



Annual Review 2003

Message of the CEO

Mr. John Adams
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Dear John:

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is proud to present you with our Annual Report of Activities for the year 2003.

This past year has kept the volunteers of the CCGA very busy with 2,022 taskings to 1,843 Search and Rescue incidents.

With 4,734 members and 1,289 vessels, the resources made available to the Canadian Coast Guard are considerable and the contribution of our volunteers significant (over 175,000 volunteer hours in 2003).

Our Safe Boating Officers also had a very productive year. The CCGA was present at 456 boat shows and public events. Over 2,909 Courtesy Checks were performed on pleasure craft.

Over one thousand training exercises has permitted Auxiliaries to hone their skills. The CCGA also held the International SAR competition in St. John's, Newfoundland and four regional SAR competitions.

We are pleased to report that 4,090 of our membership (86%) have now obtained their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

The year 2003 has been a year of reform and changes for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. The CCG is now a Special Operating Agency and the Office of Boating Safety has been transferred to Transport Canada. In 2004, the CCGA will make sure that our SAR and Safe Boating Programs remain efficient and well established in the new structure.

On behalf of our members, let me thank you and the Canadian Coast Guard for your continued support and encouragement.

Harry Strong
Chief Executive Officer / Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary



Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water

2003 at a Glance

January

CCGA Central & Arctic holds its 25th Annual General Meeting in Mississauga, ON.

Frank McLaughlin, President of CCGA-Maritimes is presented with a Commissioner's Commendation.

February

CCGA Pacific holds its 25th Annual General Meeting in Comox, BC. The "Spot the Dangers" poster is unveiled.

March

CCGA Quebec holds its 25th Annual General Meeting in Trois Rivières, QC.

The National Search and Rescue Secretariat approves CCGA Pacific's Bobbie the Safety Boat project.

Members of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary are presented with Meritorious Team Commendations by the National Commodore of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

April

The new Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Training Video goes on-line on the CCGA National Web Site.

The new ISAR 2003 Web Site is launched.

CCGA launches the Vessel Donation and In Memoriam Donation programs.

May

CCGA Maritimes is officially listed on the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organisation's Wall of Honor during a ceremony in Halifax.

The Canadian Coast Guard presents a plaque to the Auxiliary in recognition for 50,000 Courtesy Checks conducted over the last 25 years.

June

CCGA Pacific hosts its Regional SAR Competition in Nanaimo, BC.

The ISAR Flag is adopted.

July

CCGA launches four Radio Messages as part of a Public Service Announcement Campaign.

August

CCGA C&A hosts its regional SAR Competition in Kingston, ON.

National Celebration of the CCGA 25th Anniversary in Kingston, ON.

Harry Strong, CEO of the CCGA is appointed to The Order of Canada.

September

CCGA Quebec hosts its regional SAR Competition and inaugurates its new headquarters in Sorel, Quebec.

CCGA Maritimes hosts its regional SAR Competition in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Team Newfoundland is the overall winner at the 2003 International SAR Competition held in St. John's, NL on September 26-27.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council presents a Certificate of appreciation to the Auxiliary for 25 years of dedicated services to Canadian mariners.

CCGA new online store CoastGuardStore.com is launched.

October

A Certificate of Achievement is posthumously presented to Auxiliarist Stu Meeks by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

A team of Auxiliarists from the C&A region wins the bronze medal at the SARSCENE Games held in Kingston.

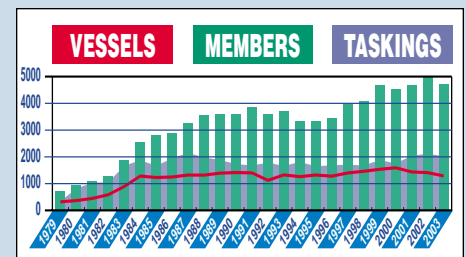
CCGA Pacific is presented with the Heroism Award at the first Service on the Sea Award Ceremony in Vancouver.

November

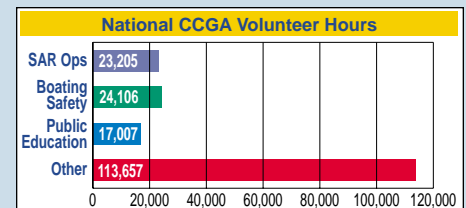
The CCGA National office publishes reports on Direct Mailing Campaigns and Marketing Campaigns.

