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Maritimes Auxiliary wins at National SAR 2001

After being shut out of the silverware last year, the team from Zone 11, representing the Maritimes region, has come home winners from this year's International Marine SAR competitions. The games were held at the Kitsilano Coast Guard base in Vancouver on October 20 on a cool and overcast fall day. Teams from each of the five Coast Guard Auxiliary associations across Canada and six teams from the districts of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary met for only the second time in what is turning out to be an annual international event based on the Rescue Challenge idea which started right here in the Maritimes.



There were four events- SAR planning and operations; first aid; SAR pump operation and a "Mystery Event"- this year involving a test on navigational lights and shapes. The wide distribution of SAR pumps around the Maritimes may have contributed to our team being quite comfortable with operating the equipment. Still, there were certainly some regional variations which worked against them. But a determined effort by the team from the South Shore of Nova Scotia made up of Danny Provost, Bryce Backman, and Ian Cross backed up by Zone Director Kevin Duffy made

the difference and the fellows came out top Canadian team in that event.



Just as important were the many comments we heard from Canadian and US competitors alike about how sportsmanlike and friendly the Maritimes team was.

Next year's competitions will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the Maritimes will be sending the team from our zone 13 who won this year's Rescue Challenge. They've got their work cut out for them, alright. But, they don't back off from a challenge on the French Shore, where these members live, so it looks like there'll be more work ahead if they hope to repeat the fine show from this year's team.

Article by Joe Murphy, CCG

Hello From A Friend

I was speaking to your Frank McLaughlin your president the other day and realized I kind of disappeared off your radar screens without much notice so thought I'd let you know where I've been. Last

spring I had to take some sick time for surgery and have to go in again November 28th. As some of you may know Joe Murphy your CCGA Coordinator and Charlene Scott our IRB Coordinator have been filling my seat, quite a challenge given my girth☺.

Although my permanent job is as the Supervisor SAR Programs- Maritimes Region, I am now assigned as a researcher, working on a research project titled Maritime Activity and Risk Mapping for Search and Rescue (SAR) Planning. This DFO/CCG sponsored project is being delivered through Dalhousie University, the University of New Brunswick and the University of Victoria. The aim of the project is to develop and a Geographic Information System (GIS) based risk model of marine activities. This process will be in many ways similar to traffic risk analysis done worldwide but this approach has yet been applied to marine activity. During the past couple of decades the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) has faced a number of significant pressures that has forced us to rethink the methods and level of search and rescue (SAR) services we provide to the Canadian public. Simultaneously there have been significant shifts in marine activities such as the cod moratorium, offshore development and the introduction of new activities such as non-traditional fisheries like aquaculture and the native fisheries. The introduction of new craft such as high-speed ferries and personal watercraft coupled with the dramatic growth of eco-tourism and cruise ship traffic had changed who and how our waters are being

utilized. In light of the changes and the fiscal restraint we need to be more proactive and much more effective in our business planning functions and realized we did not have the required tools. It is for these reasons we have invested in the Risk Modeling Project.

The goals of this project were to develop a comprehensive, scientifically sound risk model of marine activities; identify, quantify and interpret significant risk factors and finally to develop computer views and analytical tools for assisting SAR planners. It was imperative that we be able to thoroughly understand the effect of these changes on the water to develop a pro-active strategy to mitigate any risks to the extent possible. In simple terms the model will identify all risk factors possible, including factors that would tend to reduce risk such as regulatory regimes and training and these would be factored against probable outcomes to calculate overall risk.

The resulting model could be used in planning where to place vessels for SAR coverage and some of our tools from the project have already been successfully used in the decision making process for lifeboat station placement.

Well that all sounds very complicated and that is because it is for a simple SAR guy, but I have to admit to learning a lot working with Dr. Pelot the primary researcher for the project. As of now I will be here until the end of March and after that I'll let you all know when I know. Until then

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year and look forward to seeing you all soon.

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RESCUE CHALLENGE 2001 WINNERS

Again, Rescue Challenge was a huge success. Many thanks to all our members for participating in this event, whether you were a competitor, organizer or local community volunteer, your help was most appreciated.

BEST OVERALL WINNERS



Congratulations to Zone 13 members Odette Comeau, Joel Comeau and Allan Saulnier

The following is a list of the names of the winners for all events:

Courtesy Examination

Zone 4 – Kevin Llewellyn, Arthur MacDonald, Jeffrey MacNeil
Zone 10 – Herb Harnish, Jr., Barry Keffe, James Jerram
Zone 13 – Odette Comeau, Joel Comeau, Allan Saulnier

First Aid Event

Zone 6 – Herman Deveau, Charles Chiasson, Linda LeBlanc

Zone 16 – Bruce Hurst, Michael Gunter, Brain Mills

SAR EXERCISE

Zone 11 – Ricky Joudrey, John Levy, Winfred Risser, Jr.

Zone 13 – Odette Comeau, Joel Comeau, Allan Saulnier

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS & sar Pump exercise

Zone 02 – Eva Robicheau, Yvon Daigle, Roger Doucet

LINE THROWING

Zone 04 – Kevin Llewelyn, Arthur MacDonald, Jeffrey MacNeil



Season's Greetings from Coast Guard

Well, that flash that just went past must have been 2001, because the holidays are upon us already. This has been a busy year for the Coast Guard and our partners in the Auxiliary.

Thanks to the corporate donations we have received, including the large one from Mobil, we've been able to

carry on an effective training program for our members all around the region. Of course that wouldn't be possible without the help of all of our volunteers on both ends of the training spectrum. Thanks again to all those who helped provide training and those who took courses and participated in exercises, all for the sake of being ready for that call to help.

