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MINISTER’S MESSAGE

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate the Canadian Coast Guard on 50 years of heroism and dedicated service.

At the same time that we give thanks for and reflect upon 50 years of achievement, the Canadian Coast Guard is also looking to the future. A modern fleet of white and red vessels will forge through Canadian waters to ensure Canadian sovereignty and security. A strong Canadian Coast Guard presence in our waters protects the lives of Canadians at sea, supports economic growth, protects our marine environment, and enables scientific discovery.

Like the men and women who serve across our great country, we are celebrating the accomplishments and the future of the Canadian Coast Guard with events from coast to coast to coast. I encourage you to take part, show your pride and join me in giving thanks for 50 years of exemplary service and many more to come.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Ashfield
Minister
Fisheries and Oceans

COMMISSIONER’S MESSAGE

For 50 years, the Canadian Coast Guard has meant a variety of things to a variety of Canadians. To our youth, our iconic red and white vessels are an inspiration to think big. To our young women and men, it means opportunities as vast as our oceans. But to us all, the Canadian Coast Guard is a source of national pride and like its motto, puts “Safety First, Service Always.”

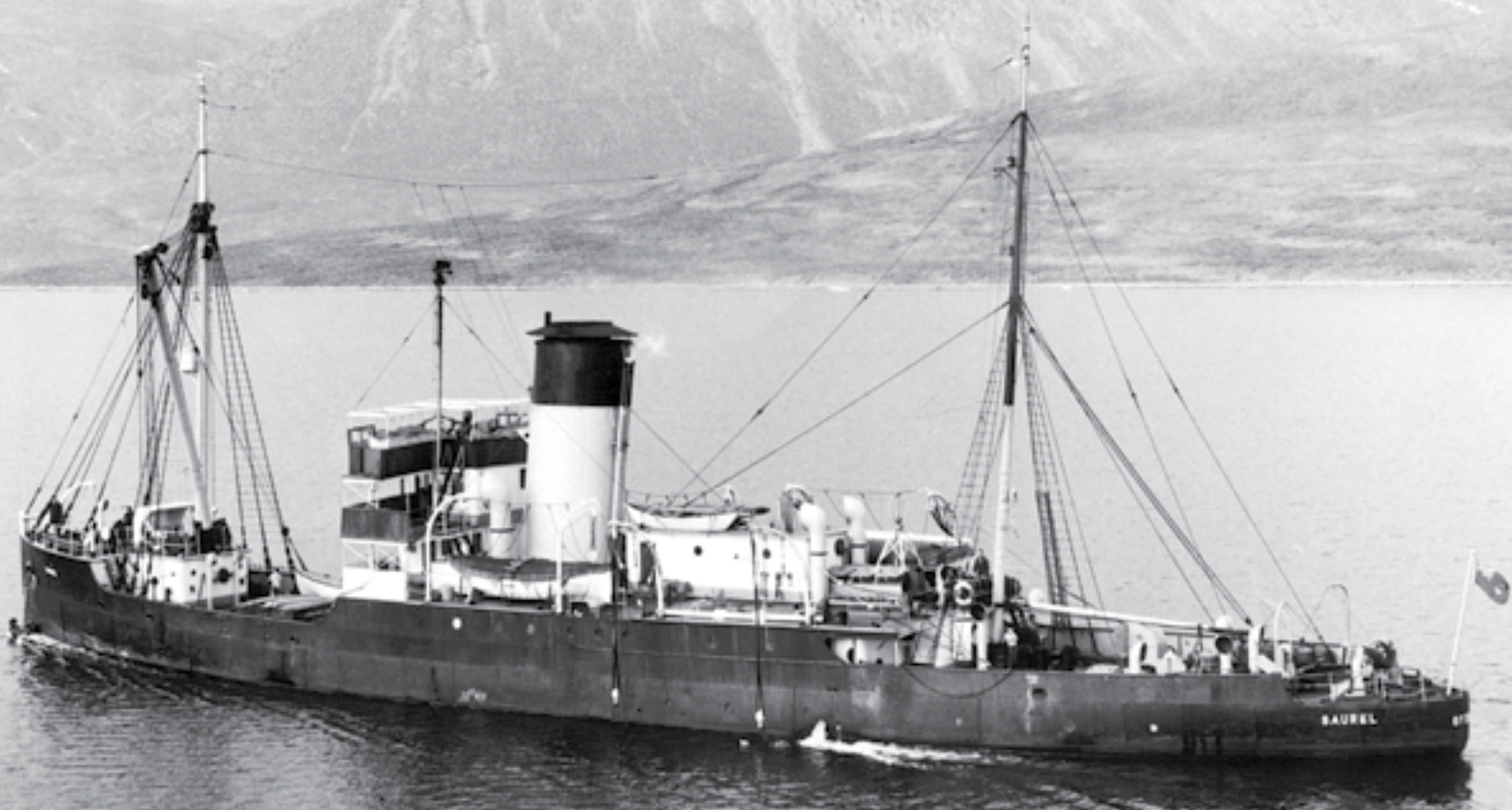
Each and every day, the Canadian Coast Guard saves lives and helps those in need. While the daily accomplishments of our men and women at sea and on land are cause enough for celebration, on January 26, 2012, we begin the commemoration of 50 years of achievement, heroism and service.

