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Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region: Volunteers Saving Lives at Sea

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region (CCGA-P) is a non-profit organization made up of highly trained volunteers who provide 24-hour marine search and rescue services to British Columbia's coastal waters. Our volunteers are tasked with responding to maritime distress calls and conducting marine search and rescue (SAR). They also educate the public with boating safety programs and provide courtesy examinations of vessels. Over 1400 dedicated individuals volunteer with the CCGA-P. These volunteers belong to one of 50 community-based stations throughout the region. Each station recruits from the communities it assists, so the SAR and boating safety services provided are based on local needs. Some SAR stations have community-owned vessels, while other stations provide SAR service through dedicated owner/operator vessels. Collectively, over 150 vessels are available through the CCGA-P for marine search and rescue in the Pacific region. Six of our stations are dedicated entirely to boating safety education and are based in Vancouver and the interior of British Columbia.

Mission

As an integral part of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and Canadian search and rescue (SAR) system, the CCGA-P's mission is to provide a volunteer marine rescue service and to promote public boating safety throughout the Pacific region.

To fulfill this mission, our objectives are to:

- save 100% of lives at risk

- reduce the number and severity of SAR incidents

- promote marine safety

- support the Canadian Coast Guard

- provide a humanitarian service

- maintain the highest professional standards

- promote dedication and pride of membership

Vision

The CCGA-P is striving to become a world leader in marine search and rescue and boating safety education.

Future Developments

In 2003 and beyond, the CCGA-P will continue to focus on providing marine search and rescue coverage in the Pacific region 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and to spreading the boating safety message to as many people as possible. Recent developments in training, operations, and search and rescue prevention programs will facilitate our members' abilities to fulfill these goals and will ensure that our organization continues to grow and develop from a strong foundation.

Message from the President

2002 was another dynamic year for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific. Initiatives in training, search and rescue prevention, operations, and raising awareness were implemented, and the benefits of these initiatives have already begun to show.

The CCGA-P is guided by three basic principles: teamwork, accountability, and growth. In 2002, these principles were once again used as the framework that guided the actions of our board of directors and the rest of our membership. The result has been the emergence of a stronger, more mature, and more professional search and rescue and search and rescue prevention organization.

Teamwork

Teamwork was a major driving force in our organization in 2002 at a number of levels. At the unit level, manuals were distributed to all of our unit leaders to assist them in their job and to ensure that they are receiving the necessary support to carry out their duties. Also, fundraising initiatives were conducted as a coordinated effort between the Pacific region office and a number of local units, with the funds raised going back to these units to help with equipment and vessel costs.

At the regional level, the *CCGA-P Search and Rescue Crew Manual* was printed and distributed to all units, thanks in large part to a generous donation from the BC Ferries Lost & Found Auction fund. Further, the Canadian Lifeboat Institution (CLI), a non-profit marine search and rescue organization based at Roberts Bank, joined the CCGA-P and is now a part of our SAR team. Internationally, joint training exercises were held between the CCGA-P and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in Alaska and Washington, and resources were once again shared with us from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in England. A team from the CCGA-P also travelled to Milwaukee in October to compete in the Third Annual International Marine Search and Rescue Competition, and was named international champion. Once again, this competition served to facilitate the exchange of skills and knowledge across organizations.

Accountability

In 2002, the members of the CCGA-P Board of Directors formalized their commitment to accountability to the CCGA-P and its stakeholders by signing a code of ethics and conflict of interest statement. This document highlights the importance our board gives to conducting the business of our organization in a transparent and professional manner.

Accountability was also addressed at the regional level. A number of policies were developed pertaining to unit operations and the actions of our members while on duty, and a new training plan that stresses accountability and professionalism was implemented. In accordance with Canadian Coast Guard policy, it has been made mandatory that all CCGA-P members possess pleasure craft operator competency (PCOC) cards, and board members are striving to ensure that 100% compliance is achieved.

Growth

The CCGA-P grew in 2002 in a number of areas. Three new boating safety units were created in the interior of British Columbia, and a number of new SAR prevention projects were launched, including the Kids Don't Float and Bobbie the Safety Boat programs. A dynamic new training plan was developed and implemented, and operational statistics reporting was refined and enhanced. A number of new initiatives will be undertaken in 2003 and beyond, including a new member orientation package, a communications plan, and a structural review. These initiatives will ensure the continued growth and development of the CCGA-P.

On a final note, I would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the Canadian Coast Guard and the CCGA-P staff who have worked so hard to support our organization in 2002. We truly appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you in 2003 and beyond.

Frank Hudson, President
Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific

Training

March 2002 marked the beginning of a stronger, more ambitious training program for the CCGA-P. The development of this training program was based on two mandates given to the CCGA-P Director of Training: raise the overall measurable training standard for all units and members throughout the CCGA-P, and develop more of a focus on accountability both at the local and regional levels.

