

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific

2007

annual report



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The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific (CCGA-P) is a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing 24-hour marine search and rescue services to British Columbia & the Yukon's more than 29,500 square kilometres of coastline, 6,500 islands, and approximately 450,000 square kilometres of internal and offshore waters.

Responsible for resolving approximately 25% of the more than 7,000 marine search and rescue (SAR) incidents that occur each year, either as the principal resource, or as an additional response resource, the CCGA-P is a vital component of Canada's national SAR response network. In addition to answering maritime distress calls and conducting marine SAR, CCGA-P volunteers also work to educate the public about the importance of boating safety and provide courtesy checks of vessels.

The CCGA-P's over 1,400 volunteer members are committed to serving one of 48 community-based stations throughout the region. Each station recruits from the communities it serves, to ensure that SAR and boating safety services are reflective of local needs. Some SAR stations have community-owned vessels, while others provide SAR services through dedicated owner/operator vessels. Collectively over 70 vessels are available through the CCGA-P for marine search and rescue in the Pacific region.



Our vision

The CCGA-P is striving to become a world leader in volunteer marine search and rescue, and search and rescue prevention services.

Our 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

To help save lives on the water, call the CCGA-P at 1.800.665.4757 or visit www.ccg-p.ca



A message from the president

Another successful year has come and gone for the busiest volunteer marine search and rescue organization in Canada. Last fiscal year we participated in 790 Search and Rescue incidents. Our members saved 181 lives and saved \$13,788,019.00 in property. The impact to Canadians and mariners can't be overstated in terms of the benefit that they receive from our hard working and dedicated volunteers, and our hard working staff.

New equipment and new training is available for most of our units and particularly in the north of our region where new vessels and new training initiatives are finally beginning to be realized. With the financial help of our member societies and help from Coast Guard, we are developing training and assets for these units that need and deserve the same equipment and training opportunities as the units in the south.

We, as an organization have, had to make difficult financial decisions in the past, and the future is no different. Fixed budgets have forced us into reallocation of funds, and the demand for cost saving exist today as they have had to so often in the past. We have been forced to close stations to enable necessary funds to exist for stations in the north. Nationally we have cancelled the National SAR competition and rolled that money into our regional training budgets. Here in Pacific we have had the foresight to look to the non profit fundraising system that exists to support volunteer marine search and rescue through out the world. This is just now starting to have the required results with the support of the Provincial Gaming Branch, direct mail campaigns, and

the generosity of our member societies. These additional funds and assets will enable us to move forward and meet the necessary requirements and to move to a better operational capability in support of the mariners of this coast and Canadian Coast Guard.

Change in any type of organization is always difficult, and yet any organization that does not change is doomed to failure because the world changes around us. We as an organization now must not only be well trained in our individual disciplines but must be prepared to demonstrate that we have the required certification to meet standards that are appropriate for our environment and risk. The requirements of a new safety management system that offers standards and the requirements for certification are changes that add work for us all. However in the end we are demonstrably a better organization for having systems such as these in place and protecting us all.

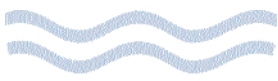
One additional change is that we are now to work with Transport Canada instead of Coast Guard to reach an agreement on the new class contribution agreement that would allow us to properly meet the needs of the existing boating safety program. We also wish to expand this program to other areas of this region to more effectively meet the need of recreational boats through out our entire region.

In closing I feel this is an exciting time to be a member of our organization with new vessels, new training opportunities, and new capabilities, made available throughout our region. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to embrace the new organization and help us move forward together.



Bruce Falkins
President, CCGA - P





SAR prevention



SAR prevention remains one of the key components of the CCGA-P's Mission. The CCGA-P has five units dedicated exclusively to boating safety, and 45 SAR units that also run boating safety programs. In 2007, all of these units participated in numerous community-based activities to promote boating safety including parades, boat shows, safety fairs, school programs, and marine festivals. The CCGA-P has a number of programs to communicate the boating safety message to the public, including Kids Don't Float, Bobbie the Safety Boat, School Programs, and Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks. In 2007 these programs were expanded to support the CCGA-P's overarching boating safety goal, "saving lives without getting wet."

Boating Safety Week

Coast Guard Auxiliary Units were hard at work this past summer displaying a strong presence across the Pacific Region for 2007's Boating Safety Week May 19 - 27th. Unit 104 Kootenay had an entire week of events planned for Boating Safety Week. They started off

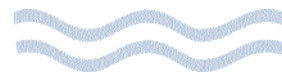
at Kaslo May Days with school presentations, a safety display and parade with Bobbie #2 from Penticton. Later on that week they traveled to Kootenay Lake and did a safety presentation for 200 Sea Cadets before finishing up the week with a display at the Nelson Chako Mika Mall. On May 20th Bobbie #1, Pukta the Safety Bear, and numerous members of Unit 27 Nanaimo helped spread awareness about Boating Safety at the Nanaimo Empire Days Parade. Unit 60

in Comox brought their Boating Safety Trailer and Bobbie #1 to Cumberland Market Days where unit members and Bobbie hosted a display. To wrap-up the week, Unit 102 Fraser Valley got involved in the festivities in Mission, BC on May 26th where they had their Boating Safety Trailer and Pukta on hand to help educate the public.

Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Program

The Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) program is one of CCGA-P's primary means of bringing the boating safety message to the boating public. Derek Card took over the role of PCCC Coordinator this year and worked closely with the units and Mike Mitchell of Transport Canada to ensure refresher workshops were held for all of our PCCC checkers. A new three tier system was introduced by Transport Canada this year giving checkers more options in the type of checks they administered. A shorter version of the PCCC was developed to be geared towards the smaller boats found at community boat ramps as well as a self-check form to hand out





to boaters that did not have time for a full check. These new additions proved very popular and effective particularly for our units in the Interior.

Kids Don't Float

In 2007, new boards were placed in Ladysmith, Cowichan Bay, Madeira Park, and North Vancouver. We now have a total of 25 boards across the Pacific region. This program continues to be popular and effective due to the continued support by Mustang Survival's in supplying PFD's for the boards and the diligence of the marinas and units that host and maintain the boards.

