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# Certificates of Commendation Presented to Auxiliary Members

Mr. L. Humphries, Regional Director, Canadian Coast Guard, Newfoundland Region, presented Certificates of Commendation to auxiliariasts Wilfred Bartlett and David Hann at a gathering on board CCGS Franklin on Wednesday, December 10, 1980.

The certificates, which originated from the office of the Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, were awarded to the two auxiliariasts for the role played in the dramatic rescue of the crewmembers of the Portuguese Trawler, Maria Teixeira Vilarinho, which grounded on a reef near Black Tickle, Labrador, on September 4 of this year.

In his address Mr. Humphries referred to the Auxiliary "having come of age" in this Region and that this rescue highlighted the efforts of auxiliariasts "not only in this Region but across the country". "The greatest single advantage of the Auxiliary in this Region" he went on to say "was the factor of local knowledge, so vital in Search and Rescue activity." This together with the skilled seamanship demonstrated, resulted in the saving of many lives on that day.

Present for the presentation on board CCGS Franklin were Mr. Humphries, Regional Director; Captain A. Pearcey, Commanding Officer, CCGS Franklin; R. Galarneau, Chief Officer,



**Pictured above on board CCGS Franklin for presentation of Certificate of Commendation are (L-R) Dr C.R. Lucas, Secretary Treasurer CMRA-N; Harry Strong, 1st Vice-President, CMRA-N; Auxiliariast Wilf Bartlett, Mr. L.C. Humphries, Regional Director Nfld. Region; Auxiliariast David Hann, and Auxiliary Co-ordinator Mr. E.P. Stack.**

CCGS Franklin; Captain G. Warren, Regional Manager, Fleet Systems; E. Stack, Auxiliary Co-ordinator; B. Leonard, Coast Guard Rescue Officer;

Auxiliary Executive members: Harry Strong and Bob Lucas; Auxiliariasts: David Hann, Wilfred Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett; and members of the media.

# Dramatic rescue on Labrador Coast

On Thursday, September 4th. at 0637Z, the Portuguese trawler, "Maria Teixeira Vilarinho" issued a MAYDAY call in position 5327N., 5546W. (Black Tickle, Labrador). The vessel had been collecting frozen fish from fishermen in the area and apparently had weighed anchor with a heavy gale coming up when she lost power and was driven into a reef in the area known locally as "Salmon Bight".

The ship was solidly grounded with the wind and seas on her stern. Winds at the time of the grounding were estimated between 70 to 75 knots from the NNE and local seas were estimated to be 15 feet high. At daylight, longliners in the area tried but could not get closer than 400 yards to the stricken vessel, which at times was completely covered with breaking seas. Local longliners involved in going to the stricken vessel included the "Blue Charm", "Northern Transport", "Arctic Venture", "Omega II" and two Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary vessels, the "Lori and Paula", owned by David Hann of Trout River and the "Nancy Bartlett", owned by Wilf Bartlett of Brighton, Notre Dame Bay.

Reports indicate that an attempt to abandon ship was made as early as 0730L, but the crewmen had to get back on board the stricken trawler due to the fact that the longliners could not get close enough to pick up the lifeboats or rafts.

Winds reduced to 50-55 knots around noon and shortly afterwards, crewmembers again began abandoning the ship and were picked up by the fishermen who approached the grounded vessel with the assistance of oil being pumped on the water from the coastal tanker, "Tana Woodward". Another vessel, the coastal trader, M/V, "Kloster", was also in Black Tickle at the time of this incident and was a vital communications link between the Coast Guard Radio Stations, SAREC and the distressed vessel.

CMRA member, David Hann, because of radio communications on his longliner, acted as the communication co-ordinator for the rescue. Thirty-five people were rescued by the other five boats and brought to shore, including twelve by the CMRA vessel, "Nancy Bartlett". At 1430L, Rescue 301 from 103 Rescue Unit, Gander, arrived on scene and completed the evacuation of the remaining twenty-nine crewmembers. The evacuation

was completed at 1553L.

