

CSAR-2006 Conference

The 3rd
 Caribbean Volunteer Maritime Search and Rescue Conference
 8-10 June 2006
 Miami, Florida
Doubletree Grand Hotel Biscayne Bay

Conference Assessment

	General	CSAR 2006	SMEE 2005	CSAR 2004	CSAR 2002
1	The conference met my expectations.	91%	90%	94%	93%
2	I will be able to apply the information provided.	90%	88%	84%	83%
3	My attitude toward using volunteers is now more favorable.	92%	79%	83%	93%
4	The opportunity to talk to the other attendees was very beneficial.	93%	99%	96%	94%
5	The time (3 days) allotted for the conference was adequate.	87%	92%	69%	89%
6	A Volunteer SAR Conference should be held every 12-18 month.	94%	100%	96%	97%
	Presentations				
7	The general session presentations were interesting and useful	89%	N/A	95%	90%
8	The use of multiple sessions enhanced the conference.	89%	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	Breakout sessions are more productive than general sessions.	83%	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Adequate time was provided for attendee questions	84%	95%	76%	93%
11	The information provided will help me do my job better	92%	94%	93%	85%
	Support & Activities				
12	The conference site (Miami) and the hotel were excellent.	90%	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	CG Auxiliary members provided my transportation to the hotel.	85%	N/A	N/A	N/A
14	Conference social activities met my expectations.	85%	76%	N/A	N/A
15	Adequate time was allowed for breaks and meals.	94%	96%	85%	93%

16. Which of the workshop presentations or topics were the most useful to you?

Introduction to SAR planning (15)
Tabletop SAR exercise (14)
Leadership and Management of volunteer organization (9)
Training of SAR Crew and Coxswain (6)
Creating Caribbean boating safety program & public outreach (6)
Local control of SAR Operations (3)
MRCC Control & Coordination of SAR Operations (3)
SAR Record keeping (2)
All (2)
Assessing the needs for SAR capabilities in a country (1)
Resources available via electronic tools (1)
The first 2 days (1).
Panel discussions (1)

17. Which of the workshop presentations or topics did you find least useful?

On the water demonstration (3)
Leadership and management of volunteers (2)
Interacting with media (2)
Training of SAR Crew and Coxswain (2)
Establishing & Marketing and Outreach program (1)
Enhancing maritime security (1)
SAR theoretical practices (1)
Creating a boating safety program (1)
Public outreach (1)
Vessel and commercial fishing vessel safety check programs (1)

18. If we had another conference, what month of the year would you prefer?

Not in any particular order

JUN (25)
MAY (6)
JUL (3)
MAR (3)
NOV (3)
DEC (1)
FEB (1)
ANYTIME (3)
JAN, APR, AUG, SEP, OCT – Not preferred

19. What topics would be most beneficial to you in case of a future conference?

Not in any particular order.

- SAR Planning – lessons learned (7)
- SAR Drills & Training (6)
- Software tools for SAR operations (5)
- MRCC Interface & Control (3)
- Local control of SAR ops and risk management (4)
- Dealing with Problems & Problem Volunteers (4)
- Equipment used in SAR (2)
- Management (2)
- Resources (2)
- Establishing the best possible lifeboat (putting together experience) (1)
- How to organize SAR (1)
- New tools available for SAR – where available – how to use (1)
- Round table open discussion between all SAR players to get different ideas to better our own operations (1)
- Workshop on IAMSAR Manual (1)
- Setting search patterns (1)
- ICS Training (or overview) (1)
- Training of volunteers (1)
- Contribution of needed help between islands (1)
- How the USCG Aux manages to separate tasks from the USCG (1)
- Management of Volunteers (1)
- Designation of volunteer duties (1)
- How to start & support volunteer organizations (1)
- How to create more networking opportunities (1)

20. If you have no existing Volunteer SAR Organization, would you be interested in establishing one?

Not in any particular order.

- Yes (2) Panama
- Yes (2) St. Kitts
- Yes (3) St. Lucia
- Yes (2) St. Vincent & Grenadines
- Yes (2) Aruba
- Yes (2) Jamaica
- Yes (2) Belize
- Yes (2) Barbados
- Yes (1) Trinidad & Tobago
- N/A (8)

21. How Can the USCG Auxiliary possibly assist you?

Not in any particular order.

Provide Auxiliary courses and data information (Panama)
Training and publications (St. Kitts)
Seamanship training, technical packages, funding (St. Lucia)
Invite us to attended scheduled USCG Auxiliary training sessions. Allow 2-3
Caribbean participants to attend at own cost if necessary.
Training
Assets Support
Leadership and Management
Financially & Vessels
Give us guidelines on how to attract to the program
Personnel to assist with setting up the organization.
By imparting some of the knowledge and experience

22. OTHER COMMENTS

Not in any particular order.

It was Great and Thank you so much for helping us.
Need more qualified conference staff/assistants.
I found the conference to be very informative and useful for me.
Anticipating giving presentation at next CSAR Conference and full establishment
of St. Lucia Auxiliary (Christopher Alexander).
Great Conference!
Very good Conference; keep up the good job. Thanks!
Time should be allowed for sightseeing.
Meals should be provided with juice rather than water.
Allow for meal displacement
Sincere thanks to the organizing team. I dearly know just how much effort this
takes.

23. CSAR Committee Comments

Last day session and closing remarks should be with tables, so that attendees can make
notes and fill in Assessment Form.

Most attendees had filled in the Conference Assessment Form in Miami. Many
comments were identical or similar and we avoided duplications where possible.

Thank you very much for your active participation and support of CSAR-2006.
A complete contact directory of all attendees will be send to you shortly.

Because of the many thoughts, ideas and suggestions expressed at CSAR-2006 we are pleased to inform that a dedicated website is at your service.

WWW.CSAR2020.COM - Caribbean SAR Association

Respectfully submitted,

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