



Volunteers  
Saving Lives  
on the Water



# Annual Report 2004



# Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region

## *Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water*

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 and 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 approximate 7000 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 examinations of vessels.

The CCGA-P's over 1400 volunteer members are committed to serving one of 51 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 112 vessels are available through the CCGA-P for marine Search and Rescue in the Pacific Region.



## *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 volunteer marine Search and Rescue, and Search and Rescue prevention services.

## *The Future*

In 2005 and beyond, the CCGA-P will continue to pursue its vision of being recognized as a leader in Canadian volunteer marine Search and Rescue, and Search and Rescue prevention services. Recent developments in training, operations, and Search and Rescue prevention programs will facilitate members' abilities to fulfill these goals and will ensure that the organization continues to grow and develop from a strong foundation.

# S STATIONS

There are currently 51 Units in the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific, stationed throughout British Columbia. CCGA-P Units are grouped according to location into one of eight zones that cover the entire Pacific Region:



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has indeed been an honour to serve the many volunteer Members of the CCGA-P for the past year. 2004 was another dynamic year for our organization, in which we boldly chose to be the drivers of our own destiny and steer the CCGA-P in a new direction. Our proposal to shift from a Management Board to a Governance Board coupled with new initiatives in marketing, operations, training and Search and Rescue prevention, resulted in the emergence of a stronger, more mature and more professional Search and Rescue, and Search and Rescue prevention organization.

## TEAMWORK

Teamwork was the driving force in our organization in 2004 at all levels. At the Unit level, fundraising initiatives were conducted as a coordinated effort between the Pacific Region and several local Units, with funds raised going back to help with equipment and vessel costs. At the Regional level, our organization moved to implement a Membership Photo Identification System, to aid in organizational professionalism and increase the credibility of CCGA-P members when interacting with the public.

2004 also saw the Office of Boating Safety shift from Canadian Coast Guard to Transport Canada. As a result of this change, the CCGA-P held several meetings with Transport Canada's senior officials in order to strengthen all levels of partnership with this important associate.

Relationships with rescue organizations such as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), the International Lifeboat Federation (ILF), the National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS), the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution (KNRM) and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary were also developed and maintained by our organization, resulting in increased opportunities for and awareness of the CCGA-P. Partnerships with marine based corporations also resulted in much needed support.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Individual members of the CCGA-P Board of Directors continued to honour their commitment of accountability to the CCGA-P and its stakeholders through adherence to the code of ethics and conflict of interest statement signed in 2002. Accountability was also addressed at the Regional level, through the development and revision of operations policies, which provided CCGA-P members with clear and compre-

hensive procedures to adhere to.

Our organization continued to work with the Canadian Coast Guard in the development of the resource allocation plan, which will guarantee that CCGA-P Search

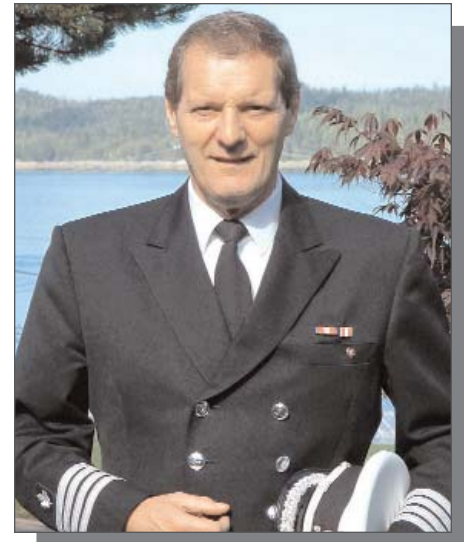
and Rescue resources are stationed at strategic locations throughout the Pacific Region for present and future needs. In accordance with National Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary policy, our organization has also reached the goal of having 100% of our members in compliance with Pleasure Craft Operator Competency (PCOC).

## GROWTH

Our organization experienced a tremendous period of growth and development in the past year. Eight new vessels entered into service, providing additional support to the vessels currently at the ready for SAR response. The acquisition of a New Initiatives Fund (NIF) grant of over \$300,000 also resulted in the development of several new projects this year, such as the Marine Training Simulator program which will improve the safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the existing SAR training program and the effectiveness of current marine SAR operations throughout Canada.

Other contributors to organizational development this year include: the progression of the CCGA-P structural revision project and the addition of a new Unit to the CCGA-P; Unit 75 (Kincolith). In 2005 and beyond, the CCGA-P will continue to pursue its vision of being recognized as a leader in Canadian volunteer marine Search and Rescue, and Search and Rescue prevention services.

With the adoption of a Governance model, our organization will not only continue to provide a viable volunteer marine rescue service and promote public Boating Safety throughout the Pacific Region, but will also evolve into an increasingly professional and efficient organization, dedicated to delivering a continually enhanced service to the public.



**Malcolm Dunderdale, President**

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# T RAINING

The CCGA-P continued to push forward with its very ambitious training program in 2004. Designed to enhance the organization's ability to provide effective SAR services, the development of the CCGA-P training program was based on the two simple mandates given to the Director of Training: to raise the overall "measurable" training standard of all Units and members throughout the CCGA-P and to manage the training budget in an accountable fashion.

## TRAINING APPROACH

The CCGA-P is a unique marine SAR organization, whose composition is as diverse as the geographic area it covers. The organization's training is derived from a two-tiered approach and competency-based training. On one hand, the approach is decentralized as recruitment, Unit orientation, probation and basic Crew Level Training remains a Unit responsibility. The Region however, takes a more centralized approach to cover First Aid Training, RHIOT nominations, training hour support, instructor, trainer/evaluator courses and leadership development.