The Canadian Coast Guard’s 50th Anniversary is a momentous and meaningful occasion for all Canadians. With events happening from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and Labrador, I personally invite you to join us in sharing this golden milestone.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Grégoire
Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard

Beginnings



In 1867, Confederation brought together the first pieces of the great nation of Canada we know today. The Department of Marine and Fisheries, established just one year after Confederation, was responsible for maritime services of the new country.

Saurel, in service between 1929 and 1967 - Icebreaker

Marine Communications and Traffic Services, 1965



Ernest Lapointe, in service between 1940 and 1978 - Icebreaker



Robert Morphet - first Captain of the CCGS Simcoe, 1962

The Department of Marine and Fisheries was instrumental in establishing Canada's sovereignty at sea and in the Arctic, undertaking important hydrographic surveys and assisting passenger and freight services. In 1936, the Department of Transport was formed to bring together governmental sea, land and air services.

Following the Second World War, public appeals from coastal communities and the maritime industry for improved search and rescue facilities coupled with issues related to Arctic sovereignty and technological improvements prompted the federal government to begin considering a nationally recognizable organization.

After years of research, the final report of the Royal Commission on Government Organizations released on New Year's Day of 1962 recommended the progressive consolidation of all civilian patrol and law enforcement activities to a Canadian Coast Guard.

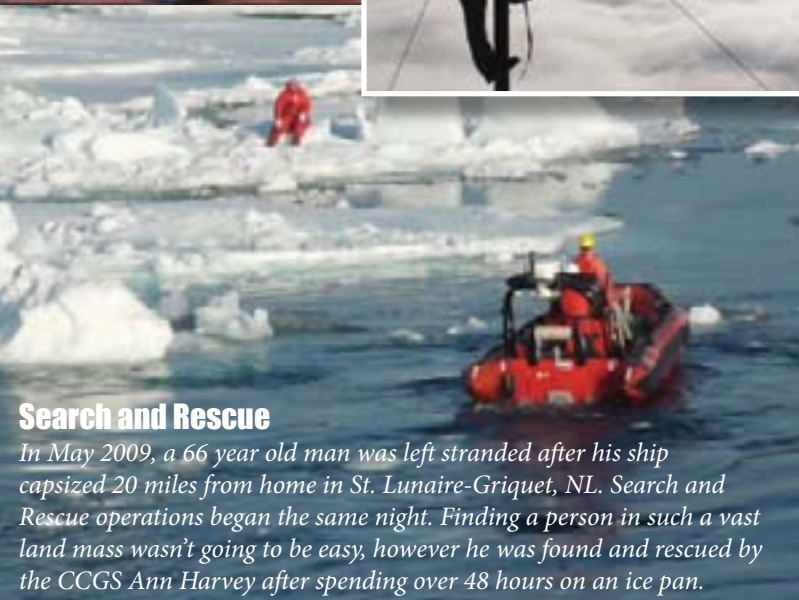
Aids to Navigation

The CCG has always ensured the safe passage of marine traffic through Canada's vast and challenging waterways and coastlines using a variety of aids to navigation.



Fixed aids to navigation

The CCG maintains a variety of onshore aids to navigation to help ships communicate, such as lighthouses and communication towers.