Training Approach
In response to these mandates, a new training program was developed. This program is performance-oriented, and includes six basic components:

- training standards
- reference/training manual
- delivery of training materials
- evaluation of training to a regional standard
- recording of training
- support of the new training program

The first two components of this program have already been implemented, with the development of a region-wide training standard by the director of training, and the distribution of the new *CCGA-P Search and Rescue Crew Manual* to all active crewmembers.
Completion of the final four components of the program is currently underway: training materials are being delivered to CCGA-P members by instructors at the unit level, who have been trained in instructional methods and evaluation techniques; Advance Rescue Training/Evaluator (ARTE) courses have been and are being run to qualify a pool of evaluators to ensure consistency in training evaluation;

development of our electronic and paper database recording system will continue, along with the personal log book, which will be maintained by the individual and contain a record of training qualifications, SAR missions, training sessions, exercises, and unit activities; and support mechanisms will also be developed to enhance the whole training approach.

Accomplishments
While the revamped CCGA-P training program is still relatively new, a great deal was still accomplished in 2002:

Rigid hull inflatable operator's training (RHIOT) school: the selection process for this rigorous one week course run by the Coast Guard in Bamfield has been revamped, so that the CCGA-P is sending the most qualified and deserving members to this prestigious course.

ARTE course: this evaluator's course has already been run in Victoria and Comox, with many more courses planned, as the CCGA-P develops and expands our training approach.

Unit training plans: direction and guidance has been provided to unit leaders, in order to assist them in the planning and conduct of unit-level training.

New member initial training sequence package: a program has been developed to ensure that new members are capable of performing some basic procedures before crewing a SAR vessel. This package also incorporates the pleasure craft operator competency card (PCOC), which all CCGA-P members must now possess.

First aid training: units have been qualifying members on standard marine first aid through recognized providers.

Training hours: on-water training hours have been allocated on a quarterly basis, along with allocations for units acquiring new SAR vessels.

Crew level standard: the new crew level standard has been made available on the member's section of the CCGA-P website.

SAR competition: the zone and regional SAR competitions have been moved to April/May and June respectively in order to take advantage of units completing their training cycles and to be in line with national and international competitions.

Crew level manual: thanks in part to a generous donation from the BC Ferries Lost & Found Auction fund, the *CCGA-P Search and Rescue Crew Manual* is complete and a number of copies have been printed. The manual has been put on the CCGA-P website, and initial distribution has been made to unit leaders, coxswains and unit training officers. Manuals are also being distributed to active crewmembers based on the unit training plans created by individual unit leaders.

The future for CCGA-P training is looking very bright and we are looking for the leaders of tomorrow– individuals that can fulfill the needs of this great SAR organization, and motivate and move their units towards that future. The CCGA-P's new training approach will continue into 2003 and beyond, with future delivery adjustments to meet the uniqueness, special situations and challenges of our organization.

Alaskan Exercise a Success

On May 11th, members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary took part in the third annual joint American-Canadian SAR training and demonstration exercise in Ketchikan, Alaska. The exercise, which was a part of the annual Ketchikan Celebration of the Sea festival, featured four United States Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels, two Station Ketchikan boats, US Coast Guard cutter *NASHON*, two Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad (KVRS) vessels, one Ketchikan Yacht Club sailboat, and the CCGA-P dedicated response vessel, *Spirit Seeker*.

CCGA-P members James Knight, Fraser Earl (Unit 45 Masset), Dana Watson, and Malcolm Dunderdale (Unit 66 Queen Charlotte) travelled the 95 miles from Masset to Ketchikan via the *Spirit Seeker*, while Geoff Gould, Nancy Gould, and Les Fox (Unit 64 Prince Rupert) travelled via Alaska State Ferries from Prince Rupert to participate in the event. CCGA CEO Harry Strong also attended the event, travelling all the way from Newfoundland for his first Ketchikan exercise.

Although the weather was not favourable (wind & rain), which cancelled the planned helo demonstrations and minimized public attendance, it was an outstanding exercise. At the end of the day, participants were rewarded for their efforts with a dinner, attended by about 60 team members and guests.

Thanks go to Craig Forrest, District 17 Alaska Commodore (United States Coast Guard Auxiliary) and all of the members of the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary who organized and participated in the event. Congratulations to all who participated on a job well done!

Search and Rescue Prevention

While search and rescue is a major component of the CCGA-P's mandate, our members are also very aware of the vital role boating safety education plays in the prevention of search and rescue incidents.

British Columbia's coastal and inshore waters are increasingly popular recreational sites, attracting thousands of visitors every year. The CCGA-P's search and rescue prevention program has grown and matured to address this development, and to ensure that the boating safety message is reaching as large an audience as possible.

Boating Safety Trailer

The CCGA-P boating safety trailer is a 45-foot semi-trailer that serves as a mobile boating safety display. It is fully equipped with safety equipment and educational materials, and was officially dedicated in 2001 with the help of generous donations from the boating industry and the public. In 2002, the boating safety trailer was present at three parades and seven static displays, and was viewed by over 50,000 people. 400 volunteer hours were spent by CCGA-P members who staffed and administered the trailer program, and three new sponsors donated funds to the program, bringing the total to 23.

In its short lifetime, the boating safety trailer program has proven to be a very effective way for CCGA-P members to reach a large audience with the search and rescue prevention message. Plans are already underway for the purchase of another boating safety trailer, with modifications based on public and member feedback about the current trailer.

Boating Safety Units

While the search and rescue prevention message is spread by all CCGA-P units, a number of units focus solely on this task. In 2002, the CCGA-P's existing boating safety units in Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, and the Southern Interior were joined by three new units that are entirely dedicated to boating safety education. Units in Kamloops, the Shuswap region, and the Kootenays are currently recruiting new members and training them to raise awareness about boating safety at community events, and to conduct pleasure craft courtesy checks (PCCCs) of vessels for interested boaters.