As we know all too well, those calls do come in the hundreds and the Auxiliary continues to be one of the largest participants in SAR activities and by far the most cost effective.

But if we can prevent accidents from happening we've saved lives that will never show up in any statistics. That's where we owe so much to the people who perform courtesy exams, auxiliary vessel approval exams, safety boat checks, staff displays at boat shows, attend local festivals and do all that needs to be done to spread the word on safe boating.

So many more volunteers and Auxiliary employees work out of sight keeping the machinery humming, updating our call out lists, repairing and distributing equipment, processing reimbursements, organizing and attending meetings – the list goes on. Thanks to all of you.

I wish you and all you hold dear the very best for this special time of the year. May fair winds follow you in the year just starting.

Joe Murphy, CCG
Auxiliary Coordinator
(Acting Supervisor SAR Programs)

CCGA National Awards Program

As volunteers, the members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) receive no direct compensation for their support to the Canadian Search and Rescue Program. In order to ensure the success and vitality of the Auxiliary, CCGA members are entitled to receive appropriate recognition for the important role that they play in fulfilling their mission. Presentation of timely and appropriate awards is therefore available through the National Awards Program in order to provide CCGA members with such recognition.

The following awards are created and can be worn on the CCGA uniform in respect to the proper order of precedence.

- Heroism Medal
- Exemplary Service Medal
- Leadership Medal
- Operational Merit Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Administrative Excellence Medal

Any CCGA member can recommend someone they believe deserves a CCGA award by completing a nomination form. There is no specific time period that determines the eligibility of candidates other than the time at which the activity being recognized took place. A nomination form is at the back of this newsletter should anyone wish to submit a fellow member whom you believe is deserving of an Award.

For any of the National Awards, the nominator shall submit the form and the supporting documents to our CCGA Awards Officer, Peggy-Reid. Peggy's address and phone number is also listed at the back of this newsletter.

CSI INSPECTIONS

A motion was passed at the last Board of Directors meeting that all valid CSI inspections are proof of inspection, and an Auxiliary inspection will not be necessary. However, we require proof of your CSI inspection. Please send a copy of your certificate to Elaine Bennett, at 22 Ocean View Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3P 2H3 and this information will be entered into our database. Members who have expired CSI inspections must have their vessel inspected by an Auxiliary Courtesy Examiner before responding to a SAR case.

Gary Masson
Regional Business Manager

Dignity of the Flag



The National Flag of Canada should be displayed only in a manner befitting the national emblem; it should not be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. The

Canadian flag always takes precedence over all other national flags when flown in Canada. The only flags to which precedence is given over the Canadian flag are the personal standards of members of the Royal Family and of Her Majesty's representatives in Canada. The Canadian flag should always be flown aloft and free.

It is improper to use the National Flag of Canada as a table or seat cover or as a masking for boxes, barriers, or intervening space between floor and ground level on a dais or platform.

While it is not technically incorrect to use the National Flag of Canada to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony, it is not common practice to do so and should be discouraged.

When the National Flag of Canada is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, all present should face the flag, men should remove their hats, and all should remain silent. Those in uniform should salute.

Displaying the CANADIAN Flag

The National Flag of Canada is flown at all federal government buildings, airports, and military bases and establishments within and outside Canada in conformity with rules adopted by the Government in 1966, and directives of the Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada at Crown-owned,

lease-purchase and leased facilities. The flag may be flown by night as well as by day.

The National Flag of Canada may be displayed as follows:

Flat against a surface, horizontally and vertically. If hung horizontally, the upper part of the leaf should be up and the stem down. If hung vertically, the flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf is to the left and the stem is to the right as seen by spectators. Flags hung vertically should be hung so that the canton is in the upper left corner.

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**PARTNERS IN
SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING**

ExxonMobil Canada has provided \$50,000 in funding to the Coast

Guard Auxiliary for Year 2 of the Atlantic Search and Rescue Program. Due to this generous donation, members of the Auxiliary will further enhance their search and rescue training and equipment capabilities.

ExxonMobil Canada has once again demonstrated their commitment to enhance the safety of live at sea.

In addition to the training program, this partnership enables ExxonMobil Canada to involve Auxiliary members in the company's emergency response exercises at its operations in Atlantic Canada, thus improving response capabilities through valuable hands-on experience.

2001 Labatts WaterWise Safe Boating Program

For the past three years, Labatts has run the WaterWise Safe Boating program in the Maritime provinces, encouraging safe boating practices and spreading the message of responsible alcohol use to recreational boaters. For the Summer of 2001, Labatt Atlantic continued its partnership with the Canadian Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety (Maritime Region) in a newly designed WaterWise program. Members of the boating public can get important information on boating safety, including new regulations for boat operators now in effect across Canada, and have the chance to win great boating prizes at the same time.

Just visit Coast Guard Auxiliary information booths at community events throughout the Maritimes this summer, and ask for a ballot and brochure on the WaterWise program.

The Waterwise quiz featured information on some of the most basic of the regulations, such as obtaining an Operator Compency card, having PFD's for everyone in the boat, and not drinking alcohol while operating a craft.

Ccga COURTESY EXAMINATION 2001 PROGRAM TOP 10 winners

We are pleased to announce that this years' winner of performing the most Courtesy Checks is Gordon McNeish from Zone 1. Congratulations Gordon for a job well done. In order to show our appreciation you will receive a plaque and a gift compliments of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Maritimes.

Gifts will also be given out to the next nine CCGA Courtesy Examiners who performed the most Courtesy Checks. Your contribution towards promoting safe boating is very much appreciated.

A NOTE FROM THE navigator EDITOR

I would like to thank all members who submitted articles for our newsletter. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas on how to improve the newsletter. You can write to our Newsletter Editor:

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