The benefit of this two tiered approach and the use of competency based training is that it allows Units to take direct responsibility for their own training and Unit development. Specifically, Units can influence their individual recruitment, retention and growth and develop custom made annual training plans. Ultimately, by employing all the existing talent or leadership resources within the Unit, or by developing new ones, CCGA-P Units will always be able to function and the organization as a whole will be stronger.

## UNIT SUPPORTED TRAINING

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** standard First Aid Training with a marine enhanced version, along with oxygen therapy and transportation modules when available, was the standard training offered to CCGA-P members in 2004.

**TRAINING HOURS:** slightly over half of the training budget goes to the CCGA-P's Training Hour allocation, which directly supports specific Unit training plans. In 2004, Zone Directors and the Director of Training were given a pool of hours to be used for Zone and Regional associated training.

**NEW MEMBER TRAINING:** in 2004, Units continued to use the probation, orientation and new member training package to enhance membership retention and to ensure that new members were capable of performing some basic procedures before crewing a SAR vessel or participating in more costly CCGA-P training.

**TRAINING LOG BOOK:** this specifically designed CCGA-P individual log book is available to all active members of the CCGA-P. This log serves not only as a personal record of training for CCGA-P members, but also as an explanation of the organization's training approach and philosophy. Distribution of the logs is being monitored by checking individual requests against training activity over the last year.

**CREW LEVEL MANUAL:** the Crew Manual continued to be the corner stone of CCGA-P training. The manual is accessible on the member's area of the CCGA-P website and additional hard copies are also available. Distribution of the manual is being monitored by the CCGA-P Head Office. Independent funding is being sought in order to print additional copies of this valuable resource material.

**CREW LEVEL STANDARD:** the basic crew level standard is constantly being reviewed, in order to ensure it fits within the requirements and needs of CCGA-P members.

**UNIT TRAINING PLANS:** Unit Training Plans remain the basic tool for all CCGA-P Units. Designed to allow Units to customize their training plans, in order to better meet their individual needs, the plans are collected and monitored by Zone Directors, with all concerns or requests for assistance directed, as required, to the Director of Training.

## REGIONAL SUPPORTED TRAINING

**RIGID HULL INFLATABLE OPERATORS TRAINING (RHIOT):** the 2004/2005 year saw 74 nominations for 30 available seats. Regional priority has been set to Units obtaining new vessels within the next year, remote Units and Units that are required to, but have not been able to participate in RHIOT to date. Candidates are required to complete theory testing and a medical.

**ARTE (ADVANCE RESCUE TRAINER / EVALUATOR) COURSE:** in 2004, the concept of having a team of regionally devoted trainers, continued to benefit the CCGA-P. Throughout the



year, ARTE team members were used 72 times in 14 different regionally initiated projects that directly benefited CCGA-P members and Units.

**INSTRUCTOR COURSE:** this course was designed to help selected Unit members understand the CCGA-P training approach and how to best enhance Unit level training. The course is open to experienced Unit coxswains that actively participated in Unit training. A trial course was conducted in early 2004, followed by courses in Prince Rupert, Nanaimo and Victoria.

**SAR COMPETITION:** the Regional SAR competition was held in Nanaimo in May 2004, and continues to be a valuable training tool for CCGA-P in that it provides an arena to evaluate crew level and advance training standards across the Region.

**UNIT ASSISTANCE VISITS:** in 2004, ARTE team members conducted several Unit Assistance Visits, designed to gather insight into the distinct training requirement of various areas throughout the Region. To date, the initiative has focused on the organization's remote Units. Specifically, ARTE members visited Units in Zone 2 and 7 (Queen Charlottes) and Zone 5 (Sunshine Coast), where they have successfully accomplished program objectives.

**CG LIFEBOAT STATION BRIEFINGS:** in 2004, special briefings were delivered to the two new Coast Guard Lifeboat Stations in Bella Bella and Sandspit. At this time, the CCGA-P training system was explained, pointing out how a cooperative training approach can be beneficial to both local Units and the lifeboat station.

**TRAINING RESOURCE SUPPORT:** support to the existing CCGA-P training program continued to be investigated in the form of a training resource library, as well as specific training vessels, which are required to support the many training courses and initiatives within the CCGA-P training approach. Training has been established as a priority in accessing vessels from our spare resource pool.

**COXSWAIN TRAINING STANDARD:** a detailed briefing note was distributed in May, 2004 on the Coxswain Training approach. The Coxswain standard will include Performance Training, Development Training (Leadership skills, Administrative skills, Professional skills) and Unit Specific Training. The CCGA-P will set the qualification standard, with specific Units being responsible for the actual appointment of individual Coxswains.

**THE FUTURE:** the future is indeed bright. The CCGA-P will continue to develop its Coxswain and Advance training standard, which will be blended into its training profiles for SAR, Boating Safety, Owner Operator and Co Crewed members. Specialty courses that enhance CCGA-P training will be investigated, along with participation at a national, international and inter-agency level.

The Marine Training Simulator project will be developed, which will assist in delivering basic and advance training to CCGA-P members, as well as others in the SAR community. CCGA-P training has been very systematic and logical over the past few years, focusing always on the safety of its crews and "Saving Lives on the Water." CCGA-P has established itself as having a very dynamic approach to Marine SAR training and it easy to see why the organization is fulfilling its vision of becoming a world leader in volunteer Marine Search and Rescue.



# SEARCH AND RESCUE PREVENTION

The effectiveness of Boating Safety education is a determining factor in the prevention of Search and Rescue incidents. British Columbia and the Yukon'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 issue, continuously working to develop and increase the availability of tools to convey the Boating Safety message and coordinate and manage these resources.