Training

An integral part of the CCGA-P boating safety program is membership training. As the CCGA-P continues to develop new programs and acquire new boating safety education resources, it is crucial that our members are given proper instruction and guidance.

PCCC training courses, which teach CCGA-P members how to conduct a courtesy check of a vessel and how to ensure that the proper safety equipment is onboard and in good working order, were held in Victoria, Penticton, Powell River, Sechelt, and Vancouver in 2002. Other courses held in 2002 included a PCCC instructor course in Vancouver, and Bobbie the Safety Boat instructor courses in Nanaimo and Gibsons.

Kids Don't Float

The Kids Don't Float program was piloted at six sites in the Pacific region in 2002, and has already proven to be an overwhelming success. Loaner stations that housed PFDs for kids were set up in Kitimat, Queen Charlotte City, Port Alberni, Prince Rupert, the Okanagan, and Cultus Lake, and public response was very positive – members of the public even donated their own PFDs to the project! Because of the program's success, expansion plans have been put in place, and more loaner stations will be erected in the Pacific region in 2003.

Bobbie the Safety Boat

The CCGA-P's two electronic safety boats were purchased at the start of 2002 and were used throughout the region at a number of community events. As was the case with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (who have their own successful electronic safety boat program) Bobbie was extremely popular with children and was easily able to capture and keep their attention. Not only did Bobbie entertain children throughout the Pacific region, he also taught them important lessons about safety in and around the water. Future Bobbies will likely join the CCGA-P fleet in 2003.

The Future

2003 promises to be another dynamic year for the boating safety program, as current programs are expanded, and new programs are piloted. A number of publications for children and adults will be launched, and more boating safety displays will be purchased to be used by units throughout the region to promote search and rescue awareness at various community events. The CCGA-P also looks forward to the development of an even stronger partnership with the Canadian Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety. Together, the CCGA-P and Coast Guard will work to continue to raise awareness and change behaviours in the boating public.

Bobbie Brings Boating Safety Tips to Nanaimo

Nanaimo's Unit 27 had a busy summer season complete with numerous SAR missions, medical evacuations, and a handful of special events. For the annual Marine Festival in July, Unit 27 was on hand as a safety vessel for the Silly Boat Races, the Fireworks Display and the Bathtub Race. With Unit 27 patrolling the harbour, an onshore group of volunteers manned the rescue van to promote boating safety and introduced everyone to Bobbie the Safety Boat. Bobbie's debut was a huge success! With over 5,000 people in attendance, Bobbie stole the show and was the talk of Marine Fest. Bobbie even managed to wow the crowds at the parade. He followed behind the rescue van and whaler, squirted kids with water and chatted with them along the entire parade route, mystifying and captivating both children and adults alike. Often we heard "How does he think and talk?" or "Is he real?" or my personal favourite "There's a little guy in there."

This September, Unit 27 once again participated in the Nanaimo Fire Fair. This is a local event promoting fire safety as well as other SAR operations. It is aimed towards children and families so we sent out Bobbie the Safety Boat. Members of Unit 27 set up an informational display with the rescue van to answer questions and promote boating safety. Bobbie the Safety Boat stole the show yet again! Kids would jump off the big red fire trucks and run over to Bobbie and then follow him around the fair. It was a Bobbie the Safety Boat parade! Many children were heard saying they remembered Bobbie from the Bath Tub Parade. Bobbie has made quite an impression here in Nanaimo. He was a big hit at the Fire Fair, making the front page of the local newspaper and CH television.

Bob McCauley
Deputy Zone Director, Zone 8

Building Awareness

In 2002 the continued focus on raising the CCGA-P's profile in the boating community and general public generated some very positive results. New donor programs and sponsorship agreements have helped to defray some of the increasing costs associated with marine search and rescue, and provincial gaming funds have also provided much needed support.

Community Support

2002 was a busy fundraising year for most of our units. The inevitable wear and tear on vessels and equipment requires that volunteers from CCGA-P units and their supporting societies work to raise funds from within their communities to ensure their SAR readiness. Monies raised this way help repair existing gear and purchase new life-saving equipment.

Our units also rely on their communities for volunteers. All of the search and rescue and boating safety activities done by members of the CCGA-P is unpaid, and we rely on members of local communities to fill these volunteer roles.

Regional Support

To further aid each CCGA-P unit in obtaining the necessary but often costly equipment they need, the CCGA-P regional office continued a successful awareness and fundraising campaign that began in 2001. Personalized letters were sent to thousands of British Columbians in the spring and winter of 2002 highlighting some of the search and rescue and boating safety activities undertaken by CCGA-P members during the year. A number of units worked in tandem with the regional office on this project, and funds raised in their communities were returned to them based on a cost recovery formula.

The CCGA-P regional office was also able to support units in 2002 by assisting with the British Columbia gaming funds applications submitted to the provincial government. 2002 was an extremely turbulent year with the government's gaming portfolio, and CCGA-P board and staff members worked hard to ensure that the CCGA-P units that applied for funds were considered. Consequently, a substantial amount of money was received by a number of our units throughout the region, particularly in some of the remoter communities that do not have access to a large fundraising base. Thanks to these gaming funds, many of our units will be able to purchase the vessels and equipment they need.