Bobbie the Safety Boat

2007 marked the fourth year of the CCGA-P Bobbie the Safety Boat program, and Bobbie has never been more popular with eight robotic Bobbies in the Pacific region. Other CCGA regions are now following our lead and are getting Bobbies of their own. On Nov. 24 & 25 Dean and Nanci Terencio of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary traveled from Alaska to Nanaimo to conduct a Bobbie training course for the CCGA-P. Both Dean and Nanci have been heavily involved in the USCGA's "Coastie" program for many years and their expertise was greatly appreciated by all that attended

Boating Safety by the Numbers ~ 2007

Boating Safety Displays, Parades, Presentations	85
Community Events	61
New Kids Don't Float Loaner Stations	4
Boat Show Displays	7
PCCC Checkers	202
PCCC Checks	1542

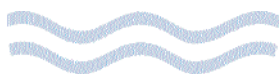
this valuable course. The course provided participants with the required skills to operate Bobbie and go back to their units and provide training to other interested members.

Our eight Bobbies were all on the road this summer and attended many events and schools in their travels from the Queen Charlotte Islands to BC's interior as well as the South Coast. A big thank-you goes out to all our members that helped make this program a huge success.

Looking Ahead

On-water activities continue to grow in popularity, and more and more people are spending time on the water. Many, however, lack the basic knowledge or equipment needed to stay safe. To help people from needing SAR services in the first place, the CCGA-P will continue to educate the public and raise public awareness about boating safety in 2008 and beyond.





Training

Training is fundamental to the CCGA-P to ensure that we are asking only competent and skilled crews to go out on missions on the water in what can be adverse and dangerous conditions.

Certification

One of the recent introductions to the CCGA-P has been the Crewing Standards. Great strides were made in March, April and May 2008 of loading onto the SAR Management System all available marine certification of our volunteers. This involved a prodigious amount of work by the office staff, going through all the old files and scanning in ancient copies of volunteer's certificates from the files, and much thanks should go to them for this work.

In addition Station Leaders were involved in much chasing of their volunteers to carry out searches of their personal documents, and find their certificates from the last century, scan them and place them on the SAR

Management System.

This will now have to be a continuing process, getting new volunteers qualified with the required certification, and to make sure that more experienced volunteers renew their certification (mostly their first aid or medical certification) at the intervals required.

Currently we have over 3200 certificates recorded on line which include:

• PCOC Cards	1069
• Radio Operators	664
• First Aid	805
• RHIOT	218
• PCCC Checkers	159

The Coxswains standard has now been issued and we are looking at ways of signing off some of our personnel to commence signing off the coxswain level across the region.

Training Events

Four Station Trainers courses have taken place over the past year, with particular emphasis on improving the

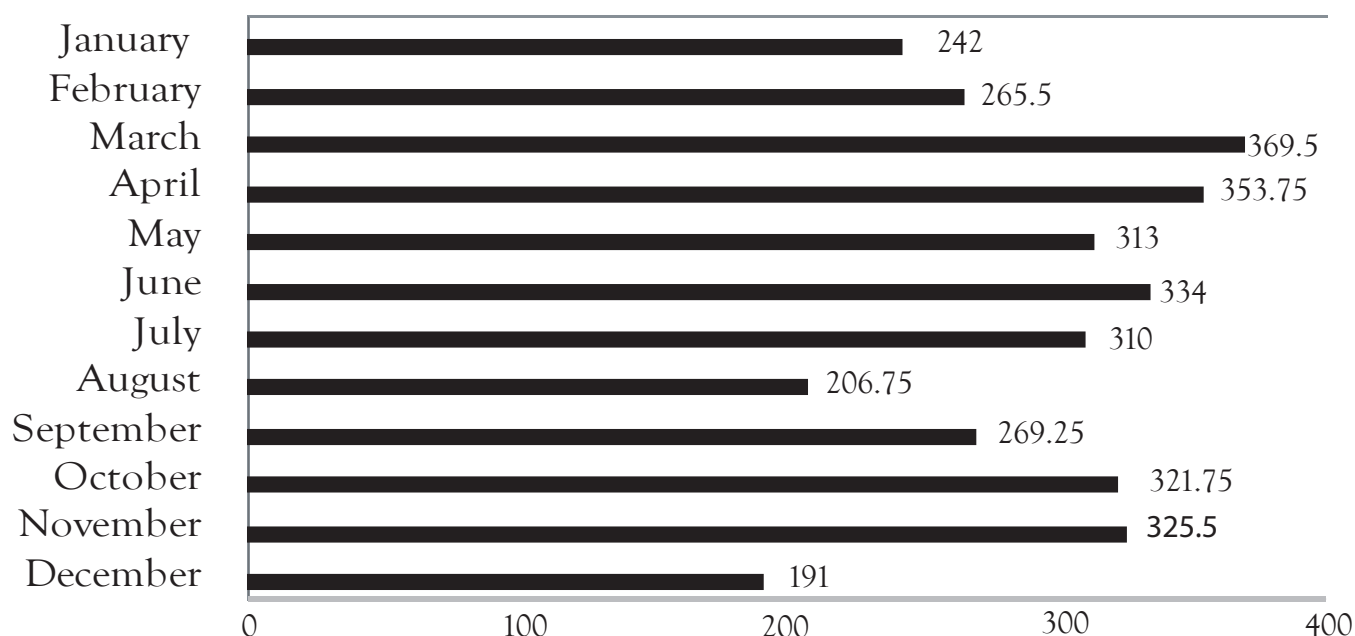
delivering of training at individual stations. These courses, three in Nanaimo and one in Prince Rupert, presented to the volunteers important aspects related to training, especially when afloat. 38 attendees came to these courses, which have mix of theoretical and practical training. It is intended that every station will have at least one and preferably two or three trained trainers to provide competent and enlightened training at each station.

