

# SAR News

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**What is SAR News?** SAR News is a new online newsletter, distributed monthly, as a supplement to SARSCENE Magazine, which is now published twice annually in the Spring and Fall. The SAR News newsletter will contain news items of national interest to the SAR community as well as a list of upcoming events. Back issues of SAR News and expanded news items will be available on the National Search and Rescue Secretariat Web site at [www.nss-snrs.gc.ca](http://www.nss-snrs.gc.ca).

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## News

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- Parks Canada Agency celebrated its Centennial with a launch event at Rogers Centre in Toronto, Ontario on May 21st. The launch event co-hosted by the Toronto Blue Jays included day long activities at Roger Centre and the CN Tower sharing the "The Parks Canada Experience", a baseball game and an overnight sleep over on the baseball field.
- Members of the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada (SARVAC) from across Canada joined forces with the Parks Canada Agency in promoting AdventureSmart during Parks Canada's nationwide "Learn to Camp" experience which took place on June 18th, in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal, Québec and Halifax.
- The SAR community mourns the loss of one of their own. Sheilah Sweatman, 29, a member of Nelson Search and Rescue in British Columbia was killed while trying to recover a vehicle submerged in a river south of Creston, BC. A memorial services was held on July 23rd in Nelson BC which brought together members of the SAR community from all across Canada and the United States.
- During [Operation NANOOK 11](#) in Resolute Bay Nunavut, the Department of National Defence's "whole-of-government" major air disaster (MAJAID) exercise turned into a real "No Duff" operation when First Air's flight 6560, a Boeing 737-210C crashed while on approach into Resolute Bay airport. Due to the quick response of the Canadian Forces and the local community who were nearby, 3 of the 15 persons that were on the aircraft who survived the crash were quickly recovered, receiving prompt medical attention. As a result, the MAJAID exercise was cancelled.

## Upcoming Events

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- ❖ **Canadian Safe Boating Council Symposium:** September 22-24th, St. John's Newfoundland  
For more information about the Symposium and to register go to: [www.csbc.ca](http://www.csbc.ca).
  - All day Cold Water Immersion Workshop for First Responders with Dr. Gordon Giesbrecht aka Professor Popsicle, Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. To register visit the CSBC Web site [www.csbc.ca](http://www.csbc.ca). Register early as space is limited.
- ❖ **SARscene 2011:** October 29-31, Winnipeg Manitoba  
For details about the conference and to register, visit the SARscene Web site at [www.sarscene.ca](http://www.sarscene.ca) .  
Register early as space is limited and there will be no on-site registration.

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❖ **Canadian Safe Boating Awards (CASBAs): January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012** (6:00 pm) at the Toronto Sheraton Centre, Toronto Ontario

The Canadian Safe Boating Council's (CSBC) CASBAs are like the People's Choice Awards of safe boating. They are an annual awards ceremony and dinner that takes place each January to recognize the efforts of volunteers, professionals, agencies and organizations who have distinguished themselves in the fields of boating safety and environmental stewardship.

Have you or your organization been involved in a rescue that deserves special attention or one from which others can learn. Or perhaps you or your company has developed a product that enhances boating safety. If you know or hear of some deserving individual or organization in your area, **submit a nomination to the CSBC by the November 4th deadline.**

For more information about the CASBAs:

<http://www.csbc.ca/index.php/en/events/casbas/casba-overview>.

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