Building Support

A number of marine-based companies and interested individuals supported the CCGA-P in 2002 in a variety of ways. Buoy o Boy Marine Safety Wear sponsored the Kids Don't Float and Bobbie the Safety Boat programs, while Whites Manufacturing assisted the CCGA-P in the purchase of some safety equipment. Support was also received in 2002 from individuals and other groups: two vessels were donated to the CCGA-P by individuals, and a boating safety van was donated by the Canadian Coast Guard. These types of in-kind donations are a new but vitally important contribution to the operations of our organization, and the development and growth of our in-kind donation program will continue in 2003.

How will my donation to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific help?

$150 pays for a **utility vest** which gives a crewmember quick access to first aid and safety equipment.

$400 buys a **radio** for fast communication between rescue crews and rescue coordinators.

$72 is the price of a **helmet** – essential for a crew member racing at high speeds to a rescue.

$500 is the price of an **all-weather survival suit**, necessary for British Columbia's freezing waters and harsh winter storms.

$30 buys a pair of **non-slip boots** – essential when huge waves are crashing over the deck of a lifeboat.

Kim Pearce, Rescue Coxswain

The Future

Future initiatives include the continuation and growth of a solid awareness, fundraising, and membership recruitment campaign, as well as the further development of a strong donor base. Materials such as customized backdrops will continue to be produced by the CCGA-P to ensure that the public is made aware of the vital work done by our volunteers and the need for their continued support.

New fundraising initiatives like the Name a Boat program and the corporate sponsorship program will be continued and expanded in 2003.

All CCGA-P donors will receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter, the *Dolphin*, which will keep them up to date on how their donations are being employed to help save lives.

In 2003 and beyond, the CCGA-P will continue to develop public awareness about our goals, needs and mandate to help raise the community support our units need to continue saving lives at sea.

BC Ferries Supports CCGA-P With Generous Donation

CCGA-P volunteers will soon benefit from an influx of training and equipment dollars, thanks to BC Ferries.

On October 19th, BC Ferries Vice-President Mark Stefanson presented the CCGA-P Board of Directors with a cheque for $26,469.00 from the BC Ferries Lost & Found auction funds.

Part of the funds raised will go towards the purchase of safety equipment for CCGA-P search and rescue crewmembers, a necessity in marine emergencies. The other portion of the raised funds will go towards the printing costs of the newly-developed *CCGA-P Search and Rescue Crew Manual*. Developed over the last 1½ years by a highly-trained group of CCGA-P volunteers and Canadian Coast Guard employees, this manual will provide all CCGA-P members, as well as other marine safety organizations, with a comprehensive crew-level training program. Funding shortfalls had stalled the project, but BC Ferries' donation has made immediate printing and distribution possible.

"We are extremely pleased that BC Ferries chose our organization as the recipient of these funds," says CCGA-P President Frank Hudson. "Our community-based units rely on public financial support to continue their operations, and consider BC Ferries a valuable partner in our mission of protecting the safety of those at sea."

Highlights of 2002

January

The Canadian Safe Boating Council Awards are presented in Ottawa. CCGA-P Unit 103 (Vancouver) member Adrian Lee receives a Special Recognition award, while Unit 8 (Delta) member Norm Dyck receives the Safe Boater of the Year award.

February

The 23rd CCGA-P Annual Conference is held in Victoria, BC. Bobbie the Safety Boat, an animatronic robot that teaches kids about boating safety, is christened. British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo presides over the awards luncheon which honors the CCGA-P past presidents. Unit 6 (Richmond North) member Barry Hastings receives the CCGA Leadership medal.

Teams from across the Pacific region compete in the Fourth Annual Regional Search and Rescue Skills Competition. The team from Unit 7 (Steveston) wins the competition and the right to compete in the international competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in October.

March

Bobbie the Safety Boat teaches children and adults alike about the importance of boating safety at the Victoria Boat Show.

CCGA-P members in Unit 101 (Southern Interior) participate in the Soroptimist Home & Leisure show in Penticton, winning an award for their informative booth. Over 6,700 people attend the event and learn about search and rescue prevention and boating safety from Unit 101's members.

April

CCGA-P members from Units 45 (Masset), 66 (Queen Charlotte), and 69 (Sandspit) take part in a training session near Queen Charlotte City. The session is run by Canadian Coast Guard training officers Tyler Brand and John Millman.

May

Unit 59 (Deep Bay) launches their first dedicated response vessel, the *John McLean*, named after one of the founding members of the CCGA-P.

Members from Units 45 (Masset) and 66 (Queen Charlotte) travel to Ketchikan, Alaska to participate in the third annual joint American-Canadian SAR training and demonstration exercise.

June

Two new CCGA-P units are officially formed in Kamloops and the Shuswap. Both units are dedicated solely to SAR prevention and boating safety education, and reflect the growing interest in boating in the interior of British Columbia.

July

Six pilot sites are set up for the Kids Don't Float project, which lends PFDs to children on or near the water. The program proves to be an overwhelming success, and more sites are proposed for 2003.

Unit 8 (Delta) christens their new dedicated response vessel, the *Spirit of Delta IV*.

August

Over 50 members of the CCGA-P participate in the Richmond Tall Ships Festival. Members provide safety coverage on the water and boating safety information on land to the estimated 400,000 festival visitors.

