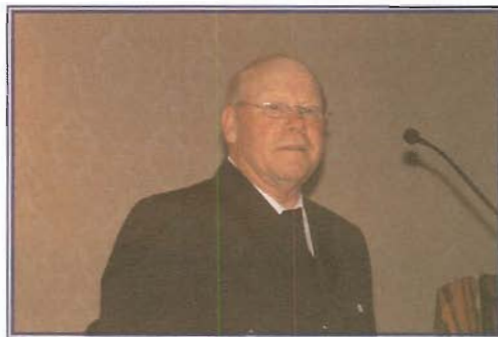
Dr. C. R. Lucas, Secretary/Treasurer and Mr. Austin Sheppard, Vice-President look on as the Honorable Otto Lang presents membership certificate to the President of the Auxiliary, Captain Peter Troake at the formal announcement of the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (Nfld.) Incorporated.

In Memorium

It is with regret that we inform you that the Founding Coordinator for the CCGA (NL) Inc., Mr. Edward P. Stack passed away in 2006. In 1978 Mr. Edward Stack was instrumental in orchestrating the beginnings of the most important, vibrant, cost-saving organization to augment Search and Rescue facilities. Beginning in 1978, and continuing up until he retired his position in 1992, Mr. Stack traveled extensively throughout Newfoundland and Labrador spreading the word about the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary. There have been many changes over the years, including the name change to Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, though the dedication and passion of the members stays the same.

***Sow a thought, and you reap an act;
Sow an act and you reap a habit;
Sow a habit and you reap a character;
Sow a character and you reap a destiny...***

We wish to extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathies to the families of all our deceased members during the past year.



In Memorium

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Mr. Charles Roberts passed away in November, 2006.

In November of 1991 Mr. Roberts was elected as the Director of District 7, encompassing the Avalon Peninsula. At the CCGA (NL) Inc. annual general meeting in 1991 Mr. Roberts was elected to serve on the Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer, a position he held consecutively for 15 years.

To all who knew him, Charlie was a fellow mariner, volunteer, and great friend. He will be sadly missed.



CCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2006 / 2007

Each year, as active members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland and Labrador), you are asked to vote for a Director to represent your District. The following people were elected by you for 2006 / 2007:-

District 1—Marcel O'Brien—927-5540

District 2—Ronald Pittman—866-2505

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 (deceased)

District 8—Harry Strong—587-2225

District 9—Aidan Penton—658-3683

District 10—Bryon Morey—675-2898/2269

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



Pictured (L-R) Winston Pitcher, Brian Bishop, John Butler

The Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, or CASARA, is a Canada wide volunteer aviation association dedicated to the promotion of Aviation Safety, and to the provision of air search support services to the National Search and Rescue program. Membership is open to aircraft owners and pilots, as well as to those who wish to receive training as spotters and navigators. Brian Bishop is the President of CASARA in the Newfoundland and Labrador region. At our AGM banquet held in October, Mr. Bishop was made 'Honorary Member' of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Newfoundland & Labrador) Incorporated.



Pictured above (L-R) Winston Pitcher, Clyde Thomas, John Butler. Mr. Thomas received a Lifetime Membership to commemorate his retirement and years of service with CCGA (NL) Inc.

**Have you had
a kindness shown?
Pass it on...
'Twas not given
for thee alone,
Pass it on...
Let it travel
down the years,
Let it wipe
another's tears,
'Til in Heaven
the deed appears—
Pass it on...
- Henry Burton -**



Pictured above (L-R) Winston Pitcher, Paul Wells, John Butler. Mr. Wells received his ten year membership pin and certificate.



Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety And CCGA working together...

I had the privilege of growing up in out port Newfoundland during the 60's and 70's. We were inshore fishers (fishermen back then) and it was a struggle from year to year. Before I was even born my grandfather had to go away a number of summers and work in the woods because there just wasn't enough fish to make ends meet.

As a boy of 7 or 8 years old, I still remember going out the bay in his 20 foot trap skip with the 4 Atlantic 'make and break' engine putting along taking us to his fish camp in Big Mosquito Cove where we would overnight, hauling the trawls the next morning. This later became the construction site of the mighty Hibernia GBS platform.

