



# Water Lines

**I**n October, 2009 a first ever training seminar was hosted during the weekend of our annual general meeting. This training seminar was a replacement of our annual rescue competition that was held each year during this weekend. District Directors were asked to select 3 members from each of their respective 10 Administrative Districts of CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporated. Members gathered together in Gander, at the Hotel Gander, to participate. The weekend began on Friday, October 16th, 2009 with the 31st Annual General Meeting held at the Hotel Gander. Registration for the training seminar was held Friday evening at the Hotel.

On the morning of October 17th the intent was to travel to the Lewisporte Marina for a day of training in events such as Search and Rescue Operations; Emergency Abandonment; First Aid; and, Line Throwing. The weather forecast did not cooperate. On the morning of October 17th, all awoke to a snow storm. Travel to the Lewisporte Marina was deemed impractical.

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After a meeting with the judges and the planning committee, and a tremendous amount of support from the staff at Hotel Gander, the training Seminar was held at the Hotel Gander. The pool at the Hotel was utilized to facilitate the emergency abandonment training. Members were shown the proper donning and doffing of an immersion suit and were given the opportunity to get in the pool to get a feel for how the suit worked in water.

The weekend was deemed a huge success by all who attended and was quoted as being far above a competitive environment. This is the way we hope to proceed in the future with these training seminars being held in the fall of each year, funding permitting. It gives members an opportunity to refresh their Search and Rescue skills in a learning environment.



# 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 31st Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (NL) Inc. was held on October 16th, 2009 at the Hotel Gander.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by:

Winston Pitcher—President, Director District 5  
 Marcel O'Brien—1st Vice-President, Director District 1  
 Aidan Penton—2nd Vice-President, Director District 9  
 Harry Strong—Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 8  
 Ron Pittman, Director District 2  
 Howard Noel—Director District 3  
 Wesley Snook—Director District 4  
 Edward Bruce—Director District 6  
 James Chidley—Representative District 7  
 Eugene Gray—Director District 10  
 Regrets—Rex Simmonds, Director District 7

Debbie Noseworthy—CCGA Regional Business Manager  
 Kelly Doody—CCGA Regional Operations/Training Officer



The Canadian Coast Guard was represented by:

Ray Browne  
 Director Marine Programs  
 CCG (NL) Region

Brian Stone  
 Superintendent, Maritime SAR  
 CCG (NL) Region

Denise Hart  
 Administrative Officer  
 CCG (NL) Region

Gerard Lacey  
 Training Officer  
 CCG (NL) Region

Mary Pye  
 Administrative Officer  
 CCG (NL) Region



Pictured above (L-R) Ray Browne, Francis Kearney, Winston Pitcher. Mr. Kearney received his 30 year membership award.

*No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.*  
 ~ Author Unknown ~

## CCGA (NL) 2009-2010 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Winston Pitcher—President  
 Edward Bruce—1st Vice President  
 Aidan Penton—2nd Vice President  
 Harry Strong—Secretary/Treasurer

*Floaters—Men who fished from the schooners using cod traps rather than jiggers.*

*Frape—A rope with blocks to moor a boat.*



Pictured above (L-R) Ray Browne, Glen Petten, Winston Pitcher. Mr. Petten received his 30 year membership award.



# GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



October 16th, 2009 marked my 19th consecutive year to be elected as President of CCGA (NL) Inc. It is indeed an honour to be given this privilege each year. Together we have witnessed the CCGA (NL) Inc. grow and prosper over the past 31 years. We can boast a membership of 798 members and 411 vessels with a resale value of over \$213 million. We continue to provide a significant resource to augment the Search and Rescue system in our province.

On October 16/17, 2009 our 31st annual general meeting was held in Gander at the Hotel Gander. Coupled with this weekend we held a training seminar at the Hotel Gander on Saturday, October 17th. During this training seminar, members had an opportunity to enhance their Search and Rescue skills.

**Callibogus**—A drink made by mixing spruce beer, rum, or other liquor, and molasses.

**Cark**—Protruding metal point on a sled

**Cossock**—Footwear made by cutting the legs off a pair of old rubber boots at the ankle.

## 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.

At our banquet we honoured our 30 year members. Additionally the CCGA Operational Merit Medal was awarded to the crew of the 'Melissa Lori' for successfully rescuing the crew from the sunken vessel 'Lynette Marie'. The skipper Bobby Noble and his crewmember Tejay England also received the Operational Merit Medal for their efforts in helping save the lives of their fellow crewmembers from the Lynette Marie during the same incident.



*Executive Committee 1989  
(L-R) C. R. Lucas, Bill Broderick,  
Harry Strong, Winston Pitcher*

Although each year we celebrate our successes, we also find ourselves in a position of having to bid farewell to some of our members who have passed away. Our heartfelt sympathies to all families who have lost loved ones in 2009.

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.

***Teamwork divides the task  
and multiplies the success.***

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

## REMINDER!!

You are not on Authorized Activity unless you have been tasked by Search and Rescue and are in receipt of an Incident 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 at 1-800-563-2444 and obtain an Incident Number before you proceed to a vessel requiring assistance. It is for your own protection.

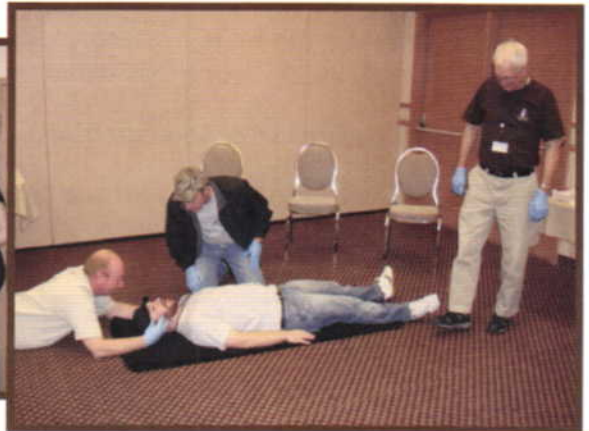


# Training Seminar 2009

A first ever training seminar was held at the Hotel Gander on October 17, 2009. Initial plans were to have the 10 teams of 3 members each travel to the Lewisporte Marina to partake of a full day of training. Half of the day would have been spent on the water taking part in Search and Rescue Operations—while the other half would have been spent at three different stations, i.e., first aid practical, emergency abandonment, and line throwing accuracy. The weather did not cooperate and a snow storm blew in on the morning of October 17. Plans had to be revised and with the help of Coast Guard staff and staff from the Hotel Gander, the training seminar was held at the Hotel.

Stations were set up in the Hotel. The pool was shut down by the Hotel and given over to CCGA for use for the whole day. The emergency abandonment was set up in the pool area. Members were given opportunity to properly don and doff the suits and get in the pool to get the feel for the suit. A first aid station was set up and members were given an opportunity to do 'hands on' first aid. Search and Rescue operations concentrated on an overview of chart work and search patterns. A rope splicing event was also available to give members and their families an opportunity to try their hand at splicing.

At the end of the day, during the debrief, attendees noted that the training seminar was a huge success!!



*A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of the others.*  
- Norman Shidle -