The same weekend CCGA-P Units 6 (Richmond North) and 7 (Steveston) respond to a very high number of SAR incidents, including a medical evacuation, a suicide attempt, and numerous distress calls from vessels caught in high winds.

September
Unit 38 (Long Beach) members Shawn England and Greg Blanchette travel through total darkness and wild seas to reach a fishing vessel stranded on a reef. They rescue the five people on the vessel, which splits in half and sinks less than two hours later.

CCGA-P members from Crescent Beach, Gulf Islands, Oak Bay, Victoria, and Saanich take part in a joint training exercise with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in Friday Harbor, Washington.

October
The Third International Marine Search and Rescue Competition is held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Unit 7 (Steveston) members Peter Macaulay, Peter Jarvenpaa, Peter Thomas, and Morgan Mackay compete in marine search and rescue events with six Canadian and six American teams and are named international champions.

BC Ferries presents the CCGA-P with a cheque for $26,469.00 from the BC Ferries Lost & Found auction funds. The funds are earmarked for safety equipment for CCGA-P crewmembers and the printing costs of the *CCGA-P Search and Rescue Crew Manual*.

November
CCGA-P Unit 36 (Saanich) participates in a joint training exercise at Patricia Bay with the North Saanich Fire Department.

Former BC Premier Mike Harcourt sustains serious injuries in a fall on Pender Island. Unit 25 (Gulf Islands) is on scene to assist in the rescue operation.

December
The Canadian Lifeboat Institution, a non-profit marine search and rescue organization based in the Lower Mainland, joins the CCGA-P. Members transfer to Unit 8 (Delta) along with their 44-foot lifeboat, *The White Rose of Yorkshire*.

Rescue

On December 18, 2002, a massive early morning fire destroyed one of Prince Rupert's landmarks, the J.S. MacMillan fish plant.

At 4:40 am on the morning of the 18th, Prince Rupert Marine Communications & Traffic Services (MCTS) reported that the MacMillan fish plant was on fire. The Prince Rupert Fire Department requested assistance in moving the large number of fishing vessels that were located near the plant, so that they could concentrate on dousing the blaze without extensive damage being caused to these vessels. Both the Canadian Coast Guard and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific were tasked to respond to this request, and crews from the Coast Guard vessel *Point Henry* and the CCGA-P Unit 64 (Prince Rupert) owner/operator vessel *Pacific Broker* quickly answered the call.

Along with the Coast Guard, Unit 64 (Prince Rupert) was instrumental in removing as many as 50 vessels from the hazards of the spectacular fire. While these actions would be commendable in any circumstance, they were especially appreciated in Prince Rupert, where the economy has been hit very hard by economic downturns in a number of major industries.

The fire, which began in the early morning, was so huge it closed the airport, ferry terminal and a local school.

Our thanks go to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific members who took part in this incident and provided much needed help to the members of their community.

Operations

In 2002, as in past years, the search and rescue operations undertaken by CCGA-P crews accounted for the largest portion of person hours dedicated to the organization: 5,464 in total. CCGA-P crews responded to almost 1,000 calls for help in 2002, which included everything from assisting broken-down pleasure craft to rescuing fishing vessel crews in danger of perishing during heavy storms. A number of accomplishments were made by CCGA-P operations in 2002:

CCGA-P Resource Book

The CCGA-P resource book, which provides information to the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) on CCGA-P vessels and resources available for incident response, underwent a major update in 2002. The book has been improved to allow for periodic updates, which will ensure that JRCC has current and accurate information about the CCGA-P resources available for search and rescue response. An online resource database was also developed in 2002, which facilitates the quick and efficient update of the resource book. Development of this effective online tool will continue into 2003.

Resource Allocation Plan

Initiated in 2001, the CCGA-P resource allocation plan is an ongoing project designed to ensure that the SAR coverage needs of the region are being met. In 2002, the needs of the region were identified, and a number of resources were allocated based on these needs. In 2003 the CCGA-P operations portfolio will continue to develop this plan in consultation with the Canadian Coast Guard, which will ensure further symbiotic development of the SAR resource allocation framework based on the needs of the region.

Policies

A number of operations policies were introduced in 2002, providing CCGA-P members with clear and comprehensive operating procedures to follow. Policies put into place in 2002 include an equipment and vessel standards framework document that will allow the CCGA-P to develop and maintain future standards; a bloodborne pathogen exposure control policy; policies on equipment loss or damage; and policies on tasking procedures, just to name a few. A number of existing policies were also revised in 2002 to keep them relevant to CCGA-P operations.

The majority of operations policies put forward in 2002 were designed for crew safety. This includes the CCGA-P Board of Director's decision to adopt a policy restricting the maximum speed at which CCGA-P vessels may operate while conducting authorized activities. Other safety related policies in development for 2003 include accident reporting and hazardous occurence reporting policies.

Accident Prevention Program

One of the mandates of the CCGA-P's operations portfolio is to ensure that crewmembers and those they assist remain as safe as possible in the dangerous conditions they often face. In response to this mandate, a number of bulletins were released in 2002 describing accidents, significant events, and safety information as they relate to the operations of CCGA-P vessels and equipment.