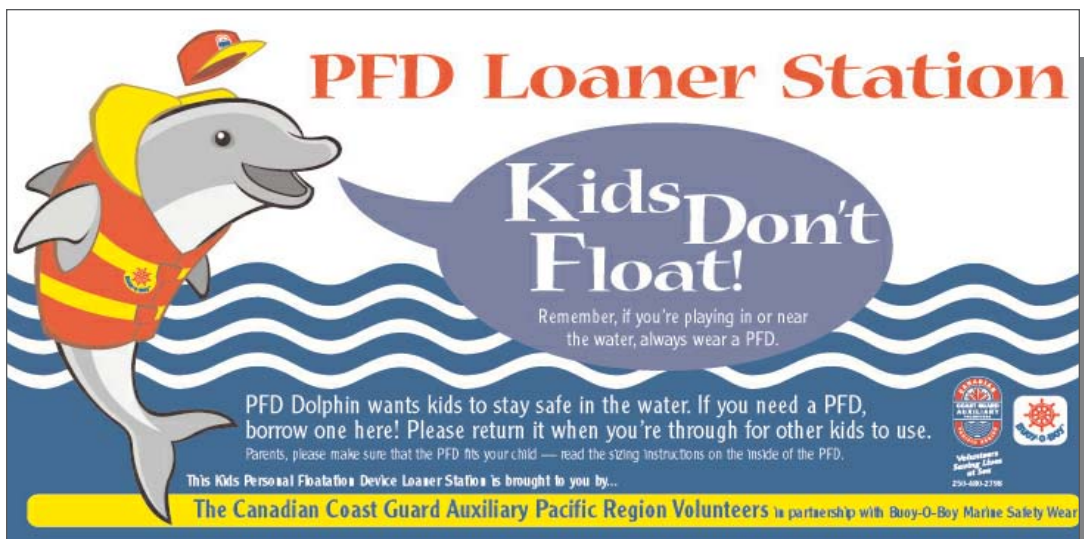
## PLEASURE CRAFT COURTESY CHECK (PCCC) PROGRAM

Early in the year, PCCC training was revamped and CCGA-P members attended courses offered in conjunction with Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety's (OBS) training of Canadian Coast Guard employees. Although the courses were well received, the wide dispersion of Units along the BC and Yukon coastline inhibited the delivery of training equally across the Region. Consequently, the CCGA-P obtained permission from OBS to borrow the expertise of their Training Officer, in the development and execution of a PCCC Trainers Course. The Training Course will be delivered to Units at locations in close proximity to their bases of operation, which will reduce travel expenses and allow training to be offered at more convenient times. Transport Canada has finalized the PCCC training manual, which includes training aids and lesson plans and distribution will commence in the near future.



## KIDS DON'T FLOAT

Three new Kids Don't Float (KDF) loaner stations were constructed in French Creek, Port Simpson and Shuswap and five additional KDF loaner station boards were produced, three of which were assigned and put to use, two of which are awaiting homes. Increased demand has also led to the decision to produce ten additional KDF loaner station boards, to be kept on hand for Units to access upon request. Construction of these boards is scheduled to commence in the near future and Nautilus, formerly Buoy O Boy, has agreed to support the CCGA-P in this endeavour.



The CCGA-P is pleased to announce that a Memorandum of Understanding has been produced between the CCGA-P and the Northern RCMP Marine Detachment.

This partnership has given some of the Region's more remote communities the attention and resources they require and has provided both RCMP staff and CCGA-P volunteers with a positive means of communicating with Northern communities. In the future, the CCGA-P will continue to emphasize the development of this important partnership.

### **BOBBIE THE SAFETY BOAT**

The Bobbie the Safety Boat project continued to accelerate in 2004. The CCGA-P fleet of six remote controlled robotic boats were distributed to selected areas, with one in Victoria, one in the Lower Mainland, one in the Nanaimo area, two in the Interior (Shuswap and Kelowna) and one in the Rupert, Sandspit area.

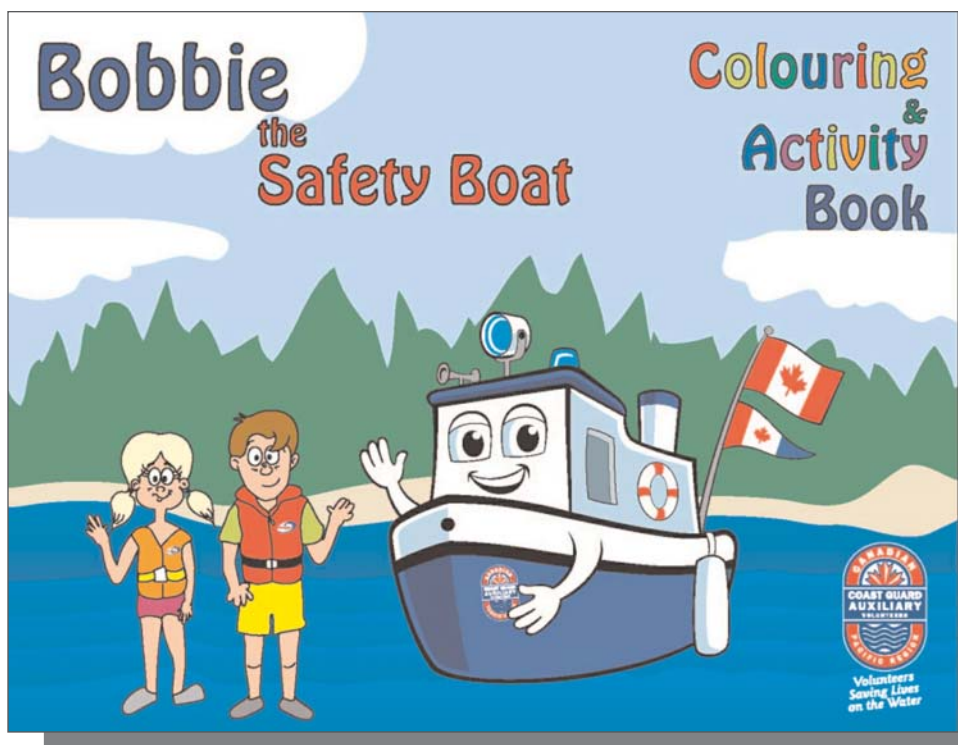
The Bobbies became seasoned travelers, attending numerous Boating Safety events throughout the Region, where they captured the imaginations of children and adults alike, while teaching them about the importance of Boating Safety.

