



North Shore Lifeboat Society

Marine Search and Rescue

*Celebrating 20 years of Marine Search and Rescue!
1987 - 2007*



Newsletter

Summer 2008

Message from the Editor

During this past summer during a board meeting we came to realize that this is the society's 20 year anniversary since incorporation!

April 14, 1987 was the official date of incorporation as a society, and still with us from the original named board is Unit 1 Coxswain, Bruce Falkins! We are excited to be celebrating 20 years of service and look forward to many more years!

AGM 2007

Our Annual General Meeting was held on June 26, 2007 at Delbrook Community Centre.

The President of the North Shore Lifeboat Society Shawn Burchett called the meeting to order at 1915hrs. The President introduced fellow Board Members and thanked all attendees for their presence.

In attendance there were 32 voting members, including 9 board members.

Mark Newman reviewed the financials and reports the society is in good health and stable. He noted some accounting changes in practices as requested by the auditors and those are reflected in the documents circulated.

Mike Cupit, Unit Leader of Unit 1 (West Vancouver) reported they have 38 active members, 9 coxswains, and 5 PCCC qualified members. Since the last AGM, they carried out 37 missions, 53 on water training sessions and 15 classroom sessions.

Dan Wright reported the Deep Cove Lifeboat was out of commission for several months due to electrolysis

damage. The vessel is now back in service after repair which was covered by insurance. Auxiliary 1 (Fishermans Cove) had some hull work done to provide better floatation.

Craig Rea reported the society has 129 members and supporters, of which there are 30 active members.

Shawn Burchett provided the background to the latest endeavors of the society in obtaining a corporate grant to replace both lifeboats. To date a naval architect has been commissioned to provide preliminary drawings of the vessel(s). The drawing was made available for attendees to view and comment on.



City of North Vancouver Centennial Celebrations - Summer 2007

Event Summary

Members from both units participated in several events this past summer including:

- West Vancouver's Community Days
- City of North Vancouver Centennial Celebrations
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Celebration of Light
- Deep Cove Daze



VARIETY BOAT FOR HOPE

In closing Shawn Burchett gave special thanks to Craig Rea, Ben Pepa, Dan Wright and Jay Willoughby for their sterling contributions throughout the past year, There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2030hrs.



WEST VANCOUVER'S COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE

Basically the new vessel will be of the rigid hull design, approximately 10.6m in length and be powered by two water jet propulsion systems. It will be capable of 36kts max speed, have a heated cabin and working decks both fore and aft. Design changes will be discussed by the NSLS before further developments continue.

Elections were conducted and the current directors all agreed to stand for the coming year. There being no nominations from the floor, the current board were unanimously reaffirmed. Shawn Burchett was elected to serve as president of the Board for the next year.

2008 Annual General Meeting
The 2008 North Shore lifeboat Society AGM will be held on Wednesday, July 9 2008 at the Delbrook Recreation Centre in the Cedar room, starting at 7:00pm.

NORTH SHORE LIFEBOAT SOCIETY BOARD
Shawn Burchett - President
Vernon Pahl - Vice President
Craig Rea - Secretary

Directors
Robert Duncan, Andrew Morton, Mark Newman,
Richard Novek, Ben Pepa, Dan Wright

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Lifeboat Replacement Program

The Current Lifeboats

The current lifeboats, the Deep Cove Lifeboat and Howe Sound Lifeboat, are the oldest lifeboats in the CCGA and have been refitted several times to prolong their life since they were put into service in the 1980s.

The Planned Lifeboats

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has come out with new & improved new crewing standards that particularly apply to our cabin boats in both Unit 1 & Unit 2. These include minimum certifications and accumulated sea time, logged crew level training and electronic and chart navigation using the new Rigid Hull Inflatable Simulator in Victoria. We will have more details to follow.

The Role of Sponsors

Our sponsors provide the funding for the lifeboats and equipment, and make possible the operation of volunteers to save life at sea and support local emergency activities. We actively will work with our sponsors to assist with their corporate and organizational goals. Our current sponsors for the new lifeboats are a local shipping organization and the BC gaming commission, who have pledged approximately three quarters of the required million dollars for two new lifeboats. The current program is to raise the remaining \$250,000

Online Donations are now accepted!

Using our website, we now can accept secure online donations which will also provide donors with a tax receipt instantly!



We are excited to have this new service running and hope you can help contribute! www.northshorelifeboat.ca

Completion of RHIOT

Neil Shearar of Unit 2 has recently completed his RHIOT training in Bamfield, British Columbia!