CCGA-P Incidents by Month
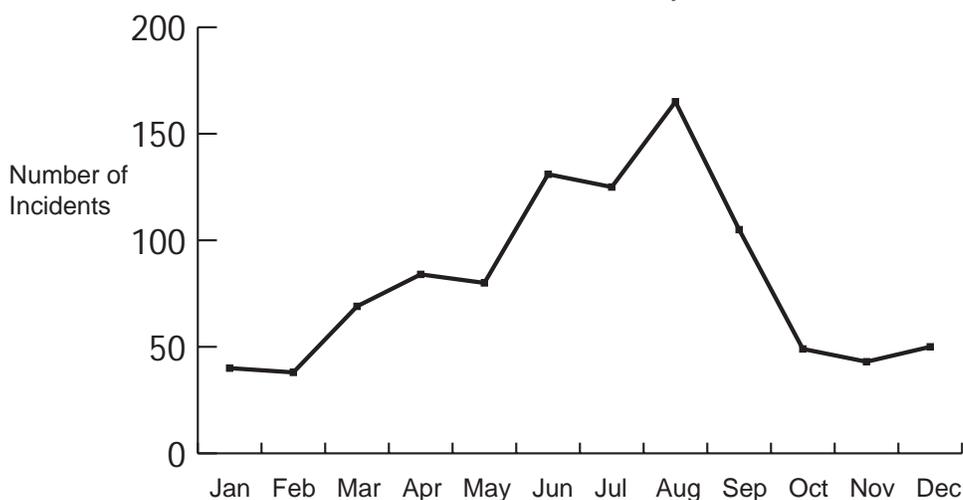
Month	Incidents
January	40
February	38
March	69
April	84
May	80
June	131
July	125
August	165
September	105
October	49
November	43
December	50

These bulletins, which were created based on the experiences of CCGA-P members and other like organizations, compose part of the CCGA-P's accident prevention program, which also includes proactive policies and training. Accident prevention will remain a key focus of the portfolio in 2003 and beyond

The Future

2002 marked a period of growth and maturity in the administration of CCGA-P operations. New policies, safety bulletins, an updated resource allocation plan and a new accident prevention program were all put into place, and development of this infrastructure will continue in 2003 and beyond.

Major safety and first aid equipment surveys were distributed to all CCGA-P units in late 2002, and the results of these surveys will be analyzed and compiled into recommendations in 2003. Auxiliary vessel inspections were restructured in 2002 and will be continued in 2003, to ensure the safety of our vessels and most importantly their crews and passengers.

In 2003 and beyond, CCGA-P operations will continue to strive to provide dedicated 24-hour marine search and rescue response to all mariners in distress.

Thank You

In March 2002, two crab fishermen went missing on the west coast of Vancouver Island. CCGA-P units from Victoria and Sooke spent over 17 hours assisting in the search for the missing men. This letter was received by the CCGA-P regional office soon after:

I am writing to voice my family's appreciation for all the long hours and work that the Sooke unit recently put in during the search off the East Sooke coastline following the discovery of my brother's capsized boat off Beechy Head. It must be an incredibly hard job to do once it's realized that it has turned from a rescue to a recovery search, but your people carry on through. I find it amazing the dedication of them. Everyone has his or her real life, and problems etc., yet they give so fully of themselves to try to bring home our loved ones. The ground search teams, and the air search, are all to be commended. The ground team welcomed me into their search party on the Wednesday, along with two other family members. They put us in with experienced people, and at all times I felt a part of the team. I'll never be able to thank them enough for giving me the opportunity to be out there with them. They were a very caring and compassionate group, a true inspiration.
Once again please pass along to your volunteers our appreciation and gratitude for their efforts.
Sincerely,

Des Rogers, brother; family of Monty Rogers, and family of Art Moffit, our cousin.

2002 SAR Statistics at a Glance:

Number of taskings:	979
Total hours duration:	1,871
Total person hours:	5,464
Lives saved:	194
Number of people assisted:	1,066
Estimated value of property saved or assisted:	$21,408,000.00*

During 2002, a CCGA-P crewed vessel was launched in response to a SAR tasking on average every nine hours.
*Second half of 2002 only.

New Vessels

Eight new vessels went into service with the CCGA-P in 2002. Five of these vessels are owned by individual CCGA-P members (known as owner/operators), two are owned by societies that support the activities of the CCGA-P, and one is owned by the regional organization.

The CCGA-P endeavours to place vessels into the locations where they are most appropriate and most needed; in 2003, at least six new vessels dedicated to search and rescue operations are expected to come into service in various locations throughout the region.

Unit 59 – Deep Bay
Vessel Name: *John McLean*
Vessel Base: Deep Bay
Vessel Type: 24-foot Surf
SAR Equipment: VHF-DF, first aid equipment, gas powered fire/salvage pump
Owner: Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region

Unit 8 – Delta
Vessel Name: *Spirit of Delta IV*
Vessel Base: Point Roberts, Washington
Vessel Type: 8 m Carswell 249 rigid hull inflatable
SAR Equipment: Gas powered fire/salvage pump, datum marker buoy, night vision goggles, first aid kit, oxygen therapy
Owner: Delta Marine Rescue Society

Unit 8 – Delta
Vessel Name: *White Rose of Yorkshire*
Vessel Base: Roberts Bank Terminal (Tsawassen)
Vessel Type: 44-foot ex-RNLI Waveny Class lifeboat
SAR Equipment: diesel powered fire/salvage pump, VHF-DF, first aid kit, oxygen therapy
Owner: Canadian Lifeboat Institution