Four Boating Safety trailers were also distributed to Penticton, Shuswap, Nanaimo and Richmond, where they were used to house and transport the Bobbies and served as Boating Safety displays at public events. Bobbie the Safety Boat Colouring and Activity Books were also designed in house and 10,000 copies were printed and will be distributed to Units.

### **THE FUTURE**

2005 promises to be another dynamic year for the Boating Safety program, as current programs are expanded and new initiatives are piloted. The Kids Korner of the CCGA-P public website will be refreshed to include the Colouring and Activity Book, providing children with access to interactive Boating Safety material.

A Boating Safety Team, intended to coordinate activities more effectively and be more reactive and proactive to membership needs, will also be assembled and will concentrate on the specific requirements of individual Units. The CCGA-P also looks forward to the development of an even stronger partnership with the Office of Boating Safety, which will help support the CCGA-P mandate of raising public awareness and changing behaviours in the boating community.





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# **R**ELATIONSHIP **B**UILDING

The CCGA-P continued to channel its efforts towards establishing a distinctive corporate image, raising its public profile, developing corporate sponsorship and implementing long-term plans for sustained individual donations.

This continued focus generated some very positive results in 2004. Specifically, new Provincial grants and sponsorship agreements helped defray some of the increasing costs associated with marine Search and Rescue and also provided much needed support.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

2004 was a busy fundraising year for many of the CCGA-P Units. The inevitable wear and tear on vessels and equipment requires that volunteers and their Supporting Societies work to raise funds from within their communities to ensure SAR readiness.

Monies raised this way help repair existing gear and purchase new lifesaving equipment. CCGA-P Units also rely on their communities for volunteers. All of the Search and Rescue and Boating Safety activities conducted by CCGA-P members are unpaid, and the organization relies on members of local communities to fill these volunteer roles.

## **PUBLIC SUPPORT**

In 2004, the CCGA-P continued to develop working relations with local media. Specifically, the organization secured the services of Eric Manchester, a free lance reporter, who will produce periodicals for the CCGA-P on a continual basis.

The organization also continued to foster its relationship with OP Publishing, a partnership which provides the organization with an excellent means of communicating the CCGA-P mandate to corporations, private donors and foundations and increasing the profile of the organization.

In 2004, two new advertisements were produced in one of OP's boating publications that focused on: the CCGA-P Donate a Boat Program and Monthly Giving. In addition, editorial content on the CCGA-P was fed to OP Publishing and two articles were printed in one of the company's publications.

## **RESCUE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT**

Several rescue organizations provided substantial benefits to the CCGA-P in 2004, resulting in increased opportunities for and awareness of the organization. Over the past four years, the CCGA-P has developed strong relations with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), an exemplary organization, which acts as a benchmark for performance excellence.

In addition, the organization's partnership with the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution (KNRM) has alerted the CCGA-P to current global SAR trends and has provided insight into operations on a scale that is transferable to the CCGA-P.

Other notable partnerships include the CCGA-P's relationship with the International Lifeboat Federation (ILF), which has resulted in increased marketing and training resources for the organization, and the CCGA-P's association with the National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS), which resulted in the acquisition of a New Initiatives Fund (NIF) grant of over \$300,000.

Other relationships resulting in support for the organization include partnerships with the Red Cross, CCG/DFO, PEP, RCMP and Parks Canada.



## CORPORATE SUPPORT

A number of marine based companies and other interested parties provided support to the CCGA-P in 2004, which resulted in increased opportunities for and awareness of the organization.

Corporations providing notable support to the CCGA-P in 2004 include:

- 1) Nautilus
- 2) Titan Boats
- 3) OP Publishing
- 4) Yamaha
- 5) Whites

## THE FUTURE

The CCGA-P will continue to channel its efforts towards establishing a distinctive corporate image and will look to new and creative ways to raise funds and increase awareness of its key messages. In upcoming years, the organization will focus on raising the CCGA-P's public profile, developing corporate sponsorship and implementing long-term plans for sustained individual donations.

In order to increase news coverage and public awareness for the CCGA-P, three Media Officers will be recruited in 2005. The Media Officer positions will be filled by volunteers with media backgrounds who will partner with media contacts, in order to produce time sensitive news releases on SAR activities. The Media Officers will be accountable to the CCGA-P and will work in conjunction with the President to ensure that accurate, complete information is released.

In addition, all CCGA-P donors will continue to receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter, *the Dolphin*, which will keep them informed on how their donations are being employed to help save lives.

In 2005 and beyond, the CCGA-P will continue to build public awareness of its goals, needs and mandate to help raise the community support CCGA-P Units require to continue saving lives on the water.



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# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2004

## JANUARY

Based on concerns brought forward by CCGA-P Management and membership, the CCGA-P Board of Directors accepts and adopts moving towards a new operational model. Examination of the organization's culture, management, operational systems and external relationships, determines that establishing a Governance Board to preside over management and repositioning the current Board to form a Management Team would best optimize the structural performance of the CCGA-P. It is agreed that the question of whether or not to pursue a shift to Governance will be posed to membership.