This daring and successful rescue is the first time that CMRA members have been involved in such a major rescue effort. The manner in which it was effected, the risk to which they subjected themselves and their vessels, and the seamanship qualities exhibited, speak highly of the services that CMRA members and fishermen, in general, in the Newfoundland Region can provide to assist in incidents of this nature.

Black Tickle is a community with a population of 200 people. However, fishermen from the island portion of the Province use it as a port to land and process fish during the summer months.

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Association Nursing Station has a clinic there which treated three or four people suffering from shock and exposure, and the RC School offered its facility to shelter rescued crewmembers for the night.

Despite low supplies of food, clothing, etc. in the community, the local inhabitants spared nothing in providing same to rescuees.

The SAR Division of the Canadian Coast Guard, Newfoundland Region, commends the combined work of Rescue 301, CMRA volunteers, local fishermen and inhabitants of Black Tickle, in effecting a successful rescue and fully appreciates the efforts made by all in preventing what could have become a tragedy in a remote and inaccessible part of the Province.

## Commissioner praises Auxiliaries' efforts

The following is the text of a telegram from Mr. A.L. Collier, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard, after the successful rescue of the crew of the "Maria Teixeira Vilarinho" on September 4, 1980.

"On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, please convey my sincere appreciation to CMRA (N) Incorporated and to Mr. David Hann and Mr. Wilfred Bartlett in particular for their major participation in the daring and successful rescue of the crew of the stricken vessel MARIA TEIXIERA VILARINHO.

"The manner in which this rescue was carried out by the Auxiliaries, the risk to which they subjected themselves and their vessels and the qualities of seamanship exhibited, speak highly of the services that the Auxiliary provides in support of the Canadian Coast Guard.

"Please convey my appreciation for a job well done."



# Membership of the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (N) Incorporated

## DISTRICT 1

Webb, James  
Nain  
Cabot, John A.  
West St. Modeste  
Webb, Chesley A.  
Nain  
Burke, J.R.  
Goose Bay  
Wiggins, Gordon  
Cartwright  
Keiley, John J.  
Labrador City

## DISTRICT 2

White, Ronald  
Flower's Cove  
Pittman, Herbert,  
Englee  
Ropson, Baxter  
Harbour Deep  
Kearney, Francis  
Conche  
Kearney, Jerome  
Conche  
Decker, Christopher  
Roddickton  
Hopkins, Randolph  
Englee  
Hopkins, Percy  
Englee  
Hopkins, Wilfred  
Englee  
Keough, Earl  
Parsons Pond  
White, Jacob  
Sandy Cove  
Goodyear, John  
Roddickton

## DISTRICT 3

Sheppard, Austin  
Lark Harbour  
Messervy, Ray  
St. George's  
Hann, David  
Trout River  
Crocker, Thomas  
Trout River  
Hann, Harvey  
Trout River  
Hann, Lloyd  
Trout River  
Jesso, William  
Three Rock Cove  
Jesso, Donald  
Three Rock Cove  
Dennis, Clarence  
Three Rock Cove  
Piercey, Keith  
Corner Brook  
Carter, Oswald R.  
Port aux Basques  
Harvey, Stuart  
Lark Harbour

## DISTRICT 4

Miles, Robert D.  
Pools Cove  
Ingram, Lewis  
Burgeo  
Baggs, Harvey  
Francois  
Courtney, Gerald,

Francois  
Fudge, George  
Francois  
Andrews, William K.  
Francois  
Durnford, Clyde  
Francois  
Simms, G.H.  
McCallum  
Batt, Jim, Captain  
Milltown  
Fudge, Samuel  
Francois  
Dunford, Morgan  
Francois  
Ingram, Calvin  
Burgeo  
Hann, Douglas  
Burgeo

## DISTRICT 5

Hollett, Leroy  
Burin  
McDonald, Ed  
Marystown  
Price, Ernest  
Fortune  
Rideout, Cecil  
Fortune  
Forsy, Maxwell Sr.  
Fortune  
Hillier, Sidney  
Fortune  
Forsy, Maxwell Jr.  
Fortune  
Forsy, Syn  
Fortune  
Hillier, Bruce  
Fortune  
Thornhill, Philip  
Fortune  
Stacey, Rev.  
Fortune  
Miller, Leonard  
Fortune  
Hillier, George  
Fortune  
Dunford, Sam  
Fortune  
Forsy, Carl  
Fortune  
Hodder, William  
Marystown  
Hanrahan, John  
Little Bay  
Grandy, Leonard C.  
Garnish  
O'Brien, Raymond  
Marystown

