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## ANNUAL CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY GAMES

TED RANKINE (Host): Hi, I'm Ted Rankine and welcome to PowerBoat Television. This week we're going to don some survival suits and go for a swim in the St. Lawrence River.

This week on PowerBoat Television we travel to Montreal, Canada to watch the United States and Canada Search and Rescue teams demonstrate their skills at the Annual Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Games.

On Performance Mark test drives a flashy tunnel hull from J-Craft. Something that will get your adrenaline pumping, the 21-foot Rampage.

On Power Profiles Mike takes to the water in a sporty bowrider with a dual personality, the Campion Allante 705 BR.

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RANKINE: You know, for those of us who spend time on the water the VHF radio is a very powerful device in the unlikely event that we need to call for help. But have you ever wondered who the people were behind the scenes that respond to mayday calls?

Well, we wanted to meet them, so we headed to the National Search and Rescue Secretariat's Annual Conference in Laval, Quebec to meet the professionals and network of volunteers who respond to emergencies on the water.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER (Executive Director, National Search and Rescue Secretariat): SARSCENE is put on once a year, and it is... the purpose is to bring people together. What we've done is put together a series of presentations by noted authorities in Canada, for people that have been involved to a large extent in the activity they're describing. And they put on these presentations to make others aware and raise the level of knowledge of search and rescue activities and operations.

The purpose of it is to bring everybody together from the various jurisdictions and types of search and rescue to make them familiar with what each other does, and how they could work together to make it a better operation, more effective search and rescue in Canada.

RANKINE: Part of every SARSCENE involves demonstrations, both of equipment and rescue crew procedures, and for this year the stage was the St. Lawrence River.

SLAUGHTER: The organization Sauvetage Canada Rescue is the partner to the National Search and Rescue Secretariat, and it was their idea to have this marine event with a sponsoring organization, all of these activities that you see today. I just wish we had a St. Lawrence River in every location we put on SARSCENE.

RANKINE: You know that expression, never volunteer for anything? Well, you know, when it comes to Search and Rescue forces a lot of the people are volunteers, so I figured, what the heck, I might as well get into the spirit. (Laughs)

You know, the last time someone dressed me was my mother. And I wore the same kind of clothes.

Well, I learned a couple of things today. I learned that survival suits will certainly save lives, even if you can't get them off yourself. And with the right equipment and with the right personnel out there, if you find yourself in trouble, certainly Search and Rescue forces in Canada and the United States are second to none in making sure that those of us that get in trouble get home safely.

In addition to the learning experience, the camaraderie and the demonstrations, there's some fun and games a well.

SLAUGHTER: Tomorrow will be a particularly good day of activity because it'll be a competition amongst the Coast Guard Auxiliary, that's the volunteer organization in the Coast Guard, and it not only will be a competition between Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary members, but it will also include the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

EVERETTE TUCKER JR. (National Commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary): This is my third SARSCENE. Harry Strong, the Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and I have become great friends. This is really just bringing it to many of our members. This is the first time we've brought the regular members up to SARSCENE and already I'm seeing that Canadian members and our members going arm in arm, and I know we'll have a great time.

As you know, about a year and a half ago we signed a memorandum of partnership up in Ottawa to let the two organizations work together as the two Coast Guards have done for very many years.

HARRY STRONG (Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary): The Americans, when they decided that they were going to get involved, we decided we would have some fun. This is basically fun. So we told these guys that all the instructions would be in French. So now we have people from the States, and you know the dialects that they have down there. You talk to a guy from Montana, eh? Well, I'm from Newfoundland, but I'm an official interpreter for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. I interpret the Newfoundland language into American. And we have... we're having fun with this.

One of the other things that we told them, they would all have to be tested for banned substances. So it's a fun thing, basically.