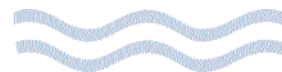
In autumn 2008 Mike Cupit, the Station Leader attended a course at the United States Coast Guard's Coxswain Academy, and ended up being involved with the rescue of a sinking 40-foot charter vessel with 13 people aboard.

Four members of Station 14 in Gibsons traveled to Toronto to take part in the International Search and Rescue competition in Toronto.

In addition in March the Northern Conference was held, where representatives from all the northern stations attended. Part of the schedule was spent

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outside on the water, in quite decent weather, with volunteers from different stations working together to carry out various evolutions.

Simulator

The simulator came on line in April 2008, and to date 6 courses have been held as well as a number of training sessions for potential volunteer instructors.

The present course concentrates on instructing the students in the skills of navigating a rescue vessel to its destination safely.

There has been a good amount of positive feedback from volunteers who have attended the simulator, and also comment back from their stations, where it is said a different culture in the conduct of the navigation of the vessel takes place.

The Coast Guard has assisted the project by allocating space on the Victoria base for the full mission simulator, as well the loan of a 733 rescue vessel for the on-the-water segment of

the SARnav course.

The section of the SAR learning System, (a combination of online tutorials and assessments) which form a prerequisite for the SARnav course is now on general release to all members of the auxiliary.

Future Developments

Training will remain a high priority for the CCGA-P, with further development of further training materials, courses, and a move towards standardized training plans. These and the design of new simulator courses will contribute to a stronger and more rigorous training program in support of the sometime high risk search and rescue missions of the CCGA-P.

Much thanks should go to the Station Leaders and the Station Training Officers as well as the many volunteers with the aptitude and specialist knowledge, who put in so much time patiently instructing their fellow volunteers in the ways of the sea, and search and rescue.

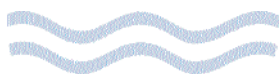
Rescue

On May 10, 2007, CCGA-P Unit 33 Oak Bay responded to an immediate danger call. A Hobie 18 Catamaran had been dismasted due to a rigging failure in a heavy gust of wind and was up on a reef at Jemmy Jones Island. The skipper was in the water wearing a dry suit, hood and pfd.

After he was safely aboard, the coxswain and skipper agreed to let the vessel float out away from the reef to where a tow line could be secured. Once the vessel was secured on the beach, the coxswain interviewed the skipper and realized that he was wet inside his dry suit and incoherent. EMS were called as a precaution and the skipper was dressed in dry and warm clothes. As he warmed, his vitals improved and he became more lucid. After being examined by EMS, he was released to the care of his brother and wife.

Congratulations to Unit 33 for an outstanding operation!





Operations

SAR/Ops Team

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the other members of the SAR/Ops team, Bob McCauley and Greg Miller, without whose ongoing support and continued work on incident reports and Special Events this job would be much more difficult.

Station News

The past year has seen the removal of Station 09 Deltaport from Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region and the withdrawal of Station 25 Gulf Islands (Ganges) from active SAR service. The latter case again brings into question the concept of co-crew Stations and the relationship between regular Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. John Palliser, Coast Guard Supervisor of Search and Rescue, is preparing a report on the future direction of co-crewing which will be ready this fall. In addition, Station 62 Klemtu has folded, at least temporarily, with

the departure of several key members. The Klemtu vessel will be brought to Victoria and brought up to SAR standards (it previously served as a pleasure craft) using gaming funds held by the Station.

On a brighter note, Stations 65 Port Simpson and 74 Kitkatla have new RHIOT-trained coxswains and are active SAR Stations. Both Stations are operating CCGA-P owned 733s but have full-cabin RHIBs under construction.

Vessel News

New Boats

Since the last annual report (2006) we have several new boats delivered:

- Station 68 Ocean Falls and Station 59 Deep Bay - Titan 259XL closed-cabin RHIBs from Carswell.
- Station 25 Gulf Islands (Ganges) - Titan 249 delta console Amarah Gabriel
- Station 36 Saanich - a new T-top from Liquid Metal. This vessel received an

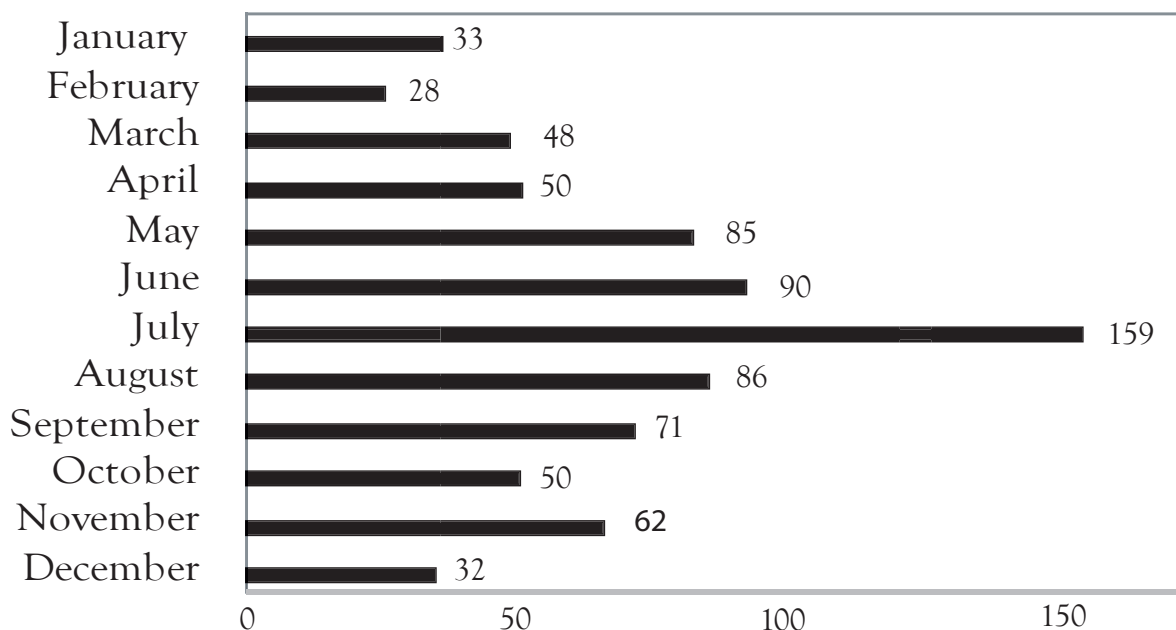
acceptance inspection by Rice Elkington, NA, as it is not from one of our regular builders.

