

Questions and Answers



International Search and Rescue Competition Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary

When and where is the International Search and Rescue Competition of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) taking place?

The second annual CCGA National Search and Rescue competition will take place on October 20-21, 2001 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

What are the objectives of the competition?

For the participants, the competition targets three objectives:

Firstly, accomplish a major exercise in search and rescue that allows the rescuers to put in practice the knowledge and skills they have learned.

Secondly, it provides an opportunity for the volunteers to increase *esprit de corps* and exchange information and ideas, all essential elements of a successful mission.

Thirdly, the competition provides a forum for the participants to receive recognition for the work that they do as dedicated volunteers.

For the spectators:

First, educate and inform. Spectators are given the chance to learn what it takes to ensure the safety of the boating public.

Second, provide a well-deserved recognition of the work of these volunteer members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, whose work is becoming increasingly known by the general public.

Who will take part in the competition?

In the competition, there will be one team of CCGA members from each of the five regions of Canada (the winning teams of the five regional CCGA competitions). There will also be six teams representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Representatives of the Canadian Coast Guard will act as judges.

Who are the main organizers?

The host organization for the competition is the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Pacific). It receives the support of the CCGA National Office and of the Canadian Coast Guard.