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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUX. (M) INC.

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## COAST GUARD BACK AT FULL STRENGTH

Things are back to full strength in the Coast Guard offices with the return of Joe Murphy, Auxiliary Coordinator and Paul Kendrick, Supervisor of SAR Programmes.

Mike Taber, who has done a great job acting in the Auxiliary's spot for the last few years, has accepted a new, permanent assignment in the Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety in the Central and Artic Region based in Sarnia, Ontario. Mike is originally from those parts and had long requested a transfer to that region to be closer to his family. We thank him for the super work he did in maintaining and building the close links between CCG and the Auxiliary and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

Joe Murphy has been involved with the Auxiliary since its inception over twenty year ago. He has been on several assignments over the last few years including Alternate Service Delivery, Lighthouse Alternative Use,



the Sable Island Trust and the Small Vessel Partnerships project. Now that he is back with us, he is anxious to renew the many friendships he has built in working with the CMRA and now the CCGA. He is the Coast Guard person designated as the Auxiliaries' point of contact between the two organizations.

Paul Kendrick has worked in almost every part of Coast Guard's Search & Rescue

organization, from serving as a controller in the Rescue Centre to Training Superintendent to his current job as Supervisor of Search & Rescue Programmes. Following his heavy involvement in the response to the Swiss Air incident, he took special leave and has now returned to his usual duties. This role sees him supervising the three CCG offices in SAR Programmes assigned to the Auxiliary (Joe), the Inshore Rescue programmes (Charlie Lever) and the Rescue Training School in Sambro, N.S. (Bruce Henderson).

Good luck Mike, in your new job and welcome back Joe and Paul.

## **DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE STICKERS AND PENDANTS**

### **WHEN SELLING YOUR BOAT!!!**

In the past some members have forgotten to remove CCGA Stickers and Pendants from their boat when selling their vessels.

Subsequently, this has led to some embarrassment to the Auxiliary, especially when the new owner is not an Auxiliary member and the boat has been performing questionable activity, while displaying the CCGA sticker and pendant. To ensure that this will not happen again, please remove all CCGA stickers and pendants from your vessel before changing ownership.

As CCGA members, we are very proud of our organization and the reputation we uphold as volunteers in the field of Marine Search & Rescue. Our public image is a crucial part of our mission.

Thank you CCGA members for your cooperation.

George Cann  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, CCGA

## **CCGA REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Rates effective April 01/1999

Breakfast	\$ 9.95
Lunch	\$10.25
Dinner	\$27.50
Incidentals	\$ 6.00
Private Incid	\$ 4.00
Private Acc	\$ 13.50
Mileage	\$0.365 Per Km
Incidentals commercial	\$6.00
Incidentals private	\$4.00
Miscellaneous	\$6.00

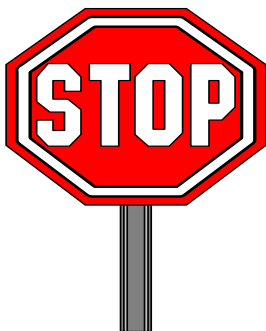
Vessel Rates: Effective May 01, 1999

A - < 10.5 Meters	\$ 56.44
A1 - < 10.5 meters & More than 180 HP and less than 230 HP	\$73.40 FOR GAS ENGINES ONLY
A2 - < 10.5 meters & more than 230 HP	\$110.10 FOR GAS ENGINES ONLY
B - > 10.5 But < 15 Meters	\$ 90.38
C - > 15 Meters	\$ 126.04

**RESCUE CHALLENGE 99**

This year Rescue Challenge will be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on October 2, 1999. Rescue Challenge 99 is being held in conjunction with our Semi-Annual General Meeting. If you are in the area, please feel free to drop by and watch some of the on-going events. Please note that only those members who are competing in the various events and who have been selected by their respective zones qualify for reimbursement of expenses. Regrettably, we do not have the funding in our budget to reimburse all CCGA visitors. The results of winners of Rescue Challenge 99 will be in the next publication of Navigator.

**THE CONSEQUENCES COULD  
BE SERIOUS IF YOU BREAK  
MARINE OR OTHER LAWS!!!**

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As a CCGA member, you are not exempt from the serious consequences of breaking marine rules or regulations. As an Auxiliary member, the general public looks up to the Auxiliary member as someone who knows and obeys marine law. Our public image is very important to us. We, as a volunteer organization, support Coast Guard, which is a part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We are role models for the public and promote safe boating rules and regulations. If you are charged and subsequently convicted of any offense that in any way relates to breaking Marine rules or regulations, you may be facing automatic dismissal from the Auxiliary. Whether you are on a SAR tasking or just out on the water fishing or pleasure boating, you are still an Auxiliary member and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly. Breaking any lawful offense may consequently affect your membership status, if at the time of the offense, you are on an authorized activity, whether it is on a SAR tasking or just traveling to and from a meeting. All complaints regarding CCGA members must be signed and submitted in writing to either the President or Business Manager. Each complaint will then be reviewed by CCGA Executive Committee on an individual basis and a decision will be made at that time whether or not the member's conduct is an embarrassment to the Auxiliary.