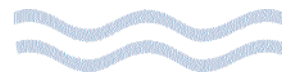
- Station 60 Comox - a 19 foot RHIB from Carswell with a water-jet drive pod bolted on the transom, intended primarily for use in the shallow waters in that area.

Vessels Under Construction

- Station 20 Salish Sea (Pender Island) - a Titan 249 T-top from Carswell was to be delivered in the second week of September, however, last-minute problems with the GPS and AIS electronics have postponed that event. In addition, it turns out that the requisite lettering and marking has not been placed on the boat, which will cause further delay.
- Station 35 Victoria - Pacific Region's flagship vessel, the 40-foot cabin RHIB from Carswell is complete, but has not passed sea trials, as the Yanmar diesel engines failed to reach design RPMs with the current transmission and

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impeller combination. It was hoped that a change of impellers would solve the problem.

- Station 65 Post Simpson and Station 74 Kitkatla - Titan 249 XL cabin RHIBs from Carswell are partially constructed. Both vessels will require replacement of the front windshield and reinforcement of the underlying structure as a result of lessons learned from the Sooke vessel. In any event, the cabin vessels cannot be placed in service until sufficient crew have been trained on the CCGA-P simulator.

Vessels Out of Service

The Spirit of Sooke remains out of the water at Carswell pending replacement of the windshield which was damaged in heavy seas. The original 3/8" panes are to be replaced with 1/2" tempered glass, and delays have been experienced in obtaining the new glass. Meanwhile, the forward end of the cabin surrounding the windows has been reinforced to support the heavier glass and frames.

It should be noted that similar modifications will be required for the two 249XL cabin boats still in the yard and eventually for all recently-constructed vessels of this type.

Disposition of Old Vessels

Most of the CCGA-P vessels which are being replaced today, mainly through the generosity of the BC Gaming Commission, were themselves purchased in large measure through the use of Gaming funds. For this reason, Management feels that replaced vessels should remain within the Auxiliary for use as backup vessels and/or transfer to other Regions at the discretion of Board and Management. The Executive Officer is currently drawing up a Policy to this effect.

In the spirit of the new policy, Sta-

tion 36 Saanich has donated their old boat, the T-top RHIB Jack Simpson, to the Auxiliary. The boat is currently on the hard at CG base Victoria, primarily to be available at short notice for Station 35 Victoria. It is hoped that subsequently the ex-Saanich boat may be put into service in Squamish. Eventually, the vessel is destined to move to another Region.

SAR Patrols

Over the years CCGA-P has followed a number of different procedures for tasking, reporting, and compensation of Stations involved in major public events. The introduction of the term SAR Patrol is intended to provide a common procedure for all cases, other than SAR incidents, in which the on-water presence of one or more CCGA-P vessels is deemed advisable by JRCC for purposes of public safety. A SAR Patrol tasking originates with JRCC and usually will specify the location in which a vessel is to patrol plus the date, time, and duration of the patrol. If a Station is contacted directly concerning such an event, and in the opinion of the Station Leader, the event might qualify for SAR Patrol tasking, they should bring it to the attention of the Manager of SAR/Operations prior to making any commitment to attend.

In general, events of a purely local nature will not be handled as SAR Patrols but should be treated as Special Events in the usual manner. Unfortunately, it is likely that the Special Events budget will be severely restricted next year, limiting the availability of compensation, however insurance coverage will still be provided.

Station Visits -

August-September '08

Over the weekend of August 8 - 10

the Training and SAR/Ops managers paid visits to Stations 39 (Port Alberni), 38 (Ucluelet), and 53 (Bamfield). It was noted that both the Bamfield and Ucluelet boats are stored under cover, much to the benefit of the vessel condition. Ucluelet is showing strong signs of revival under the hands of Deputy Unit Leader Dave Payne and ex-member Allan Hughes. In September, Executive Officer Stan Warlow and Human Resources manager Jim Lee attended the dedication of the not-all-that-new Ocean Falls vessel About Time.

Taskings

Thus far in the current fiscal year (April 1st to September 18th, 2008), CCGA-P resources have been tasked 473 times to a total of 440 separate incidents. In all of the previous fiscal years we have had 789 vessel responses to 720 incidents. Given that we're half-way through the current year and probably past the busiest season, it appears the call-out rate is pretty much unchanged.





Fundraising & public relations

The search and rescue and boating safety education programs provided to the public by the CCGA-P are available free of charge thanks to the generous funding of a variety of organizations and individuals. In 2007, the CCGA-P continued to establish strong corporate partnerships while raising its public profile and implementing long term plans for sustained individual donations.

Fundraising

2007 was a very successful fundraising year for the CCGA-P. Over \$1.4 million in gaming funds were allocated by the British Columbia Gaming Commission to CCGA-P. In addition, we received hundreds of donations through our two direct mail fundraising letters with the Christmas 2007 campaign being one of our most successful to date.

Individual units and their support societies were also hard at work raising funds at the local level. Unit 102 Fraser Valley has established a relationship with the BMO Employee Charitable Foundation and the BMO Financial Group of companies which have donated over \$9000.00 to the Fraser Valley Marine Society over the past two years allowing them to continue their community boating safety programs.

Unit 10 Richmond partnered up with deep sea vessel operator Saga Forest Carriers International for a golf tournament fundraiser at the Beach Grove Golf Club in Tsawwassen this past September. Over \$700 was raised for the Richmond Marine Rescue Society with the event providing an opportunity for the Richmond unit to display their commitment to search and rescue



This holiday season our crews will be out on the water saving lives!