Winston Pitcher is presented with Commissioner's Commendation at the CCGA-NL Annual General Meeting held in St. John's.

CCGA National



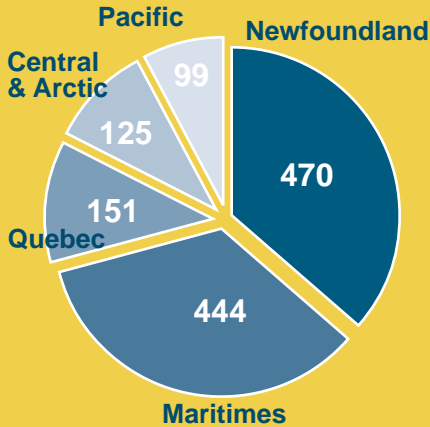
The CCGA currently has 4,734 members and 1,289 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliary vessels were tasked 2,022 times to assist mariners involved in 1,850 SAR incidents.



Across Canada, Auxiliarists participated in 1,052 training exercises and 456 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 2,909 courtesy checks on pleasure craft.

Currently, 86% of the CCGA members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).

CCGA Vessels 2003



CCGA Pacific

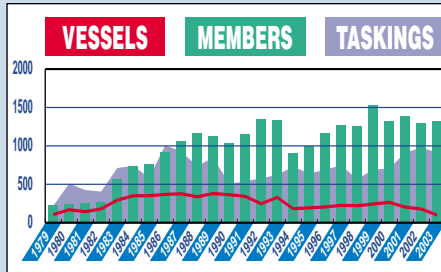


Frank Hudson, President

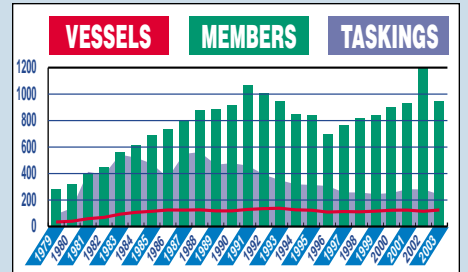
CCGA Central & Arctic



John Levantis, President

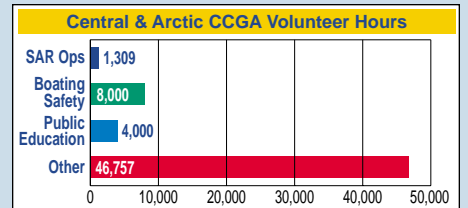
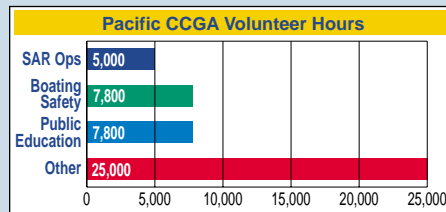
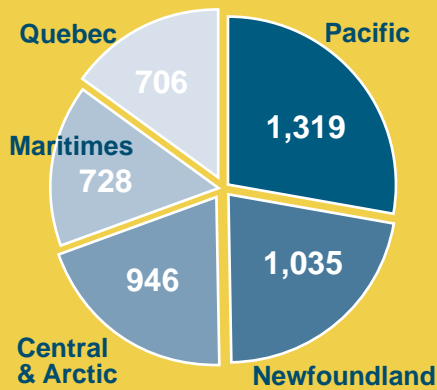


CCGA Pacific currently has 1,319 members and 99 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliaries were tasked 911 times to 818 SAR incidents. Members participated in 900 training exercises and 91 boat shows, exhibitions and displays.

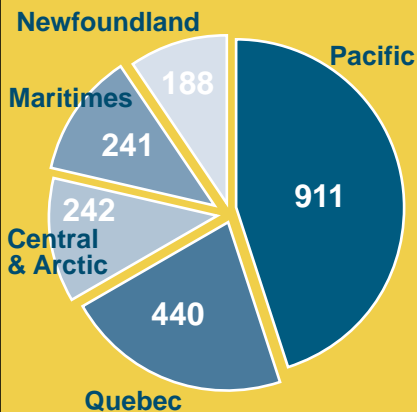


CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 946 members and 125 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliaries were tasked 242 times to 231 SAR incidents.

CCGA Membership 2003



CCGA Taskings 2003



Members organize displays and conduct pleasure craft courtesy checks (1,205 in 2003) year round. They also promote safe boating activities through the Kids Don't Float and Bobbie the Safety Boat Program.

