



Wanna work with Search and Rescue?

Would you mind being in life and death situations on a daily basis? Would you like to patrol bays in high-speed boats? Would you like to save lives by transferring people from sinking ships to search and rescue (SAR) vessels? Then, we may have a job for you!

What do they do?

The CCG is responsible for a number of SAR tasks, including the detection of maritime incidents. The CCG coordinates, controls, and conducts SAR operations in the maritime areas of Canada. The CCG provides maritime resources to help with aeronautical SAR operations as necessary, and provides SAR resources to assist in humanitarian and civil incidents within provinces, territories and municipalities when necessary.

The CCG also co-ordinates, controls and conducts SAR prevention programs to reduce the number and severity of maritime SAR incidents.

How can I begin a career in SAR?

The SAR program is just one element of the CCG commitment to maritime safety. Every crew member aboard a CCG vessel can be asked to serve on any vessel in our fleet, from icebreaker to survey vessel. The SAR Program is a demanding and popular one among employees. Employees posted on SAR vessels are normally selected from experienced personnel, who receive additional training in advanced first aid and rescue techniques to become rescue specialists.

Openings for jobs with the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) are advertised through the Public Service Commission (PSC) website at www.jobs.gc.ca.

Individuals interested in the Officer Cadet Training Program (OCTP) offered at the Canadian Coast Guard College should visit the College website for more information at www.cgc.gc.ca.

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Peter Fontaine, Acting Supervisor, Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) Programs



Peter Fontaine has been working as a SAR rescue specialist for more than 10 years. For Peter, the best part of his job is working with the over 1000 volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) in Newfoundland and Labrador. Peter also works as the supervisor of the SAR Training Section, where he and his staff are responsible for the delivery of a regional SAR Skills training program.

For Peter, working with search and rescue is always interesting and each day brings with it a new or unique experience. While his current job is primarily in an office on shore, there have been days when one minute he is in the office working at his computer and the next minute he is in a fast rescue craft (FRC) with co-workers responding to a search and rescue mission.

"I work with some of the best people in the SAR business. The extent to which we rely on each other on a SAR tasking, a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat course (RHIB), or perhaps a training exercise, is a reflection of the overall dedication of the individuals who have taken on these roles with a passion," he says.

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