## FEBRUARY

Unit 5 (Crescent Beach) hosts a major Search and Rescue Exercise involving four Units from the CCGA-P, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel Sea Ark and the Canadian Coast Guard Hovercraft Siyay. During the event, seven vessels are tasked, two major scenarios are simulated and the ability of CCGA-P Units to work together and handle incidents occurring simultaneously is put to the test.

## MARCH

The CCGA-P holds their 25th Annual General Meeting and Training Conference at the Coast Bastion Inn in Nanaimo,

BC. The event hosts over 100 marine Search and Rescue volunteer delegates from all over the Province, as well as distinguished guests from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the National organization. During the event, the first of four CCGA-P Boating Safety Trailers is revealed, a Bobbie the Safety Boat Instructors workshop is conducted and members and guests alike take advantage of the opportunity to meet other members and participate in team building activities.

## APRIL

The CCGA-P Executive Officer visits the headquarters of archetypical organizations Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution (KNRM). During the visits, the CCGA-P takes advantage of the opportunity to tour facilities, view hardware and establish and renew key contacts with internationally recognized leaders in volunteer marine Search and Rescue.

In 2005, the CCGA-P plans to follow the lead of its sister marine Search and Rescue organization, the KNRM, and move forward with the development of a comprehensive Integrated Data Collection System, an initiative to be funded by a New Initiatives Funds (NIF) grant.

## MAY

The CCGA-P Board of Directors passes a motion to create a Human Resources position, to be involved in a variety of people management tasks. Zone Director and registered Clinical Counsellor Jim Lee is installed as the organization's first Director of Human Resources.

Teams from across the Pacific Region compete in the Regional Search and Rescue competition, in Nanaimo, BC. The event continues to be a valuable training tool for the organization, providing an arena to evaluate crew level and advance training standards across the Region. The event also provides an



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ideal forum for exchanging ideas and approaches and increasing morale.

## **JUNE**

Unit 6 (Richmond North) christens their new Carswell Titan 249 XL, rigid hull inflatable Search and Rescue vessel at the Richmond Yacht Club. The Auxiliary and members of the community are in strong attendance and Global TV is on location to capture footage for the 6:00 pm news. The event is also attended by Jack FM and the Richmond News.

## **JULY**

The CCGA-P learns that it has been successful in acquiring four used 29' Argo diesel workboats from the Canadian Coast Guard. The acquisition of the rugged, weather protected and reliable vessels is expected to bolster the SAR capability of the CCGA-P Units in the large operational areas of the Central and North Coasts.

## **AUGUST**

Prince Rupert attains one of the CCGA-P's six Bobbie the Safety Boats; a remote controlled robotic boat designed to capture the imaginations of children and adults, while teaching them how to stay safe on the water. The acquisition of this educational aid provides the North with a valu-

able and much needed Boating Safety resource.

## **SEPTEMBER**

The CCGA-P receives a New Initiatives Fund (NIF) grant of over \$300,000 and begins to move forward with an initiative to develop a Marine Training Simulator, which will improve the safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the existing SAR training program and the effectiveness of current marine SAR operations throughout Canada. Funds obtained through the NIF grant will support the Marine Training Simulator project for two years.

## **OCTOBER**

The Masset Marine Rescue Society obtains a new rescue vessel from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific. The Zodiac Hurricane 733 will replace the current Zodiac Mark V and will be loaned to Masset on a short-term basis.

## **NOVEMBER**

The CCGA-P is well represented at the fifth annual International Marine Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition. During the event, the Pacific team competes in events with six Canadian teams, six US teams and four Canadian-American teams and is named both Canadian and International ISAR champions with the Quebec Region.

## **DECEMBER**

Dr. Vic Murray, a renowned, non-profit Board management expert and adjunct professor at the University of Victoria holds an implementation workshop for the Board of Directors, at which he poses guidelines for implementing structural change.

Following the session, the CCGA-P executes a publicity campaign to ensure that CCGA-P members are well informed about the proposed shift to a Governance model and remain active in the administration of change. Members are also asked to bring forward any concerns or comments regarding the new structure and place a vote by proxy to either support or reject the adoption of the new model.





## ZONE 1

*Unit 8 (Delta)* hosts the Zone Search and Rescue competition. Teams from *Units 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 14* compete throughout the day and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary sends three vessels to take part in the activities.

*Unit 7 (Steveston)* hosts the South Zone 1 SAREX, which is attended by all the Units in Zone 1. During the event, Unit 7 arranges for a helicopter shell to be delivered and enlists the help of make-up artists to do up volunteers with what looked like real injuries.

*Unit 6 (Richmond North)* and *Unit 7 (Steveston)* participate in the filming of a Boating Safety video series with the Knowledge Network. The CCGA-P will receive free copies of the DVD series for public and member education purposes. The Units receive positive acknowledgement from Fisheries and Oceans and all participants for providing extended SAR coverage during two fisheries openings.

New Unit, *Unit 9 (Roberts Bank)*, is welcomed to the Zone.

## ZONE 2

Access to additional funding is obtained for these Central Coast Units.

*Unit 62 (Klemtu)* receives funding to upgrade the Rigid Hull Inflatable to an enclosed larger vessel. The acquisition of this rugged, weather protected and reliable vessel is expected to bolster the SAR capability of the Unit in their coverage of such a vast area.

*Unit 68 (Ocean Falls)* reorganizes and expands their membership, attains access to improved communications and submits an application for additional funding to obtain a Dedicated Response vessel.