The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) responds to thousands of distress calls each year. About 75 per cent of search and rescue (SAR) incidents on the Canadian Pacific coast are responded to by personnel using Rigid-Hull Inflatable (RHI) boats. The CCG offers training at its Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator Training (RHIOT) School. Its course is designed to familiarize students with the use of RHIs in heavy sea conditions.



AUXILIARY 2 MEMBERS ABOARD NAVY VESSEL ORCA 55

Neil is one step closer to being a Coxswain and wish him the best on completing his certification! Great work!

Unit Recognition Awards

In conjunction with both units, we held a lunch at the West Vancouver Yacht Club on November 3 to recognize some members whom stood out in service. Awards were given to the following individuals and we thank them for their contributions!

5 Year Award, Active Duty (5000+ hours):

Unit 1: Shawn Burchett, Bruce Chan, Keith Coules, Lynn Coules, Mike Cupit, Bruce Falkins, Cliff Jones, Hugh Kelsey, John Ledsome, Jamie McJannet, John McDiarmid, Vernon Pahl, Craig Rea, Jan Volker, Dan Wright

Unit 2: Jim Atkinson, Jay "JJ" Firman, Pat Frisch, Christine Lambert, Richard Novek, Robin Overbye, Randy Strandt, Jimmy Watt, Jay Willoughby, Mike Young, Kay Young

One Year Active Duty Crew:

Unit 1: Jim Ashley, Chris Ford, Jamie Greig, Gerard McKenzie, Erica McLean, Ashley Palmer, Dugal Purdie, Mark Sampson, Pascal Trembley, Brent Yager

Unit 2: Damion Anton, Ray Douthwaite, John Dowling, Tom Hoskins, Deryl Mogg, Hal Nelson, Neil Shearar, Andrew White

Special Award, Specific Contribution:

Unit 1: Ian McBeath, Dan Robinson

Unit 2: Chris Gouglas, Ben Pepa



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AUXILIARY 2 - TRAINING NIGHTS



DAN ROBINSON, UNIT 1 CREW

In other news...

Unit 1 member Captain Dan Robinson has been contracted by the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary - Pacific to review the operations of all units operations and assessing the needs of the units.

Dan is a Class One Master Mariner and has served for many years with the Cunard Lines as First Officer and Chief Officer. Most recently he held the position of International Safety Manager and Safety Superintendent for Cunard.

We would like to congratulate Dan for his new appointment!

News from Unit 2 - Deep Cove

October 25 was the annual general meeting for Unit 2 - Deep Cove. There was a good turn out, with some guest speakers from the North Shore Lifeboat Society and CCGA-P. Chris Gouglas was elected the new Unit Leader for Unit 2 and we look forward to working with Chris in his new role!

Mike Young had served many years as Unit Leader and thank him for his contributions to the unit and hope to continue working with him in the future.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - NORTH SHORE LIFEBOAT SOCIETY

This year we are trying something new - pay your dues online secure and easily. You will also be able to print your tax receipt instantly!

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Training...

Did you know members from both auxiliary units train weekly?

Unit 1 - Fishermans Cove
Wednesday Evenings

Unit 2 - Deep Cove
Wednesday & Thursday Evenings



BURNABY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AUXILIARY 2 MEMBERS

Taskings Summary for Summer - Fall, 2007

Auxiliary 1

- June 9 - Broken down vessel
- June 16 - Broken down vessel
- June 26 - Broken down vessel
- June 30 - Broken down vessel
- July 11 - Broken down vessel
- July 25 - Broken down vessel
- July 29 - Broken down vessel
- Sept. 28 - Broken down vessel
- Oct. 7 - Vessel aground
- Oct. 7 - Overdue kayak / Indian Arm
- Oct. 7 - Kayak incident / Porteau
- Nov. 11 - Mayday call on VHF
- Nov. 11 - Vessel adrift

Auxiliary 2

- May 25 - Broken down vessel
- May 31 - PEP assistance in locating missing person
- June 2 - Broken down vessel
- June 26 - Vessel on fire
- July 15 - Overdue kayak
- Aug. 20 - Person in water search
- Sept. 8 - Vessel Collision
- Sept. 26 - Flare Sighting
- Oct. 7 - Overdue kayak
- Oct. 27 - Flare sighting
- Nov. 11 - Broken down vessel
- Nov. 12 - Broken down vessel



Auxiliary 1 Tasking - Overturned Vessel outside Squamish Harbour



We thank-you for your continued support!

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