Help us save a life this holiday season.

Donate today!

on the Fraser River to the commercial marine community.

Many units receive in kind donations from community business and partnerships. Our Nanaimo unit had many of the building supplies donated for the construction of their new boathouse. The new Unit 27 boathouse will house their existing vessel and provide an additional slip for their future vessel. Crew members will also have a warm, dry ready room to store their equipment and gear.

The Future

2008 marks the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary's 30th anniversary. Through the continued support of our corporate community and individual donors, the CCGA-P will continue to provide world-class search and rescue services and SAR prevention programs to the public for years to come. Building on our past success, CCGA-P will focus on the continued development of regional and community level fundraising initiatives and public relations programs.



CCGA-P In the News

Saved at the Finish Line

April 30th: CCGA-P member Vernon Pahl was quick to come to the aid of fellow runner Robert Curtis when he collapsed after the Vancouver Sun Run. Paul watched Curtis spin to the ground and quickly stepped in to administer first aid. When Curtis stopped breathing Pahl started CPR. Robert Curtis was truly thankful to Pahl and the paramedics that saved his life.

3 Kayakers Rescued off Victoria

May 9th: Three people in two kayaks got in trouble off Clover Point at 7PM and had to be rescued by the Victoria Coast Guard Auxiliary. The water was very choppy, whipped up by brisk winds along the waterfront. One person was clinging to an overturned kayak when police arrived while the two other paddlers were nearby, dumped from their double kayak. All three men were taken to hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

Captivating Craft

June 20th: Bobbie the Safety Boat, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary's animated educational vessel, provided entertainment for children at the Community Safety Fair, a showcase of local emergency service providers held this weekend in the Sicamous Askeew's parking lot.

Rescue Simulator

October 11th: The CCGA-P and Memorial University partnered to create a training simulator for Fast Rescue Craft. The FRCSim is a revolutionary navigation training tool which is designed to train crews in navigation and blind pilotage.

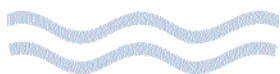


Captivating craft: Robbie the Safety Boat, the Canadian Coast Guard's animated educational vessel, provided entertainment for Meghan Johnson, brother Chase, Noah Johnson, Kristen McMillan and Caleb Wykes at the Community Safety Fair, a showcase of local emergency service providers held this weekend in the Sicamous Askeew's parking lot. Photo by Lachlan Labere

Ready to rescue...



SHAUN THOMAS/ THE NORTHERN CONNECTOR
PRINCE RUPERT - Coast Guard Auxiliary members return from a successful "rescue" during training exercises held over the weekend. A total of 40 members from throughout the North Coast, including, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Stewart and Haida Gwaii, took part in the exercises, which included locating and rescuing a victim on the beach and tending to and towing a boat that was taking on water.



Human resources

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Manager of Human Resources. The following is a summary of my activities over the past year.

Station Assistance Visits

Over the past 12 months I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Stations:

1. Kitimat
2. Port Simpson
3. Prince Rupert
4. Ladysmith
5. Ocean Falls
6. Bella Bella

Staff

We have been very fortunate indeed to maintain our exceptional staff members. They are a very talented and dedicated group, and we all owe them a sincere vote of thanks.

There are some changes occurring:

- Tanis Harrison is currently off on maternity leave (It's a girl!) and we are trying to fill her vacancy quickly. Hers will be hard shoes to fill!

- Thomas Kerr's contract as Simulator Coordinator ended this month. We intend to hire a Chief Instructor with appropriate Marine certification and training experience.

I continue to hear compliments from our members about the competency of all our staff.

Policies

New policies in the area of Human resources have been enacted over the past year, namely a Whistleblower policy and a policy concerning active members over the age of 65.

Dolphin Articles

I have written articles for every edition of the newsletter this year, again focusing on leadership and familiarizing members with the Northern stations.

Northern Stations

There have been great strides made over recent months in enhancing and

developing our Northern stations. Both Kitkatla and Port Simpson are very near completing their new boats. They currently are operating loaner 733's, and have been successful in getting members through RHIOT.

Ocean Falls launched their new boat, an enclosed Carswell appropriately named "About Time". I was able to attend the dedication ceremony recently, and was gratified to see the Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat crew from Bella Bella there as well.

There remains a lot to do in developing northern stations and crews, but it is indeed exciting to see the capability and enthusiasm of these members.

We held a training seminar in Prince Rupert last winter, and it was a huge success. It was well attended by Stations from Ocean Falls, Kitimat, Port Simpson, the Charlottes, and Kitkatla.

This seminar really helped to bring these stations and members together.

We can certainly be proud of our northern Stations.

Station 9 Roberts Bank

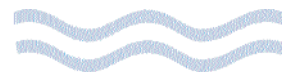
For reasons of an over supply of resources in the area, it was decided at the Board level to close Station 9. All members affected by this decision were invited to join other stations in the area, or to remain members in an inactive status.

Membership Issues

The HR Manager position requires mediation or arbitration of disputes between members or between the CCGA-P and the public. These disputes are rare, considering that we have 1400 members!

Disputes that do come to me inevitably soak up a huge amount of time,





and I know they are not always settled as quickly as I would like. The fact that members do sometimes have disputes indicates to me the passion our members have for the organization.

Interestingly, I know that all our members have a similar interest in common- namely “saving lives at sea.” Disputes sometimes occur when members lock on to a position, and lose sight of the common interest.

On another note, I have suggested that our bylaws pertinent to Code of Conduct and Ethics be attached to the

application and signed by the applying member in order to keep the expectation of ethical behaviour front and center for the membership.

Future Concerns

Over the next few months I will be leaving the position of Manager of Human Resources in order to accept a position on the Board as Governor at Large. I have very much enjoyed this position and hope to keep contributing to the success of the CCGA-P.

Rescue

On August 23, 2008, CCGA-P Unit 36 Brentwood Bay responded to an Immediate Danger call. A powerboat with eight people on board appeared to have run into the shoreline at full speed. Several agencies were on the scene when Unit 36 arrived.