*Unit 49 (Bella Coola)* is visited and it is determined that the Unit is in need of a rebuilding program. With the cooperation of the local RCMP attachment, this process will begin in the spring.

*Unit 48 (Bella Bella)* is looking forward to establishing a working relationship with the new Coast Guard Base now located in the old town of Bella Bella.

## ZONE 3

*Unit 25 (Gulf Islands)* develops "Moby the Safety Dog", a short film designed to communicate the CCGA-P Boating Safety mandate to children.

*Unit 33 (Oak Bay)* and *Unit 35 (Victoria)* attend a combined service harbour exercise with local police, BC Ambulance, Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard.

*Unit 36 (Saanich)* undergoes training with the North Saanich Fire Department.

*Unit 37 (Sooke)* actively fundraises for new vessel and *Unit 35 (Victoria)* begins fundraising for a large RIB.

## ZONE 4

*Unit 43 (Port Alice)* re-powers their Dedicated Response Vessel and after some initial hiccups puts it into service.

*Unit 50 (Port McNeill)* attracts several prospective members.

*Unit 51 (Alert Bay)* loses several of its owner/operator vessels; the Unit remains active none the less.

## ZONE 5

*Unit 12 (Halfmoon Bay)* orders a new Zodiac 753.

*Unit 61 (Pender Harbour)* places its first Dedicated Response Vessel, the Harold Clay, into service.

*Unit 58 (French Creek)* trains on the new 47FT CCG lifeboat.

*Unit 59 (Deep Bay)* completes the purchase of the John McLean from the CCGA-P.

## ZONE 6

Highlights in promoting Boating Safety include: the success of *Unit 104 (Kootenay)* in its inaugural year; the improved cooperation between *Unit 103 (Vancouver)* and the Northern Units in Zone 1; the establishment of societies for *Unit 101 (Southern Interior)* and *Unit 106 (Shuswap)* and the construction of one Kids Don't Float Loaner Station in Sicamous.

Great success of the two Bobbie programs including the development of standard operating procedures. The program can be easily expanded through the use of flip cards to enhance presentations particularly to public schools and with signage for displays and the trailers to advertise Bobbie and Kids Don't Float.

Recruiting and retention remain significant challenges. This is even more important with the increasing demands brought on by the ever-expanding Bobbie programs. In addition, more effort will be placed on recruiting in the Kelowna area which has a high concentration of boaters.

The large Boating Safety trailers will be reassigned to areas where there are more Units in close proximity and two smaller trailers will replace them.

## ZONE 7

A Unit Trainers Course is held in Prince Rupert and *Units 45, 63, 64, 69 and 74* are in attendance. A Bobbie and Boating Safety Van is deployed to the area as a pilot project to establish whether there is a need for this equipment.

*Unit 63 (Kitimat)* obtains funding for and begins construction of a floating boathouse and training/operations centre.

*Unit 74 (Kitkatla)* acquires two new owner/operators; Ganhada Storm and Gamble Lake. *Unit 45 (Masset)* obtains a CCGA-P owned Dedicated Response Vessel; Auxiliary 45.

The Zone welcomes the addition of a new Unit, *Unit 75 (Kincolith)*.

## ZONE 8

Sharing of information and access to gaming funds plays a role in the elimination of disparities between Units. A more organized approach with insight into the public relations side of working as a Unit continues to produce positive results for Units.

*Unit 27 (Nanaimo)* hosts the 2004 Regional SAR competition. The Unit is working diligently towards the placement of a boathouse in the downtown Nanaimo Harbour.

*Unit 29 (Ladysmith)* repowers its vessel.

*Unit 26 (Cowichan Bay)* obtains additional funds that will allow them to purchase much need equipment for their members.

*Unit 38 (Long Beach)* continues to be leaders in their regional teamwork approach in the sharing of equipment with other Units.





RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN

A major task identified in the CCGA-P Business Plan for the past five years is the completion of a resource allocation plan, designed to ensure that the SAR coverage needs of the Region are being fulfilled. In 2004, the CCGA-P continued to work with the Canadian Coast Guard to develop this plan, which will guarantee that CCGA-P SAR resources are stationed at strategic locations throughout the Pacific Region for present and future needs.

