

INTERNATIONAL
SEARCH AND RESCUE

COMPETITION

PROGRAM BOOK



PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2004



PORTSMOUTH WELCOMES ISAR 2004

It is indeed my honor and privilege as Mayor of the City of Portsmouth to extend a warm and cordial welcome to the members of the United States and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliaries to the International Search and Rescue (ISAR) Competition 2004. The City of Portsmouth, a part of the Hampton Roads community, is steeped in military tradition with bases from every branch of the military. We were very excited when it was announced that this year's competition would be in Portsmouth and we are committed to make this the best ISAR ever. Best wishes to you for an enjoyable and enlightening stay in Portsmouth. Please come back to see us, and bring your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. James W. Holley III
Mayor

LINDA GREENLAW HONORARY CHAIRMAN

After seventeen years at sea, Linda decided it was time to take a break from being a swordboat captain, the career that would earn her a prominent role in Sebastian Junger's *The Perfect Storm* and a portrayal in the film. She felt a calling to return to the tiny island of Isle au Haut, home to Greenlaws for five generations, in order to pursue a simpler life. This "simpler life" includes being the Captain of her own lobster boat and writing best sellers *The Hungry Ocean* and *The Lobster Chronicles*. Her latest memoir, *All Fishermen Are Liars*, was released in July. We are very pleased to have Linda as our "Honorary Chairman" and "Grand Marshall" of the "Portsmouth Welcomes ISAR" parade.





The Spirit of ISAR

**COMO Gene M. Seibert
National Commodore
United States CG Auxiliary**

ISAR is more than just a competition. The spirit of ISAR is the spirit of community, of international camaraderie. It affords us an opportunity to exhibit the skills of search and rescue and the pride of volunteerism! Each team represented at this year's ISAR is already a winner in their local area and they represent the "Best of the Best". What better group can each of us learn from than those gathering in Portsmouth, Virginia in November. As you train and compete, remember that the other teams are not just fellow competitors, but rather educators that can help each of us learn new techniques in which to makes us even more proficient in search and rescue. Talk to each other and develop close friendships. You will find these relationships will be more precious than you ever imagined. Skilled crews working together is not something new with the Auxiliary. The ISAR competition promotes just that, dedication, skill enhancement, crew coordination, and particularly, a deep desire to compete at the highest levels. Let the games begin!

Next Time May Be For Real



**Robert Pettipas
Acting CEO
Canadian CG Auxiliary**

ISAR 2004 is our fifth International Search and Rescue Competition. Interest in the event and public visibility has grown steadily every year. Teams come better prepared, members train harder and events are more challenging.

ISAR is a friendly competition, but it is also a demanding test for each participant, both personally and as a team member. This has to be taken seriously because on the next occasion, the challenge may not be part of an exercise.

I would like to thank our hosts from the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for making ISAR 2004 such a great event! I would also like to personally thank all of the sponsors and wish the best of luck to all participants.

WHAT EXACTLY IS *ISAR?*



ISAR is an annual event between Coast Guard Auxiliary teams from the United States and Canada, with each group demonstrating various skills in the field of search and rescue. ISAR 2004 features events that are designed to test the volunteers' ability to plan, communicate and execute a maritime search and rescue (SAR) mission.

This year, ISAR 2004 will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia on Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6, 2004 at the North Ferry Landing. The competition will culminate on Saturday evening with an awards banquet at the Renaissance Hotel.

6 US and 6 Canadian teams will compete. Each team will have 4 members, one of which to be designated as team coxswain. For the 7 events, each team will compete with three team members who will be chosen at random by the event organizers on Thursday, 4 November 2004. These District/Region Teams will compete in events such as chart work, search planning, on-water rescue, emergency dewatering pump operation, etc.

There will also be a competition for the 4th team member who will be chosen at random by the event organizers on Thursday, 4 November 2004. From these 12 Auxiliarists, 4 International Teams of 3 participants will be created. These will be known as the 4 CAN-AM Teams.

All ISAR events will be judged by U S Coast Guard standards, using two judges (CCG & USCG) for each event. The highest scoring Canadian and US team will be awarded the Canadian and US 1st place team trophies respectfully.

The highest scoring country will be awarded the International Trophy.