It was agreed that the most severely injured victim would be transported by Unit 36 to the reservation ramp in Brentwood Bay for transfer to Emergency Medical Services.

After transferring the victim, Unit 36 returned to the scene where a search for a missing person was under way. It was later determined that the RCMP had the missing person in custody and the search was called off. Unit 36 remained on the scene to assist the fire department with gear and to assist the RCMP with taking photos of the vessel.

This was a complex scene and an example of an excellent multi-agency operation. Everyone at CCGA-P is very proud of your life-saving efforts.





High water marks

- CCGA-P Unit 1 Howe Sound coxswain Mike Cupit has been awarded the Association for Rescue at Sea's (AFRAS) Silver Medal for his participation with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in the rescue of 13 people in April 2007. The medal is the highest search and rescue award presented to a Coast Guard Auxiliary member by a civilian organization.

- On September 28 - 29, 2007, the CCGA - Central and Arctic hosted the 7th annual ISAR Competition in Toronto. Six Canadian and six US teams competed with Unit 14 - Gibsons representing CCGA-P. Our team of Dave Cudlipp, Don Brodie and Gord Cudlipp placed first in three of eight events. Cheri LePage was selected for the Can-Am team which won trophies for Seamanship and De-watering / Emergency Repairs.

Congratulations to all of the Unit 14 team members, you made us proud!

- In September of 2007, KNRM (Royal Dutch Lifeboat Society) head of training, Tom Haasnoot, visited Vancouver, the Gulf Islands, and Vancouver Island during his month long trip to Canada. He noted that, "CCGA-P crew does not seem to be different by heart from SAR crews in other countries. I encountered the same spirit, enthusiasm, and pride as you will find within KNRM or any other lifeboat organization." His expertise was greatly appreciated by the unit members and staff.

- The CCGA-P's 28th Annual Training Day & AGM was held in Victoria in February; a full day of training including presentations from the RNLI's Ian Venthum, Jerry Keeleing of the IMRF,



Jean Murraray of the National Search & Rescue Secretariat, Ursula Cowland from the Provincial Gaming Branch, and Bruce Miller from the USCGA.

- The CCGA-P unveiled their fast rescue craft simulator (FRCSim) on October 17, 2007. Courses began in April of 2008.

- Our units received over \$1.4 million of funding from the British Columbia Policy & Enforcement Branch. These funds will be used by the societies to fund SAR Programs and the acquisition of new vessels.

- Unit 4 Squamish officially joined the CCGA-P in December 2007. They are the first new unit to be established in many years.

Dear Sirs:

May 22, 2007

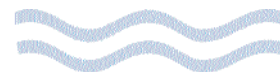
On the above stated date, I put my 30 ft sloop, Seadutton II, aground while entering Nanaimo Harbour. I want to thank everyone involved in getting us hauled off. The radio operator who took my mayday, the harbour boat that stood off, and in particular, the crew of Coast Guard volunteers who pulled us off with their supersized inflatable. The whole operation was done in a very professional manner. Except for my part, of course.

Thanks again. We would have been in a sorry mess without you.

Best Regards,

Mike

Salmon Arm, BC



- A Fall 2007 AGM was held in Nanaimo marking the second AGM of 2007. The switch to a fall AGM allows the CCGA-P financial statements to be presented to the membership in a timely manner.

- CCGA-P held four Station Trainer Courses this past year. The courses were well attended with 38 members in total participating in the Nanaimo and Prince Rupert sessions. Five new boats were put into service this past year with Ocean Falls, Deep Bay, Salt Spring Island, and Comox all welcoming new vessels into their unit.

- Members and vessels from 10 of our Northern stations met in Prince Rupert in March to attend our first Northern Training Conference. Participants took part in a full weekend of training sessions and SAR exercises both on and off the water.

2007 at a Glance	
Total Missions	788
Total Hours	1419
Person Hours	4772
Average Hours Per Person	4.91
Average Incident Duration (Hours)	1.8
People Saved	181
People Assisted	527
Value of Property Saved	\$17,232,719

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On October 20th, the SARSCENE 2007 search and rescue demonstrations were presented to an appreciative crowd across Victoria's waterfront. Both SARSCENE attendees and members of the public were treated to live demonstrations of Coast Guard Auxiliary search and rescue vessels and personnel in action. Joined by the Canadian Coast Guard, police, military, and private sector crews, and volunteers from the British Columbia Search and Rescue Association, this was truly a multi-jurisdictional event that showcased how Canada's search and rescue community works together to save lives.

I would therefore like to convey our sincere thanks to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – Pacific for the integral role it played in these demonstrations. The Auxiliary provided not only crews and vessels – Unit 33 Oak Bay, Unit 35 Victoria, and Unit 37 Sooke – but CCGA Pacific personnel also filled the roles of persons in distress. Some even volunteered to jump into the chilly waters of the outer harbour, bringing added realism to the scenario as they were rescued and brought safely to shore.

The professionalism and enthusiasm of all the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – Pacific personnel, and the time and resources invested by the Auxiliary in support of SARSCENE 2007 was tremendous, and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Géraldine Underdown
Executive Director
National Search and Rescue Secretariat*

Rescue

On June 2, 2008, CCGA-P Unit 36 Saanich responded to an Immediate Danger call. A man was seen by a passing sailing vessel in the water. The sailing vessel came along side and threw out a life ring but was unable to recover the victim. FRC arrived on the scene first and was able to pull the man out of the water and then transferred him to the Unit 36 vessel upon arrival.

When the victim was recovered from water, he was wearing a wool toque, rain boots, two layers of pants and three layers of upper clothing. He was stripped of his wet clothing, wrapped in warm blankets and administered oxygen. It was determined that he had been in the water for two and a half hours.

This is an example of where dedication and commitment to training pays off. Congratulations for assisting in the saving of this man's life.