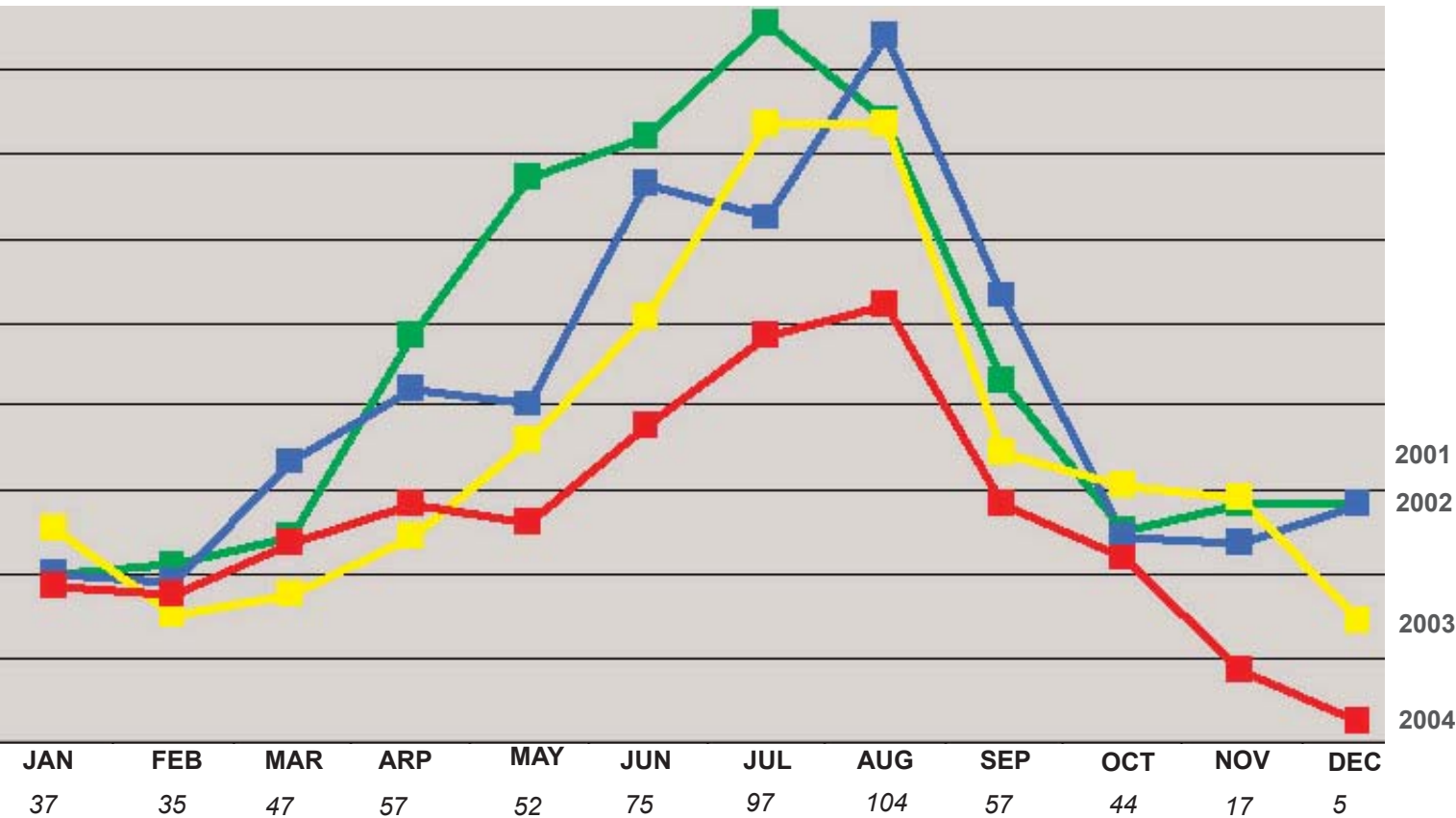
Throughout the year, the CCGA-P began to gather preliminary information for the resource allocation plan project. Specifically, meetings were held with Canadian Coast Guard representatives and previous reviews and other documents were collected and examined. A questionnaire intended to provide baseline information was also prepared in consultation with the Coast Guard and was distributed to Zone Directors.

OPERATIONS

According to JRCC records, as of December 31, 2004, 804 SAR responses were made by CCGA-P members. At this time, the CCGA-P Head Office is awaiting the arrival of the remaining 2004 incident reports. Therefore, for the purposes of this report a sample of 626 SAR responses has been taken.

Based on this sample size, in 2004 CCGA-P members responded to a total of 586 unique incidents, which had them on the water for over 1122.25 hours and took over 3949 person-hours to complete. During the course of these incidents, approximately \$14,158,000 worth of property was reportedly saved / assisted. Throughout the year, 689 people were assisted and most importantly, according to the SAR reports submitted by CCGA-P members, 83 lives were saved.

CCGA-P INCIDENTS BY MONTH (2001-2004)



## POLICIES

In 2004, several policies were adopted to provide CCGA-P members with clear and comprehensive operating procedures to adhere to. Policies put into place in 2004 include:

- 1) Travel Approvals
- 2) Radio Simulation and Exercise Communications
- 3) Complaint Investigations
- 4) Equipment Standards:  
Personal Strobe lights and  
Personal Knives
- 5) In-water Training
- 6) Non-Member Owned  
Vessels
- 7) Horse Power Restrictions
- 8) DRV Re-powering.



The CCGA-P also revised the following policies: TSK-103: Towing Waivers and TSK-105: Towing (to reflect changes in CCG towing policy) and VES-111: Special Events (to better address safety boat special event requests and to include the addition of a waiver for organizers of events requesting CCGA-P vessels to attend a safety function).



## THE FUTURE

In 2005 and beyond, CCGA-P operations will continue to strive to provide dedicated 24-hour marine Search and Rescue response to all mariners in distress.

### Overview of 2004 SAR Statistics:

*Number of SAR Responses (JRCC statistics) 804*

The following statistics are based on a sample of 626 incidents

*Number of Unique Incidents 586*

*Number of Hours on SAR Incidents 1122.25*

*Total Person Hours 3,949*

*Number of people Assisted 689*

*Lives Saved 83*

*Est. Value Property Saved/ Assisted \$14,158,000*

# NEW VESSELS

Eight new vessels entered into service with the CCGA-P in 2004. Four of these vessels are owned by an individual member (known as an Owner/Operator), three are owned by specific societies that support the activities of the CCGA-P, and one is owned by the Regional organization.