Unit 1 – Howe Sound
Vessel Name: *Kinbasket Queen*
Vessel Base: Bowen Island
Vessel Type: Trinity 40 Passenger Water Taxi
Owner: Brian Biddlecombe

Unit 2 – Indian Arm
Vessel Name: *Dream Weaver*
Vessel Base: Reed Point
Vessel Type: Apollo Polaris
Owner: Gary Sherritt

Unit 6 – Richmond North
Vessel Name: *As You Wish*
Vessel Base: Richmond
Vessel Type: 34-foot Bayliner Avanti Sunbridge
Owner: David Welters / Melissa Gervais

Unit 37 – Sooke
Vessel Name: *2 Reel*
Vessel Base: Sooke
Vessel Type: Campion 215 Explorer
Owner: Ron Neitsch

Unit 62 – Klemtu
Vessel Name: *Humbug*
Vessel Base: Klemtu
Vessel Type: 27-foot Bayliner Explorer
Owner: James Brewin

Financial Statements

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific), Inc.
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BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2002

ASSETS

	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total	2001 Total
	2002				
	(restricted)				
Current assets:					
Bank	$131,529		$ 62,001	$193,530	$ 12,587
Accounts receivable	2,950		17,508	20,458	9,740
Due from (to) other funds	979		(979)		
Due from related party					15,000
Total Current Assets	$135,458		$ 78,530	213,988	37,327
Due from related party			$ 23,000	23,000	23,000
Capital Assets		$131,652		131,652	89,887
	$135,458	$131,652	$101,530	$368,640	$150,214

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total	2001 Total
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$134,895			$134,895	$ 8,620
Deferred operating grants	563			563	923
Total current liabilities	135,458			135,458	9,543
Deferred contributions related to capital assets		$ 54,000		54,000	56,000
Fund balances:					
Invested in capital assets		77,652		77,652	33,887
Unrestricted			$101,530	101,530	50,784
Total fund balances		77,652	101,530	179,182	84,671
	$135,458	$131,652	$101,530	$368,640	$150,214

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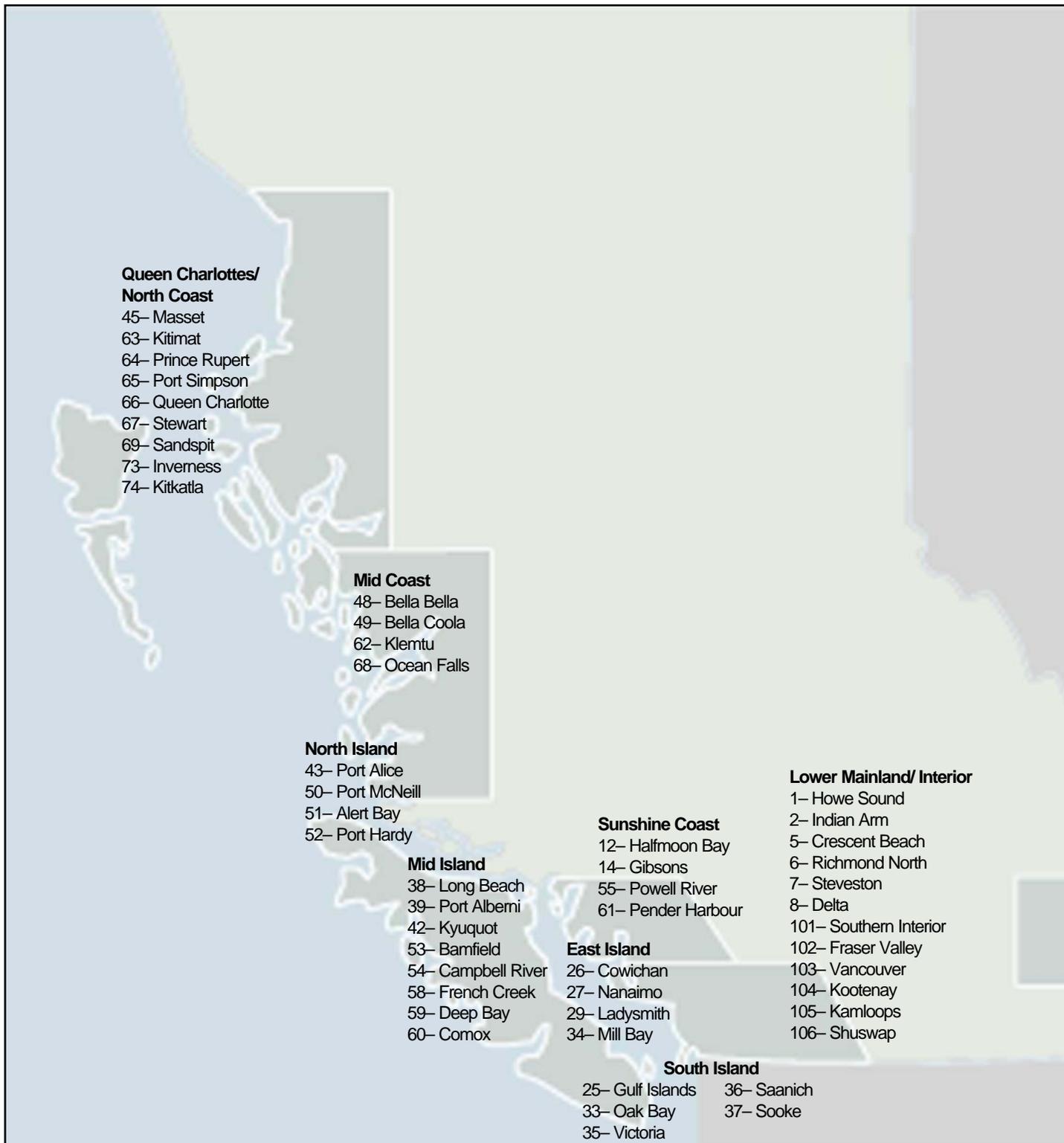STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended March 31, 2002