I started fishing in earnest when I was 12 years old, and that was in 1976. I remember one of the first things my dad doing was purchasing 2 lifejackets or PFD's (personal flotation devices). I don't remember them very well. I don't remember ever wearing them, or trying them on, or getting in the water and seeing if they actually worked....but I remember very clearly the garbage bags that they were stored in! I have a clear mental picture of that...

One day when hauling nets by hand, in our 20-foot open boat, in 100 fathoms of water, my foot slipped off the gunwale and I fell overboard. My dad very quickly got back to where I was, reached out, and somehow pulled me back onboard. I always think that if he had panicked, slipped and fallen in while retrieving me that we both would have drowned by the side of our boat. What would they have found when rescuers arrived at our drifting boat? The life-jackets in the garbage bags and very unlikely they would have retrieved our bodies in that depth of water.

I don't sound like a very good candidate for a boating safety officer? Well, we all can change if we want to, and I changed. Not at that time though...we still didn't start wearing our flotation devices. My habits changed when I attended Nautical Science at the Marine Institute and then when I began my career with the Canadian Coast Guard. Whenever I go on the water today I am protected with a flotation device. There are many options out there in flotation devices to make it more comfortable and wearable.



Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary have a partnership with a Memorandum of Understanding in place. We want to join forces to help raise the safety standard of our fellow boaters. The boating safety officers cannot do it on our own, but we need help from a great organization like yours. We will be holding some information sessions in the coming weeks and we are inviting you to join with us in promoting safe boating. We have already lost too many of our friends and loved ones and lets join forces to make a difference in our short-term and long-term survival.

Colin Hiscock
Boating Safety Officer
TCM(A)-OBS

Important Notice (taken from the Union Forum)

Transport Canada Marine Emergency Duties (MED) deadline...

Transport Canada requires ALL fish harvesters to complete a Marine Emergency Duties (MED) course before April 2007, in accordance with the Canada Shipping Act as follows:-

**Harvesters fishing inside 20 miles—MED A3 (or MED A1)
Harvesters fishing outside 20 miles—MED A1**



Greetings from the Supervisor Marine SAR Programs

Search and Rescue saves lives. In fact, each year on the maritime waters of Canada's three Coasts and on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and Seaway, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is credited with saving at least 200 lives.

Canada can boast a 98% success rate in search and rescue and this is no doubt due to a well coordinated alerting and response network involving federal, provincial, municipal and volunteer assets and personnel.

As the Canadian Coast Guard's official partner in search and rescue, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral factor in the exemplary success rate. But search and rescue is not only about response; it is about training, prevention, and education.



While many of you volunteer your time and talents and at times sacrifice the pursuit of your livelihood on the water to help others in peril, when you are not engaged in commercial fishing, you also volunteer your time and efforts to further the CCGA's training, prevention and education programs.

In 2006, members and vessels from the CCGA participated in 20 on-water search and rescue training exercises and many of you attended Marine Advanced First-Aid training. As well, in the area of education and prevention, several volunteers have received training and have been promoting the 'Bobbie the Safety Boat' program at boat shows and community events.

Many habits that we form in life are acquired at a very young age and the 'Bobbie the Safety Boat' program is targeted at school aged children with the key messages of always wearing approved floatation devices when on or near the water and "the buddy system". While the fruits of your labour in this area may not be evident now, the messages that you provide to young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will no doubt follow them into their teen and adult years with the hope that they will one day result in the saving of lives.

The past year has also brought an increased partnership between the CCGA and the Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety, targeting key safety and prevention measures and programs.

One of the goals of Canada's search and rescue program is "to reduce the number and severity of search and rescue incidents". Your diligent efforts in the areas of exercising, training, education and prevention will help us to achieve this goal.

It is recognized that the need for search and rescue services will never go away as accidents will always occur, it is key that the CCGA remain actively engaged in all aspects of the SAR program. The CCG values our partnership with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and our commitment to our partnership is evident in the New Contribution Agreement with the CCGA that is currently under negotiation that will fund Auxiliary programs each year in Canada in the amount of \$4.5 million annually.

Safety First, Service Always!

Neil Peet
Supervisor
Marine SAR Programs



Corporate Sponsors Rescue Competition 2006



The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. would like to thank all sponsors for the 2006 CCGA (NL) Rescue Competition held in Burin on October 14, 2006

For helping to make our Competition a huge success.....