Auditor's report



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific

We have audited the statement of financial position of Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from unsolicited donations the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

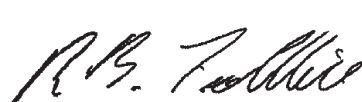
Victoria, British Columbia
June 19, 2008

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific), Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2008

	2008						2007
	Restricted			Unrestricted			
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	Gaming Fund	General Fund	Total		Total
Current assets							
Cash	\$ 20,715	\$ -	\$ 111,413	\$ 339,856	\$ 471,984	\$	520,474
Accounts receivable	7,900	-	2,661	10,656	21,217		40,736
Due from (to) other funds	16,534	14,107	55	(30,696)	-		-
Prepaid expenses	6,235	-	-	201	6,436		-
	51,384	14,107	114,128	-	320,018		499,637
							561,210
Capital (Note 3)	-	676,061	-	-	676,061		554,767
	\$ 51,384	690,169	-	114,128	-	320,018	\$ 1,175,698
							\$ 1,115,977
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 51,384	\$ -	\$ 3,098	\$ 21,614	\$ 76,096	\$	149,703
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-		14,813
Net assets							
Invested in capital assets	-	676,061	-	-	676,061		563,559
Externally restricted	-	-	111,030	-	111,030		240,601
Internally restricted (Note 6)	-	14,107	-	95,000	109,107		-
Unrestricted	-	-	-	203,404	203,404		147,301
	-	690,169	111,030	-	298,404		1,099,603
							951,461
	\$ 51,384	\$ 690,169	\$ 114,128	\$ 320,018	\$ 1,175,698	\$	1,115,977

Approved on behalf of the Board




Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific), Inc.
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year ended March 31, 2008

	2008				2007	
	Restricted			Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	Gaming Fund	General Fund		
Revenues						
Operating grants - Canadian Coast Guard	\$ 934,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 934,000	\$ 1,232,129
- CCGA National	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Donations	-	-	-	92,863	92,863	35,922
Gain on insurance proceeds (note 7)	14,107	-	-	-	14,107	-
Unit Training Reimbursement	-	-	-	95,000	95,000	-
Miscellaneous	944	-	5,688	2,478	9,110	3,046
	969,052	-	5,688	190,341	1,165,081	1,291,097
Expenses						
Administration	288,657	-	10,100	42,718	341,474	322,098
Operations	229,807	-	407	239	230,454	248,416
Training	292,553	-	13,549	(605)	305,497	285,340
Members	38,445	-	-	76	38,522	40,847
Boat safety	46,369	-	-	-	46,369	47,656
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-	33
Amortization	-	48,276	-	-	48,276	53,410
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	-	6,348	-	-	6,348	7,480
	895,831	54,624	24,056	42,429	1,016,940	1,005,279
Excess of revenues over expenses	73,220	(54,624)	(18,367)	147,912	148,143	285,817
Transfer from Coast Guard Fund	(73,332)	73,332	-	-	-	-
Transfer from Capital Fund	-	(20,292)	-	20,292	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	112	16,989	-	(17,101)	-	-
Transfer from Gaming Fund	-	111,204	(111,204)	-	-	-
	-	126,610	(129,571)	151,103	148,143	285,817
Net assets, beginning of year	-	563,559	240,601	147,301	951,460	665,643
Net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 690,169	111,030	\$ 298,404	\$ 1,099,603	\$ 951,460

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific), Inc.
Statement of Cash Flow
For the Year ended March 31, 2008

	2008					2007
	Restricted			Unrestricted		
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund	Capital Fund	Gaming Fund	General Fund	Total	Total
Operating activities:						
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 73,220	\$ (54,624)	\$ (18,367)	\$ 147,912	\$ 148,141	\$ 285,817
Items not involving cash						
Loss on sale of equipment	-	6,348	-	-	6,348	2,480
Amortization of capital assets	-	48,276	-	-	48,276	53,410
	73,220	-	(18,367)	147,912	202,765	341,707
Changes in non-cash working capital	(40,636)	(5,315)	950	(15,523)	(60,524)	(12,343)
Change in deferred contributions	-	-	-	(14,813)	(14,813)	14,813
Transfer to / from restricted funds	(14,107)	5,315	-	8,792	-	-
Total cash derived from operating activities	18,477	-	(17,417)	126,368	127,428	344,177
Investing activities						
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	11,500	11,500	-
Acquisition of capital assets	(59,113)	-	(111,204)	(17,101)	(187,418)	(92,006)
	(59,113)	-	(111,204)	(5,601)	(175,918)	(92,006)
Increase (decrease) in cash & equivalents	(40,636)	-	(128,621)	120,767	(48,490)	252,171
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	61,351	-	240,034	219,089	520,474	268,303
Cash and equivalents, end of year	\$ 20,715	\$ -	\$ 111,413	\$ 339,856	\$ 471,984	\$ 520,474

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - PACIFIC

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2008

1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

The Society is a registered charity, incorporated under the Canada Corporation Act as a corporation without share capital under the sponsorship of the Federal Government. Its purpose is to provide organized voluntary marine search and rescue and promote public boating safety in the Pacific region of Canada.

Coast Guard Contribution Agreement

The Society's operations are funded pursuant to a contribution agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Government of Canada.

Membership

Membership in the Society is conditional upon agreement to abide by the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Society and upon the approval by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Members are organized into groups called Units which, under the direction of Unit Leaders, carry out the auxiliary tasking, training and boating safety activities.

Members may also be members of separate non-profit societies formed for the purpose of raising funds to assist in conducting the voluntary activities of the Society.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund accounting

The society uses fund accounting.

Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund

This fund comprises activities of the Society performed pursuant to the contribution agreement with Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Operating grants received are restricted and must be expended in accordance with annual budgets and the terms of this agreement.

Capital Fund

This fund reports on property and equipment owned and acquired by the Society and contributions, other than gaming revenues, that are restricted for capital purposes.

Gaming Fund

This fund reports on revenues, expenses and unexpended balances from grants received through the Gaming Branch, Province of British Columbia. Funds are restricted to be used for the purposes specified in the accepted gaming funds application.