	2002				2001
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total	Total
	(restricted)				
Revenues:					
Operating grants	$965,360			$965,360	$661,441
Donations		$ 2,000	$ 62,443	64,443	14,795
Miscellaneous	1,115		17,821	18,936	31,187
Total revenues	966,475	2,000	80,264	1,048,739	707,423
Expenditures:					
Administration	217,935		11,253	229,188	173,679
Training	293,662			293,662	194,721
Members	70,571		442	71,013	53,922
Boating Safety	15,224			15,224	27,345
Marketing	33,122		1,883	35,005	
Operations	288,466			288,466	203,071
Miscellaneous					1,720
Amortization		21,670		21,670	13,460
Total expenditures	918,980	21,670	13,578	954,228	667,918
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	47,495	(19,670)	66,686	94,511	39,505
Transfer to capital fund	(47,495)		(15,940)	(63,435)	(9,630)
Transfer from Coast Guard Fund		47,495		47,495	9,630
Transfer from General Fund		15,940		15,940	
Fund balances, beginning		33,887	50,784	84,671	45,166
Fund balances, ending	$ Nil	$ 77,652	$101,530	$179,182	$ 84,671

These figures were extracted from the CCGA-P audited financial statements. Member of the CCGA-P can view the full financial statements in the membership section of our website at http://www.ccga-pacific.org/m-info.html

Stations

There are currently 50 units in the CCGA-P, stationed throughout British Columbia. Members at each station participate in search and rescue operations, SAR prevention education, or a combination of the two.

CCGA-P units are grouped according to location into one of eight zones that cover the entire Pacific region:

Queen Charlottes/ North Coast
45– Masset
63– Kitimat
64– Prince Rupert
65– Port Simpson
66– Queen Charlotte
67– Stewart
69– Sandspit
73– Inverness
74– Kitkatla

Mid Coast
48– Bella Bella
49– Bella Coola
62– Klemtu
68– Ocean Falls

North Island
43– Port Alice
50– Port McNeill
51– Alert Bay
52– Port Hardy

Mid Island
38– Long Beach
39– Port Alberni
42– Kyuquot
53– Bamfield
54– Campbell River
58– French Creek
59– Deep Bay
60– Comox

Sunshine Coast
12– Halfmoon Bay
14– Gibsons
55– Powell River
61– Pender Harbour

East Island
26– Cowichan
27– Nanaimo
29– Ladysmith
34– Mill Bay

Lower Mainland/ Interior
1– Howe Sound
2– Indian Arm
5– Crescent Beach
6– Richmond North
7– Steveston
8– Delta
101– Southern Interior
102– Fraser Valley
103– Vancouver
104– Kootenay
105– Kamloops
106– Shuswap

South Island
25– Gulf Islands
33– Oak Bay
35– Victoria
36– Saanich
37– Sooke

Teamwork

Board of Directors

The board of directors of the CCGA-P is composed of volunteers from throughout the Pacific region. All directors serve a one-year term, with the exception of zone directors, who serve two-year terms.

Executive

Frank Hudson
Victoria, BC
President

Malcolm Dunderdale
Queen Charlotte City, BC
Vice-President

Bruce Falkins
West Vancouver, BC
Secretary/Treasurer/Director, Zone 1

Craig Dunn
Victoria, BC
Director, Strategic Alliances

Directors

Alan de Jersey
Klemtu, BC
Director, Zone 2

Rob Pikola
Victoria, BC
Director, Zone 4

Allan Hughes
Comox, BC
Director, Zone 5 & Deputy Director,
Search and Rescue/Operations

Ken Moore
Halfmoon Bay, BC
Director, Zone 6

Duncan Peacock
Kitimat, BC
Director, Zone 7

John Thomas
Shawnigan Lake, BC
Director, Zone 8

Brian Cameron
Courtenay, BC
Director, Training

Dave Lamb
Port Coquitlam, BC
Director, Boating Safety

Ryan Woodward
Richmond, BC
Director, Search and Rescue/Operations

Officers

Scott Sutherland
Victoria, BC
Archivist/Historian

Jim Toogood
Richmond, BC
Equipment/Stores

Pacific Region Staff

The Pacific region staff consists of two full-time employees, two part-time employees, and a Coast Guard funded office manager. All staff are based in Victoria, BC:

Stan Warlow, Executive Officer
Tanis Toope, Special Projects Officer
Judith Cook, Financial Development Coordinator
Kyu-Chang Jo, Technical Analyst
Melanie Fugard, Office Manager

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