## DID YOU HAVE A CLOSE CALL ON THE WATER?



If you had a close call on the water and would like to share your experience with other CCGA members, we would like to hear from you. Maybe, by sharing your experience with other members, you can help avoid a potential disaster. SAR Prevention is a very important role that we, the Auxiliary, plays in Search & Rescue. If you did have a close call, please send us a letter or note to Susan Pellerin, CCGA Newsletter Editor, and we will publish it in our next edition of the Navigator. Please refer to back section of this newsletter for Susan's address.

Thank you for your assistance.  
Gary Masson, Business Manager,  
CCGA

## CALLING RCC'S 1-800 NUMBER

There has been some confusion as to whether members should call RCC's 1-800 number when they are taking their vessels in and out of service. Paul Rudden of RCC advises that YES it certainly is O.K. for a member to call in his vessel status and in fact, he encourages members to do so.

## OPERATORS PROFICIENCY COURSE BEING OFFERED!!!

One of our objectives to help fulfill our mission is to help promote marine boating safety and regulations. One means to accomplish this is to offer the new Nationally approved "Operator's Proficiency" course to all CCGA members. This course will be offered at no-charge to Auxiliary members only. Some of the criteria that will be covered in this course is Required Safe Boating Knowledge, Description of Pleasure Craft, Equipment Description, Safety On Board, Emergency Response, Navigational Trip Planning, and Overview of Navigation.

Your zone Director will contact you regarding the date, time and location that the course is being offered. We encourage all members to take the time and opportunity to complete this course. As an Auxiliary member, the general public looks to you for answers regarding safe boating on the water. Having knowledge and being prepared to answer these questions help promote safe boating, which as you are aware, is a part of our SAR Prevention Program.

Thank you  
Gary Masson  
Regional Business Manager

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### SIGNED BETWEEN

**U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
AND  
CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUX.**



On June 14, 1999 National CCGA signed a Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. This agreement will enhance the existing bonds between the Canadian and United States Auxiliaries in their common goal of promoting boating safety, saving human lives and protecting the marine safety interests of the citizens of their respective countries. Also, this agreement will encourage the exchange of information, technologies and other materials beneficial to both organizations.

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### OMC SPONSORS LOAN BOAT

A special Thank You to O M C for providing the Auxiliary with two outboard motors that we are presently using on the loan boat. We appreciate their generosity in helping with our "Loan Boat Program. In return to OMC for providing motors, we display signs on both sides of boat, "Sponsored by OMC" , which you can see from photo show below. The Loan Boat, again this year, is proving itself to be a very worthy project for the Auxiliary, as the use of this vessel contributes towards our mission of saving lives on the water. Thanks again OMC.

### PHOTO OF CCGA LOAN BOAT



## How Important Was It ??? Articles written by George Cann

Yesterday while cruising, a new member who was not on the callout list came across two jolly boaters having a great time. From a distance he saw our heroes trying to start the boat. The boat sank and our member picked up the two, now not so jolly boaters, and took them ashore, then he retrieved the boat. Then our member went home. All done ?? No, someone on shore saw the jolly boaters boat sink and called RCC. RCC called the rescuers and gave them a lesson on how to report and close an incident. How important was it??

Last night a member saw a boat in trouble and could not respond. He then called a local yacht instead of RCC or local Auxiliary members to quickly remedy this problem. How important was it ??

Recently an Auxiliary boat was sold to a P A R T Y type group with flag and decals still attached. The Auxiliary is

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now receiving poor publicity on this one. How important was it ??

Recently a tug boat was making its way down a coast line in heavy weather. They decided to take shelter in a small fishing port. He obviously didn't know his way in as they were circling about the largest rock in the harbour. While some people were signaling him with flashlights and hollering instead of doing it by VHF or RCC, etc. This harbour contained a large lobster pound and fishing gear in the water. How important was it ??

## SAR PREVENTIONS OFFICER'S TRAINING COURSE (SARPO)

A one day refresher course is now being conducted by the Auxiliary and given to the present CCGA SAR Prevention Officers. The necessity of this course arises out of the many changes to Boating Safety Rules and Regulations. There are four qualified CCGA instructors, who are Gary Masson, Harris Backman, Stan Glover and Harris Nuttall. In order to keep cost down and to make it more convenient for the members, the course will be conducted in the zones, rather than members traveling greater distances than necessary. SAR Prevention Officers will be informed when the course will be offered in their area. Later on down the road, after all Prevention Officers are trained, this course will be offered to other members if there is still a need for additional Prevention Officers.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

If you have any articles that you would like to have published in our newsletter, please send them to:

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Your comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Thank You