



# CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MARITIME REGION

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Dear Neighbour:

I am writing to invite you to consider joining our St. Margaret's Bay Marine Search and Rescue Society \$167,000 fund raising campaign to purchase a new Inshore Rescue Vessel for the St. Margarets Bay area. The vessel will be manned by local volunteers who are dedicated to have the new rescue vessel operational and saving lives for the 2021 boating season. And yes, they are on standby for all recreational and commercial rescues 24/7/365 regardless of the weather.

Our previous vessel has been retired after 15 years of service saving 21 lives, 165 missions and helped prevent dozens of vessels from sinking..

We are part of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Maritimes (CCGA-M) a non-profit organization and a registered charity made up of volunteer resources throughout the Maritime Region. The CCGA has been in existence since 1978 and provides year-round on water lifesaving support throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Magdalen Islands & Prince Edward Island covering 12,368 km of coastline.

For over 14 years, we have provided on water lifesaving services to residents and boaters in St. Margaret's Bay, NS as exemplified by these actual rescues:

“Two persons rescued from grounded vessel, winds blowing 30-35 knots, reduced visibility, seas 7’- 9’ swells”

“Injured person located and rescued from Micou's Island and transported to Emergency Health Services at Shining Waters Marina”

“Search for missing person near Shag Head. Body recovery conducted with assistance from helicopter air support”

“Transportation of HRM fire fighters to Franks George island to extinguish island fire”

Now, we are asking for your support to help us raise funds for the new vessel dedicated to life-saving rescues from Peggy's Cove to Tantallon, Hubbards, Aspotogan and the entire St. Margaret's Bay area.

While there's additional information attached including an operational budget Anthony Garron is the main contact at 902-497-8626 or [smbmsar@outlook.com](mailto:smbmsar@outlook.com). to answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Duffy*

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President  
St. Margaret's Bay  
Marine Search and Rescue Society

# Fund Raising Campaign for Vessel Replacement

*Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Maritimes*

*“Saving Lives at Sea”*



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There is now an urgent need to invest in the replacement of the lifesaving vessel in order to continue being able to offer lifesaving support in the ocean side communities. This \$167,245 project includes the following.

**Budget**

The project plan will allow the CCGA to develop fund raising activities in the local communities starting immediately to ensure funds are available to support the program well after the first year of support from the corporate sector and personal donations.

**Budget Plan**

<b>COMMUNITY FUND RAISING SUPPORT</b>		<b>Project Total</b>
<b>Project Costs</b>		
<b>Purchase of Vessel</b>		<b>\$156,000</b>
<b>Docking Fee</b>		<b>\$2,900</b>
<b>Winter Storage</b>		<b>\$800</b>
<b>Storage Shed Fee</b>		<b>\$2,070</b>
<b>Annual Maintenance</b>		<b>\$475</b>
<b>Operations</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$167,245</b>
<b>CCGA SUPPORT</b>		<b>ANNAULLY</b>
<b>Project Costs</b>		
<b>Operations</b>		<b>\$800</b>
<b>Training</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Insurance Coverage</b>		<b>\$795</b>
<b>In Kind Contribution</b>		<b>\$28,800</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$31,395</b>

**Project Sustainability**

The CCGA will continue to provide ongoing support in the form of cash and in-kind contributions as indicated in the budget. The annual costs for docking, storage and maintenance will be supported through local fund-raising activities. When members are called to conduct search and rescue activities with their vessels, the member is reimbursed for use of the vessel based on set reimbursement rates from the Department of Fisheries. The reimbursement rate for this vessel would be \$114.94 per hour. Monies received for tasking reimbursement would be directly put into supporting the costs of the vessel. The approximate annual reimbursement the vessel would receive is \$800.00.

## **Replacement Vessel Acquisition**

CCGA search & rescue volunteers use a vessel designed for rough water, high speed search and rescue operations. The current vessel has reached its end of life cycle with dated search and rescue equipment. The replacement vessel would be equipped with the latest equipment that includes:

- Twin Yamaha 115 Hp engines
- Flir thermal image camera
- Axiom Pro multi-function navigation
- Fore & aft tow bollards
- Stern engine guard

## **Training**

Regular crew training is essential to any lifesaving organization. Ongoing training not only ensures a quick emergency response to those requiring assistance, but also helps to keep rescue volunteers safe. Search and rescue crew training would consist of the following:

- Search pattern training
- Rescue retrieval of persons in water
- Body recovery procedures
- Dewatering of vessels
- Towing of disabled vessels

## **Maintenance & Storage**

To ensure all Search and Rescue equipment is maintained in a state of readiness, proper maintenance and storage facilities will be required. This will be obtained by:

- Utilizing certified technicians to perform annual maintenance
- Covered storage for vessel
- Secured storage for search and rescue equipment

For these three initiatives, the CCGA will contribute \$2,595 cash and \$28,000 of in-kind contribution annually which includes full vessel replacement insurance coverage as well as member insurance.

## **Contact**

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Please contact Anthony Garron at 902-497-8626 or [smbmsar@outlook.com](mailto:smbmsar@outlook.com) to make your donation today. Let us work together and keep St. Margaret's Bay safe!