General Fund

This fund reports on all other revenues and expenses of the Society, including non-capital fund raising and administrative activities.

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CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - PACIFIC
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended March 31, 2008

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

Computer hardware, software and office equipment	30%	declining balance method
Boating safety promotion equipment	30%	declining balance method
Automotive equipment	30%	declining balance method
Vessels	5 years	straight-line method to residual value
Marine Simulator	5 years	straight-line method to residual value
Training equipment	5 years	straight-line method
Design Plans		non-amortizable

The Marine Simulator and the Design Plans were in the development stage at the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue recognition

The Society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted contributions related to general operations or for which an appropriate restricted fund does not exist are recognized as revenue of the General Fund using the deferral method whereby such contributions are deferred and recognized as revenue in the same period as the related expenses are incurred.

All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund in the current period.

Contributions restricted for the purchase or development of capital assets are recognized as revenue of the Capital Fund in the current period.

Contributions of property are recognized only when a fair value as at the date of contribution can be reasonably estimated, the property is to be used in the normal course of operations of the Society and would otherwise have been purchased.

Donated services and goods

The Society receives significant benefits from donated materials and the services of its members who receive no remuneration for their time. The financial benefit of contributed materials and volunteer services is not reflected in the financial statements.

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - PACIFIC

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2008

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2008 Net book value	2007 Net book value
<u>Purchased equipment:</u>				
Simulator prototype	\$ 482,646	\$ -	\$ 482,646	\$ 371,442
Computer and office equipment	149,512	115,802	33,710	26,928
Boating safety promotion equipment	159,742	118,064	41,678	47,108
Automotive equipment	54,009	41,089	12,920	19,035
Vessels	82,278	26,514	55,764	84,254
Training equipment	31,505	3,151	28,354	-
Design plans	16,989	-	16,989	-
<u>Contributed equipment:</u>				
Vessels	57,000	53,000	4,000	6,000
	\$ 1,033,681	\$ 357,620	\$ 676,061	\$ 554,767

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	2008	2007
Unspent simulator curriculum development funding	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Unspent restricted donation receipts	-	2,813
	\$ -	\$ 14,813

5. INTER-FUND TRANSFERS

	2008	2007
Transfers for the purchase of capital assets:		
Coast Guard Fund to Capital Fund	\$ 59,225	\$ 43,337
Gaming Fund to Capital Fund	111,204	2,049
General Fund to Capital Fund	16,989	197
	\$ 187,418	\$ 45,583
Transfers to cover net shortfall in operating grants:		
General Fund to Coast Guard Fund	\$ 112	\$ 232
Transfer of insurance proceeds (note 6):		
Coast Guard Fund to Capital Fund	\$ 14,107	\$ -
Transfer to eliminate inter-fund balance		
Capital Fund to General Fund	\$ 20,292	\$ 10,325

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - PACIFIC**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended March 31, 2008**

6. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

During the year, the Society received funds in the amount of \$95,000 from Units. The Board has internally restricted these funds for the purpose of running training programs for volunteers.

The Society received \$28,214 in insurance proceeds for vessel engines replaced in the previous year. The vessels were purchased out of the Coast Guard Fund. One half (\$14,107) of the insurance proceeds have been transferred to the Capital Asset Fund. The Board has internally restricted these funds to be used in the 2008/2009 fiscal year for Coast Guard approved expenditures. The other half of the insurance proceeds represents a liability in the Coast Guard Fund to Coast Guard Auxiliaries in the other regions of Canada, with whom the proceeds are to be shared.

7. GAIN ON INSURANCE PROCEEDS

During the year, the Society received proceeds from a replacement value insurance claim for vessel engines. The engines had been fully amortized, resulting in a gain in the Coast Guard Fund.

8. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Society receives substantially all of its operating funds from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. In addition, office space and contents are provided at no cost to the Society by the Department as well as insurance coverage (other than deductibles on claims) for authorized operational activities.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The following events occurred subsequent to the fiscal year end:

Renegotiation of contract

The Society's funding contract with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is being renegotiated for a term of 5 years. As of the audit date, the contract was unsigned by both parties.

New funding contract

The Society has negotiated a new contract for the 2008/2009 fiscal year with Transport Canada to provide boating safety programs in exchange for funding of up to \$25,000.

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - PACIFIC**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended March 31, 2008****10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

During the year, the Society adopted the new recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") under CICA Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement and CICA Section 3861, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation. These new Handbook Sections provide comprehensive requirements for the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. Under these new standards, all financial assets and liabilities are classified into one of the following five categories: held for trading, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets or other financial liabilities. All financial instruments are included on the balance sheet and initially measured at fair market value. Subsequent measurement and recognition of changes in fair value of financial instruments depend on their initial classification. Held for trading financial investments are measured at fair value and all gains and losses are included in net income in the period in which they arise. Available-for-sale financial instruments are measured at fair value with revaluation gains and losses included in fund balance. Loans and receivables, held-to-maturity financial investment and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

The adoption of the new standards resulted in no material impact on the current year or previously reported financial statements.

The categories of the Society's financial assets and liabilities are as follows:

Financial Assets

- (i) Held for trading:
Cash – The Society has designated cash as held for trading and recorded at fair value.
- (ii) Available-for-sale and held to maturity:
The Society does not currently hold any financial assets classified as available for sale or held to maturity.
- (iii) Loans and receivables:
Accounts receivable – Accounts receivable are recorded at amortized cost less any impairment losses recognized and approximate their fair values due to the relatively short periods to maturity.

Financial Liabilities

- (iv) Held for trading:
The Society does not currently hold any financial liabilities classified as held for trading.
- (v) Other financial liabilities:
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities – Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are recorded at amortized cost and approximate their fair value due to relatively short periods to maturity.

Stations

There are currently 48 units in the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – Pacific, stationed throughout British Columbia. CCGA-P units are grouped according to location into one of three areas that cover the entire Pacific region.



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary – Pacific

The Board of Governors and the Management Team of the CCGA-P are comprised of volunteers from throughout the Pacific Region.

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