## UNIT 38– LONG BEACH

Vessel Name- Auxiliary 38

Vessel Type- Dedicated Response Vessel

Owner- Pacific Rim Marine Search & Rescue Society



## UNIT 6– RICHMOND NORTH

Vessel Name- Auxiliary 6

Vessel Type- Dedicated Response Vessel

Owner- Strait of Georgia Marine Rescue Society



## UNIT 38– LONG BEACH

Vessel Name- Discovery

Vessel Type- Owner Operator

Owner- Brian Congdon



## UNIT 61– PENDER HARBOUR

Vessel Name- Harold Clay

Vessel Type- Dedicated Response Vessel

Owner- Pender Harbour & District Marine Rescue Society







#### UNIT 74- KITKATLA

Vessel Name- Ganhada Strom

Vessel Type- Owner Operator

Owner- Kenneth Innes

#### UNIT 45- MASSET

Vessel Name- Auxiliary 45

Vessel Type- Dedicated Response Vessel

Owner- CCGA-P



#### UNIT 74 - KITKATLA

Vessel Name- Gamble Lake

Vessel Type- Owner Operator

Owner- Marven Gamble

#### UNIT 5- CRESCENT BEACH

Vessel Name- C-Crazy

Vessel Type- Owner Operator

Owner- Bill Ridge



**CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (PACIFIC), INC.**  
(Incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**MARCH 31, 2004**

ASSETS					
	2004			2003	
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund (restricted)	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total	Total
Current assets:					
Bank	\$ 54,199		\$ 66,960	\$ 121,159	\$ 98,670
Accounts receivable	26,649		42,139	68,788	22,794
Due from (to) other funds	4,438		(4,438)		
Inventory			10,500	10,500	17,278
Total current assets	85,286		115,161	200,447	138,742
Property and equipment (note 3)		\$ 218,863		218,863	151,210
	\$ 85,286	\$ 218,863	\$ 115,161	\$ 419,310	\$ 289,952
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 85,286		\$ 1,371	\$ 86,657	\$ 68,453
Fund balances:					
Invested in property and equipment		\$ 218,863		218,863	151,210
Unrestricted			\$ 113,790	113,790	70,289
Total fund balances		218,863	113,790	332,653	221,499
	\$ 85,286	\$ 218,863	\$ 115,161	\$ 419,310	\$ 289,952

**CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (PACIFIC), INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004**

	2004			2003	
	Coast Guard Contribution Agreement Fund (restricted)	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total	Total
Revenues:					
Operating grants - Federal	\$ 889,000		\$ 105,767	\$ 994,767	\$ 909,562
Donations	750		69,244	69,994	177,589
Miscellaneous	64		36,731	36,795	22,182
Total revenues	889,814		211,742	1,101,556	1,109,333
Expenditures:					
Administration	211,802		1,634	213,436	215,025
Training	248,960		1,995	250,955	277,356
Members	54,212		5,555	59,767	136,447
Boating safety	38,552		15,355	53,907	23,841
Marketing	14,749		40,479	55,228	56,531
Operations	313,479			313,479	382,666
Amortization		\$ 43,630		43,630	29,150
Total expenditures	881,754	43,630	65,018	990,402	1,121,016
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	8,060	(43,630)	146,724	111,154	(11,683)
Transfer to Capital Fund (note 4)	(12,578)	111,283	(98,705)		48,708
Transfer from Coast Guard Fund (note 4)					(6,072)
Transfer from General Fund (note 4)	4,518		(4,518)		(42,636)
Fund balances, beginning	Nil	\$ 151,210	\$ 70,289	221,499	233,182
Fund balances, ending	\$ Nil	\$ 218,863	\$ 113,790	\$ 332,653	\$ 221,499



# Teamwork

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the CCGA-P is comprised 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**

### *President*

Malcolm Dunderdale  
QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, BC

### *Vice-President*

Bruce Falkins  
WEST VANCOUVER, BC

### *Secretary/Treasurer*

Robin Gardner  
TSAWWASSEN, BC

## **Directors**

### *Director, Zone 1*

Greg Miller  
RICHMOND, BC

### *Director, Zone 2*

Jim Lee  
PARKSVILLE, BC

### *Director, Zone 3*

Dean Polvi  
VICTORIA, BC

### *Director, Zone 4*

Don Willson  
PORT McNEILL, BC

### *Director, Zone 5*

Allan Hughes  
COMOX, BC

### *Director, Zone 6*

Bob Clayton  
BLIND BAY, BC

### *Director, Zone 7*

Duncan Peacock  
KITIMAT, BC

### *Director, Zone 8*

Bill Dornan  
NANAIMO, BC

### *Director, Training*

Brian Cameron  
COURTENAY, BC

### *Director, Boating Safety*

Mike Janicki  
RICHMOND, BC

### *Director, SAR Operations*

Ryan Woodward  
RICHMOND, BC

### *Past President*

Frank Hudson  
VICTORIA, BC

### *Archivist/Historian*

Scott Sutherland  
VICTORIA, BC

### *Human Resources*

Jim Lee  
PARKSVILLE, BC

## **Pacific Region Staff**

### *Executive Officer*

Stan Warlow

### *Special Projects Officer*

Kerri Kovack

### *Financial Development Co-ordinator*

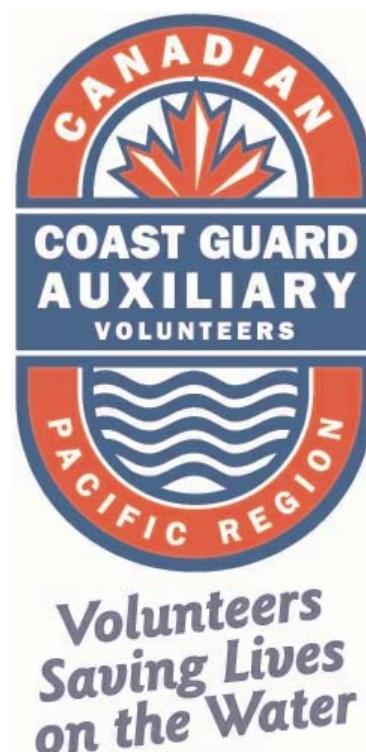
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