## DISTRICT 6

Berkshire, Raymond  
Arnold's Cove  
Nolan, Bernard  
Mt. Carmel  
O'Rourke, Ernest  
Branch  
O'Rourke, Michael  
Branch  
O'Rourke, Rupert  
Branch  
Power, Thomas  
Branch  
Lee, Dermot  
Riverhead

## DISTRICT 7

Lucas, C.R.  
St. John's  
Carter, Ken  
St. John's  
Carter, Joan  
St. John's  
Snyder, Harold L.  
St. John's  
Barnes, Thomas  
St. John's  
Rees, Fraser  
St. John's  
Dawe, Cecil  
St. John's  
Dawe, David G.  
St. John's  
Chidley, Gerard J  
Renews  
Kenny, Reginald  
Fermouse  
Williams, Kate  
St. John's  
Salter, Eric  
St. John's  
Norman, John  
St. John's  
Tessier, John C.  
St. John's

## DISTRICT 8

Petten, Byron  
Port de Grave  
Petten, Reg  
Port de Grave  
Strong, Harry L.  
Old Perlican  
Clenche, Linda  
Random Island  
Mills, Thomas  
Random Island  
Reid, Herbert J.  
Foxtrap  
Power, Burt  
Chapel Arm  
Smith, Isaac C.  
Southport  
Keats, Ralph  
Bay de Verde  
Keats, Winston  
Bay de Verde  
Oliver, Augustine  
Gull Island  
Pike, Alex  
Old Perlican  
Rodgers, Clayton  
Old Perlican  
Squires, Raymond  
Old Perlican  
Squires, Cyril M.  
Old Perlican  
Strong, Roland  
Old Perlican  
Strong, James  
Old Perlican  
Cram, E. Fred  
Old Perlican  
Burt, Frank  
Old Perlican  
Piercey, Fred  
Winterton  
Petten, Lester G.  
Port de Grave

Piercey, Winston  
Norman's Cove  
Osborne, E.F.G.  
Cavendish  
King, Gilbert  
St. Jones Within  
Howell, Randolph  
Old Perlican  
Brookings, Lester  
Old Perlican  
Brookings, Llewellyn  
Old Perlican  
Brookings, Maxwell  
Old Perlican  
Brookings, Clarence  
Old Perlican  
Petten, Glen  
Port de Grave  
Morgan, William  
Port de Grave  
Efford, Graham  
Port de Grave  
Lear, John B.  
Port de Grave  
Lynch, Calvin  
Shearstown  
Jacobs, Hugh  
Seal Cove  
Butler, David  
Newtown, Mt. Pearl  
Froude, Alfred  
Old Perlican  
Goosney, Sue  
New Harbour  
Burt, Albert  
Old Perlican  
Kennedy, C.J.  
Bay de Verde  
Hatch, Michael  
Red Head Cove  
Strong, Ricky  
Old Perlican  
Smith, Donald  
Southport  
Lambert, Stephen  
Southport  
Pynn, Eric  
Kelligrews  
Williams, Mae  
Long Pond  
Wareham A.B.  
St. John's  
Wareham, A.M.  
St. John's  
Wareham, A.T.  
St. John's  
Wareham, F.E.  
St. John's  
Gladden, Maurice  
Carbonear

## DISTRICT 9

Ricketts, Winston  
Valleyfield  
Granter, Robert  
Greenspond  
Granter, Gordon  
Greenspond  
Lane, Kenneth  
St. Chad's  
Powell, Chesley  
Eastport

Melindy, John J.  
Lumsden  
Martin, Wayne  
Eastport  
Feltham, Charles  
Salvage  
Gosse, Gordon A.  
Gander

