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## ***CHRISTENING OF CCGC COURTNEY BAY***

On Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> CCGA Business Manager, Gary Masson and Zone 16 Director Herb Hegler attended the official christening ceremony of the CCGA Courtney Bay.



The CCGC Courtney Bay is the newest addition to the East Coast Search and Rescue community. The CCGC Courtney Bay, named for the local area in Saint John Harbour where it is



stationed, will provide dedicated Search and Rescue and Fisheries

Patrol services in the greater Bay of Fundy area.

Originally named the CCGS Spume, this Arun class cutter was designed in the United Kingdom at the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, and built by Industries Raymond in Sept Isles, Quebec in 1994. The vessel has been upgraded with the latest electronic navigation, communication, safety and first aid equipment. The Courtney Bay can reach a speed of 18 knots, and is powered by twin 3408D caterpillar diesel engines rated at 1150 HP.

This 15.77 meter-long, 5.18 meter-wide Arun has a 42.2 tonnes displacement and draws 1.25 meters of water.

The CCGC Spume, served on Lake Ontario for one year, the last four years covered the lower end of Georgian Bay, an area of about 28,000 square kilometers. The vessel was involved in 25-35 rescues a year in this area. In the fall of 2000, the CCGC Spume was transferred to the

Maritimes Region where it was put into service December of that year and renamed to CCGC Courtney Bay, March 2001.

The CCGC Courtney Bay is the only Arun Class vessel operating on the New Brunswick coast of the Bay of Fundy. It can carry twenty-two seated survivors and has a small workboat onboard for shallow water operations.

In the future the CCGC Courtney Bay will provide an invaluable service to the community and designated area.

The safety of life at sea has always been highest priority of the Canadian Coast Guard. Lifeboats are an important component of the Search and Rescue services that the Canadian Coast Guard maintains in order to make the Canadian waters safe for all mariners. This lifeboat reaffirms the Coast Guard's commitment to its highest priority.

In 2000 there were 146 Maritime SAR incidents in the Bay of Fundy area, 18 of which were classified as Distress incidents. There were also eight other shore-based incidents, such as persons stranded on cliffs, that required the use of Maritime resources. The CCGC Courtney Bay will be a key asset, enhancing response time to any situation in the Upper Bay of Fundy and Saint John area.

*The information for the above article was taken from a CCG brochure which was distributed during the*

*christening ceremony of the CCGC Courtney Bay.*

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## ***COME JOIN IN THE CCGA PREVENTION ACTIVITY THIS SUMMER!!!***

The following is a list of up-coming Prevention events that the Auxiliary will be participating in this summer. (items with no AA# have not been finalized). If you are in the area on the specified date(s), please drop by and visit our display booth.



- AA01-078 Prevention Display, Maritime Museum, Halifax N.S. June 30 - July 04,2001
- AA01-021 Prevention Display, Meenans Cove Zone 16, July 5,2001
- Members Zone 16,
- AA01-053 Prevention Activity, International Boy Scout Jamboree, July 7-14,2001 Malpeque Bay PEI
- AA01-083 Prevention – Loan Boat, Hydro-plane Races, Georgetown PEI, July 14-16,2001
- AA01-074 Prevention Display, Souris Regatta, July 13-15/01 Souris PEI

AA01-068 Loan Boat, prevention display, Sail East Regatta, Sydney, July 19-23,2001

AA01-073 Prevention Display, Drowning Prevention Rally, Saint John, July 21,2001

AA01-075 Prevention Display, Hydroplane Regatta, Moncton N.B. July 27-29-2001

AA01-069 Loan Boat, prevention display. Mohone Bay Wooden Boat Festival, July 29-Aug 04/01

AA01-082 Prevention Display August 3-4, 2001 Rotary Festival, Grand Manan N.B.

AA01-070 Loan Boat, Parade, August 10,2001, Advocate Harbour

AA01-071 Loan Boat, prevention display, Chester Race week, Aug 15-19/01 Chester N.S.

AA01-076 Prevention Display, Mind Care river run, August 18,2001 Zone 16,

AA01-057 Prevention Display, Lockeport N.S. August 23-26,2001 Zone 12

## ***WELCOME ABOARD***

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard the newest members of our Executive Committee.