Search and Rescue

In May 2009, a 66 year old man was left stranded after his ship capsized 20 miles from home in St. Lunaire-Griquet, NL. Search and Rescue operations began the same night. Finding a person in such a vast land mass wasn't going to be easy, however he was found and rescued by the CCGS Ann Harvey after spending over 48 hours on an ice pan.

50 years

of dedicated service 1962 - 2012

On January 26, 1962, a cold, cloudy winter day, the Canadian Coast Guard was created when Leon Balcer, the

then Minister of Transport, rose in the House of Commons to announce that the Coast Guard would be the body responsible for the Department of Transport's fleet of vessels.

With its highly trained and knowledgeable naval architects, the Coast Guard was able to design and purchase vessels, greatly expanding its fleet in the years following 1962. To staff these vessels, the Canadian Coast Guard College was created in 1965. From its inception to the present date, the College, located in Nova Scotia, offers free tuition to all its students, as well as a position aboard a vessel following graduation.

Over the years, the Canadian Coast Guard has evolved into a Special Operating Agency under Fisheries and Oceans Canada and offers its services through many programs including its Marine Communications and Traffic Services, the eyes and ears of the seas; Environmental Response, cleaning up spills of oil and other pollutants; Aids to Navigation, the network of visual, aural and electronic signals to help safely guide mariners; Icebreaking; Waterways Management; Search and Rescue; and Maritime Security.

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD:

- Saves 10 lives;
- Assists 58 people in 26 search and rescue cases;
- Services 55 aids to navigation;
- Handles 1,547 marine radio contacts;
- Manages 2,325 commercial ship movements;
- Escorts four commercial ships through ice during the ice season;
- Carries out 11 fisheries patrols;
- Supports three hydrographic missions;
- Supports eight scientific surveys;
- Deals with three reported pollution events; and,
- Surveys five kilometres of navigation channel bottom.

CCGS Henry Larsen

Medium Icebreaker, in service from 1987 to present. Although the Larsen is a medium gulf/river icebreaker, during the summer season she also provides search and rescue support, escorts large ships in southern Canadian waters, as well as Arctic areas, and conducts limited oceanographic, meteorological, and other scientific work in regions inaccessible to conventional ships..

A look into the future

Maritime Security

The CCG is at an important juncture in its history, as the organization considers the implications of an organizational shift from a maritime safety orientation to a culture that is influenced by both safety and national security perspectives.



The future is bright for the Canadian Coast Guard. With challenges come opportunities; the organization is transforming to offer the best marine services to Canadians.

Among the most pressing needs is to further establish Canada's sovereignty and authority on its waters, especially in its northern regions. With the investment of \$1.4 billion for the procurement of new and replacement vessels, the Canadian Coast Guard will have an even greater marine presence than ever before.

The Canadian Coast Guard is committed to being prepared and ready to respond to both security and environmental issues. The organization is partnering with the RCMP and local law enforcement agencies to use teams dedicated to keeping our country safe. In the future the Coast Guard, learning from international disasters, will take a leadership role in the face of marine environmental crises.

Environmental Response

Renewing the program's focus on preparedness and planning and working more closely with its federal partners to promote a whole of government approach to marine pollution will be key priorities for CCG in the coming years.



LRIT System

Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) of ships. The red line illustrates the coverage of this tracking system.



Ship building

New Polar Icebreaker CCGS John G. Diefenbaker, scheduled to be completed in 2017.

Did you know?



CCGS HUDSON

The CCGS *Hudson*, built in 1963, currently holds the distinction of being the longest serving vessel of all current Canadian Coast Guard vessels.

In the aftermath of the Gulf War, the Canadian Coast Guard sent a special team to the Persian Gulf in order to assist in cleaning up oil spills.

GULF WAR



CCGS LOUIS S. ST-LAURENT

The CCGS *Louis S. St-Laurent*, the Canadian Coast Guard's largest vessel, was used in the Academy Award-winning blockbuster film *Titanic* to film ocean scenes near Halifax, Nova Scotia.

FIRST FEMALE COMMANDING OFFICER

In 1984, Miriam Van Roosmalen became the Canadian Coast Guard's first female Commanding Officer.



CCGS AMUNDSEN

During the International Polar Year the CCGS *Amundsen* served as a research base for over 200 scientists from around the world in the Arctic from July 2007 to October 2008.