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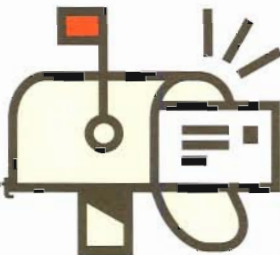
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Send in Your:

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



THE NEWSLETTER

If you have any news items, stories and/or photographs that you would like published in the newsletter, please send them to:

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

INSURANCE CLAIMS

It is the responsibility of the CCGA owner/operator to report to your regional Coast Guard Representative any damage or suspected damage incurred to your vessel immediately following the conclusion of a Search and Rescue incident. In addition, if damage occurs during a SAR case, every effort should be made to notify the Maritime Rescue Sub-Center (MRSC) of the damage, especially if the safety of the CCGA vessel and its crew is jeopardized. MRSC must be notified so they can monitor the progress of the CCGA vessel to ensure it reaches port safely.

The owner/operator must complete a "Collision, Wreck and Injury" form and submit it to the CCGA Office in St. John's.

Superstitions....

- ◇ A sailor wearing an earring cannot drown...Scottish law once required fishermen to wear a gold earring, which was used to pay for funeral expenses if they were drowned and washed ashore.
- ◇ Sighting a curlew or a cormorant at sea is considered bad luck, while swallows seen at sea are a good sign.
- ◇ It is unlucky to kill a gull, as these birds are said to carry the souls of sailors lost at sea.....



CPR AND YOU



You don't need to be a doctor to save a life.

CPR is a life-saving skill that can save the life of someone who has experienced a cardiac arrest. Approximately 45,000 cardiac arrests occur in Canada every year, and for every minute that passes without help, a victim's chance of survival drops by about ten percent.

Over 80 percent of cardiac arrests happen at home or in public places—and less than five percent of these victims survive. Research shows that 35–55 percent of these cardiac arrests were witnessed by a bystander, often a family member or friend, but very few of them received CPR.

WHY GET TRAINED?

Learning CPR is easy and inexpensive—just a few hours could make an important difference in someone's life.

Once the heart stops pumping, seconds count. For every minute that passes without help, a person's chance of surviving drops 10 percent. But, if you know how to respond to a cardiac arrest, their odds of survival and recovery may increase by 30 percent or more. Since most cardiac arrests happen at home, you could be saving the life of a friend or family member.



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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
- ◆ Operate in an area away from your home port
- ◆ Change Alternate Skippers

BOBBIE THE SAFETY BOAT

In 2006 CCGA (NL) Inc. received (2) robotronics to enhance its boating safety program entitled 'Bobbie The Safety Boat'.

Bobbie was very busy last summer visiting community events in Labrador, La Scie, Frenchman's Cove, Dildo Trinity Bay, Mt. Pearl, and St. John's.

If you would like to make arrangements for Bobbie The Safety Boat to visit your area please send your request to the CCGA (NL) office in St. John's.

*"Do they ask me what pleasure I find on the sea?
Why, absence from land is a pleasure to me:
A hamper of porter, and plenty of grog,
A friend, when too sleepy, to give me a jog,
A cook that will always some poultry afford,
Some bottles of gin, and no parson on board,
A crew that is brisk when it happens to blow,
One compass on deck and another below,
A girl, with more sense than the girl at the head,
To read me a novel, or make up me bed—
The man that has these, has a treasure in store
That millions possess not who live upon shore."
- Philip Freneau -*

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1-800-563-6158**



**CCGA (NL) Fax
(709) 772-4109/4439**



**MRSC St. John's
1-800-563-2444**





COLORING CONTEST



Hi Kids!

It's time for the CCGA (NL) Annual Colouring Contest. The contest is open to the children of Auxiliary members only.

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

Up to 4 years 5-6 years 7-8 years 9 and over

All entries must be received at the CCGA (NL) office in St. John's no later than Friday, July 06, 2007.

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. 8TH ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

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| Ages 3-4 | 1st—Noah Billard 2nd—Julian Ryan 3rd—Cheyanne Normore |
| Ages 5-6 | 1st—Mikayla Chislett 2nd—Jeffrey Davis 3rd—Madison Finn |
| Ages 7-8 | 1st—Geoffrey Chambers 2nd—Josh Pink 3rd—Kassidy Gill |
| Ages 9-11 | 1st—Mateo Gill 2nd—Jenna Smith 3rd—Kristen Randell |