Welcome Kevin Duffy and Michael Richardson. Kevin, along with being the Zone 11 Director was recently elected to the position of CCGA Treasurer. Michael, along with being the Zone 10 Director, was elected to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the CCGA. We are sure Kevin and

Michael will do a great job as Executives. Congratulations to both.

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to thank George Cann, our Zone 8 Director, for his past services as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. His devotion to the Auxiliary is certainly appreciated. Thank You George.

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## ***ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!***



Have you returned your membership renewal & up-date form. If not, please do this, as this requirement was set by Coast Guard Ottawa and unless we receive your signed renewal form, we cannot automatically renew your membership. Zone 1, 2 & 7 forms have not been sent out to members as of this date, June 14, 2001. We will be sending out your forms to be signed in the near future.

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## ***RESCUE CHALLENGE***

This year's 2001 Rescue Challenge Competitions will be held on Saturday in Meteghan, Nova Scotia on

September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are in the vicinity, please drop by and watch your fellow members compete in the various events.



***THEODORE TUGBOAT'S  
WELCOME HOME  
WEEKEND***

Theodore's Welcome Home Weekend Celebration will begin on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic will kick-off the weekend by offering free dockside activities and additional indoor activities. This will lead up to Theodore's arrival at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic at 11:00a.m. Throughout the day, children and their families are invited to take part in additional activities both inside the museum and on the docks including contests, in-water demonstrations, and interactive presentations. Visitors will be able to see the original Theodore Tugboat set, visit other ships, and enjoy and learn from displays and visual presentations.

Specific areas and times will be set aside for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to

offer activities to the public inside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and on the docks. We would like the majority of the events to be as interactive as possible to create a family-friendly atmosphere.

Events and activities are scheduled from Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, with the primary focus being on Saturday and the remainder of the long weekend.

Cochrane Ent has provided Sandra Inglis of Coast Guard with a list of where Theodore Too Tugboat will be making a port visit.

The places are:

Halifax Maritime Museum June 29 to July 4

Sherbrooke July 5 to July 7

St Mary's Family Fun Day July 8 to 16

Guysborough NS July 18 to 20

Georgetown PEI July 20 to July 23

If any auxiliary members would like to attend dock side with a boating safety display at any of these events you are welcome to do so, contact Gary Masson, Business Manager and Gary will then contact Michelle Perry at Cochrane Ent.

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*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: Susan Pellerin, 20 Tulip Court, Quispamsis, N. B. E2E 3W9 Or by e-mail to [gary.masson@ccga-m.ca](mailto:gary.masson@ccga-m.ca)*

**MESSAGE FROM  
CANADIAN COAST  
GUARD ON  
NON-AUTHORIZED  
CCGA ACTIVITIES**



As was discussed at the recent National Council Meeting in Sarnia, in keeping with current CCG policy, Coast Guard wishes to remind you that CCGA Diving Activities will continue to NOT be authorized by Coast Guard.

No type of diving activity will be authorized by the Canadian Coast Guard including, but not limited to, rescue diving, recovery diving and investigative diving. Any CCGA member who participates in any diving activity will be doing so on their own outside the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement and therefore will not be covered by the CCGA Insurance policies. There will be no exceptions.

Also, the CCGA cannot reimburse members for any expense(s) associated with diving tasks.

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**INTERNATIONAL  
SEARCH AND RESCUE  
COMPETITIONS**

The CCGA Maritimes is presently seeking sponsorship to send the winners of Rescue Challenge 2000 to the International Competitions being held in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last year's competition was a huge success and National is hoping the same for this year's event.

The overall regional winners of Rescue Challenge 2000 are from Zone 11 and they will be going to British Columbia, along with Kevin Duffy the Zone Director. We would like to take the opportunity to wish our Maritime competitors the best of luck in this competition and we hope they will be bringing home a National trophy.

The objectives of the competitions firstly, is to accomplish a major exercise in search and rescue that allows the rescuers to put in practice the knowledge and skills they have learned. Secondly, it provides an opportunity for the volunteers to increase esprit de corps and exchange information and ideas, all essential elements of a successful mission. Thirdly, the competition provides a forum for the participants

**to receive recognition for the work  
they do as dedicated volunteers.**

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