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE DAYS

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of all Virginians are important to the happiness, livelihood and prosperity of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 Coast Guard Auxiliaries in America, and an additional 5,000 Coast Guard Auxiliaries in Canada, volunteer their time and talents to help make the waterways of both nations safer; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada each rely heavily on the support of these civilian volunteers to supplement the forces of their respective Coast Guard Units; and

WHEREAS, each year, Coast Guard Auxiliaries participate in more than 13,000 Search and Rescue cases, saving more than 660 lives and \$186 million worth of property; and

WHEREAS, Portsmouth, Virginia has been selected to host the 2004 International Search and Rescue Games; and

WHEREAS, during the games, six teams of Coast Guard Auxiliaries from the United States and six teams from Canada will compete in land-based and water-oriented life-saving events, and the winner of the games will take home the coveted International Championship Trophy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize November 5-6, 2004, as **INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE DAYS** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rindler
Secretary of the Commonwealth



TEAM LINE-UP

TEAM #	TEAM NAME
Team #1	Maritimes
Team #2	Quebec
Team #3	Canadian Pacific
Team #4	Newfoundland
Team #5	Team Canada
Team #6	Central & Arctic Region
Team #7	9 th Western Region - Great Lakes
Team #8	17 th Region - Alaska
Team #9	14 th Region - Hawaii
Team #10	8 th Western Rivers - WY to AK
Team #11	1 st Northern Region - New England
Team #12	1 st Southern Region - CT to NJ
Team #13	CAN - AM Team
Team #14	CAN - AM Team
Team #15	CAN - AM Team
Team #16	CAN - AM Team

One member from each of the twelve District/Region Teams will be selected to compete on one of the four

INTERNATIONAL CAN-AM Teams.

The points they earn will be added to their District/Region team score.

ISAR 2004 GAMES MATRIX

CANADIAN DISTRICT/REGION TEAMS ARE 1 THROUGH 6
 US DISTRICT/REGION TEAMS ARE 7 THROUGH 12
 CAN-AM TEAMS ARE 13 THROUGH 16

Friday – District/Region Teams

TIME	SAR PLANNING	SAR EX	OPENING CEREMONY
0730	ALL TEAMS		
0830		TEAMS 1, 7	
0915		TEAMS 2, 8	
1000		TEAMS 3, 9	ALL TEAMS
1045		TEAMS 4,10	(EXCEPT 3, 9)
1130		TEAMS 5, 11	
1215		TEAMS 6, 12	

Friday – CAN-AM Teams

TIME	PUMP	SPLICING	OPENING CEREMONY
0900	ALL TEAMS		
1000			ALL TEAMS
1030		ALL TEAMS	

Saturday – District/Region Teams

TIME	PUMP	HEAVING LINE 1	MARLINSPIKE	COMMS	MYSTERY EVENT 1	INTERVIEWS
0800	TEAMS 1, 7	TEAMS 2, 8	TEAMS 3, 9	TEAMS 4, 10	TEAMS 5, 11	TEAMS 6, 12
0900	TEAMS 6, 12	TEAMS 1, 7	TEAMS 2, 8	TEAMS 3, 9	TEAMS 4, 10	TEAMS 5, 11
1000	TEAMS 5, 11	TEAMS 6, 12	TEAMS 1, 7	TEAMS 2, 8	TEAMS 3, 9	TEAMS 4, 10
1100	TEAMS 4, 10	TEAMS 5, 11	TEAMS 6, 12	TEAMS 1, 7	TEAMS 2, 8	TEAMS 3, 9
1200	LUNCH					
1300						
1400	TEAMS 3, 9	TEAMS 4, 10	TEAMS 5, 11	TEAMS 6, 12	TEAMS 1, 7	TEAMS 2, 8
1500	TEAMS 2, 8	TEAMS 3, 9	TEAMS 4, 10	TEAMS 5, 11	TEAMS 6, 12	TEAMS 1, 7

Saturday – CAN-AM Teams

TIME	MYSTERY EVENT 2	MYSTERY EVENT 2	HEAVING LINE 2	HEAVING LINE 3	INTERVIEWS
0800	ALL TEAMS				
0900	ALL TEAMS				
1000	ALL TEAMS				
1100	ALL TEAMS				ALL TEAMS
1130					
1200	LUNCH				
1300		ALL TEAMS			
1400			TEAMS 13, 14	TEAMS 15, 16	
1500			TEAMS 15, 16	TEAMS 13, 14	

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