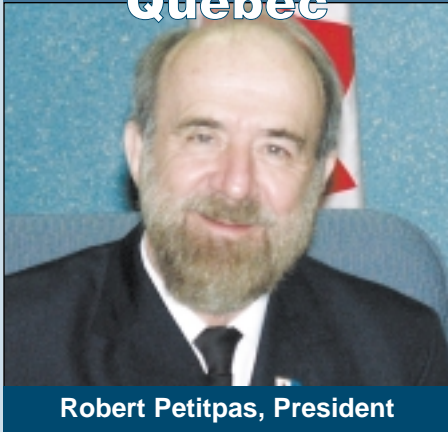
Currently, 91% of CCGA Pacific members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.



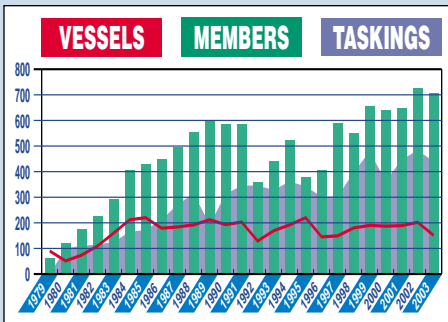
Auxiliaries involved in Safe Boating Activities participated in 51 training exercises and 246 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 835 courtesy checks on pleasure craft.

Currently, 96% of CCGA Central & Arctic members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

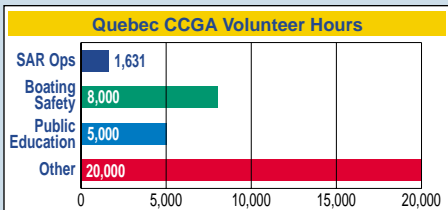
CCGA Quebec



Robert Petitpas, President



CCGA Quebec currently has 706 members and 151 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliaries were tasked 440 times to 424 SAR incidents.



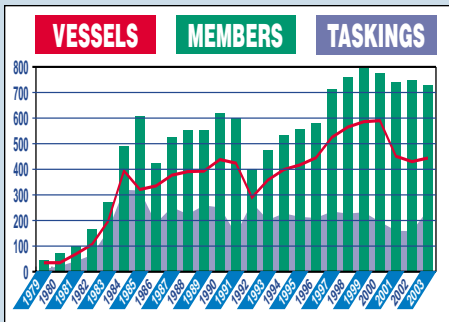
Auxiliaries also participated in 81 training exercises and 93 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 601 courtesy checks on pleasure craft.

Currently, 97% of CCGA Quebec members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

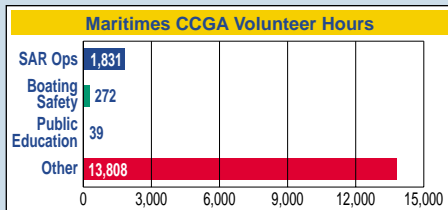
CCGA Maritimes



Frank McLaughlin, President



CCGA Maritimes currently has 728 members and 444 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliaries were tasked 241 times to 205 SAR incidents.



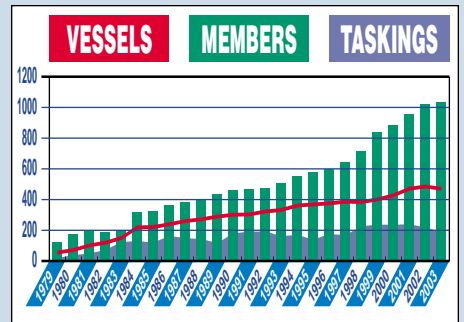
Auxiliaries participated in 6 training exercises and 24 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They also conducted 268 courtesy checks on pleasure craft.

Currently, 91% of CCGA-Maritimes members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

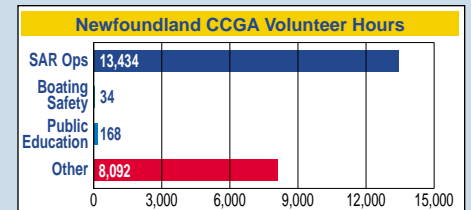
CCGA Newfoundland



Winston Pitcher, President



CCGA Newfoundland currently has 1,035 members and 470 enrolled vessels. In 2003, Auxiliaries were tasked 188 times to 165 SAR incidents.



Auxiliaries participated in 12 training exercises and 2 boat shows.

Currently, 58% of CCGA-Newfoundland & Labrador members have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card.