## DISTRICT 10

Troake, Peter  
Twillingate  
Young, Donald  
Twillingate  
Troake, John  
Twillingate  
Osmond, Ross  
Jackson's Cove  
Knight, Harry  
Jackson's Cove  
Bartlett, Wilfred  
Brighton  
Burton, Wilson P.  
Beaumont North  
Young, Augustus  
Durrell  
Coish, Chesley  
Hillgrade  
Burt, Gilbert  
Tizzard's Hr.  
Burt, Steven  
Tizzard's Hr.  
Caravan, Wesley  
Miles Cove  
Rideout, Clarence  
Durrell  
Lambert, Ernest  
Twillingate  
Noseworthy, William W.  
Leading Tickle  
Woodworth, James  
Baie Verte  
Strong, William  
Lewisporte  
Croake, Hardy  
Twillingate  
Clarke, James  
Twillingate  
Froude, Ernest  
Durrell  
Bridger, Leonard  
Twillingate  
Mehaney, William E.  
Herring Neck  
Jenkins, Maxwell  
Twillingate  
Young, Clayton  
Twillingate  
Kelly, Patrick  
Baie Verte  
Parsons, Howard  
Durrell  
Brown, Stratt  
Durrell  
Brown, Hayward  
Durrell  
Brown, David  
Durrell  
Cooper, Eldon  
Durrell  
Troake, Garry  
Twillingate  
Fraeke, Lloyd G.  
Joe Batts Arm

## Auxiliary Holds Second Annual Meeting

The Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary (Nfld) Incorporated held its second annual meeting in Springdale, on November 22-23, 1980. Present for the meeting were Captain Peter Troake, President; Harry Strong, 1st Vice-President; Secretary Treasurer Dr. Bob Lucas, elected representatives Captain James Batt, Ken Lane, David Hann, and Herb Pittman.

Due to commitments beyond their control, two other representatives could not attend. Mr. James Carmier, Auxiliary Co-ordinator for Maritimes Region was present as an observer.

Representing the Canadian Coast Guard were Ed Stack, Auxiliary Co-ordinator, Nfld. Region and Bernard Leonard, Coast Guard Rescue Officer.

The meeting had reports from incidents and activities of the past year, highlighted by the Auxiliary environment in the Black Tickle Incident in September.

Items raised for discussion by the Auxiliarists included a new contract for insurance, the recruiting of new members, the National Advisory Committee on CMRA, Incident reporting and re-imbusement and tasking procedures.

Captain Troake drew the meeting's attention to recent incidents which could be described as adventurism on the high seas and their tragic consequences. Apart from the almost suicidal activities going unchecked, Captain Troake reminded the meeting that such individuals could cause SAR resources to be diverted from providing a service to those who have a legitimate business on the sea.

As a result, a motion by Captain Jim Batt, seconded by Auxiliarist David Hann, "to condemn adventurism on the high seas by inexperienced and ill-equipped individuals on the grounds that it often diverts SAR resources that might better be employed in the interests of those legitimately earning their living on the sea" was passed with unanimous approval.

At the Election of Officers for the coming year, Captain P. Troake was re-elected for his third term as President. Harry Strong returned as 1st Vice-President, Captain J. Batt was elected as 2nd Vice-President and Dr. C.R. Lucas was re-elected as Secretary Treasurer.



Capt. Peter Troake pictured to right of Secretary-Treasurer Bob Lucas, was elected to his third term as President at Auxiliary's Annual Meeting.



Pictured at Auxiliary Annual Meeting are (L-R) Capt. James Bett, Ken Lane, Ed Stack, Harry Strong, Bob Lucas, Capt. Peter Troake, David Hann and Herb Pittman.

### Message of Appreciation from Commissioner

*To: President  
CMRA All Regions*

*On behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, I would like to express my appreciation for the support displayed by the Auxiliary in assisting with the resolution of some 800 Search and Rescue Incidents during the current year. Your concern for your fellow mariners and the efforts made by you to make the waters of Canada a safer place for all who use them is much appreciated. Please convey my best wishes to all your members.*

*A.L. Collier  
Commissioner  
Canadian Coast Guard*