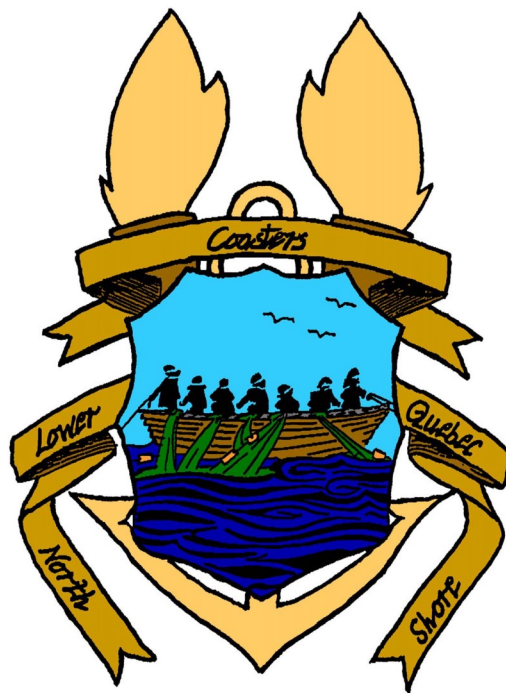


# *History of the Coasters Association*



**1988-2007**

Cornella Maurice  
Executive Director



It was in September of 1988 in St. Augustine that Denis Murray, Medrick Maurice, Bill Flock, Randy Jones, Emmerance Murray and myself (Cornella Maurice) first started talking about all the things that could be done if we just united the coast to form an organized group, similar to CASA in the Gaspé. Thus the founding committee was established:

**Founding Members:**

Denis Murray	President
Bill Flock	Vice-President
Medrick Maurice	Member
Randy Jones	Member
Emmerance Murray	Member
Cornella Maurice	Member



Well it was done – in May of 1989 and again in May of 1990 – a group of concerned citizens, from all walks of life, from every community on the Lower North Shore (Kegaska to Blanc Sablon), gathered in St. Augustine to take those tentative steps. These two events were funded by the Secretary of State (now called Canadian Heritage).



← Secretary of State

↙ Canadian Heritage  
Founding Meeting, La Tabatiere

In September of 1990, the Coasters Association was approved to receive program funding (operational funds) from Canadian Heritage, and I was hired as the Coordinator and later became Executive Director. In February of 1991, the Coasters Association held its founding meeting in La Tabatiere, and a coastal Board of Directors was elected.



**September, 1988:**

Founding Committee established

**May 1989, St. Augustine:**

Coasters Association was formed  
Steering Committee established

**September 1990, St. Augustine:**

Set up office  
Hired a Coordinator



**February 1991, La Tabatiere:**

Coasters Association Inc. was founded  
Board of Directors established  
Coasters Association was incorporated



I served with eight (8) Presidents (**Denis Murray, Medrick Maurice, Joan Mckinnon, Barry Roberts, Wilson Evans, Scott Buckle, Tony Roberts and Anthony Dumas**), and was very privileged to have worked with all of them. We have had some wonderful moments and lasting memories.

When I think back about the number of people over eighteen (18) years who have given their time and talents to bring us to where we are today, I realize how lucky we have been. We had trials and we had times when we even wondered - are we going to survive?, but we did. I am proud to say we have come a long way since those first steps. We have proven time and again that by working together, we can make things happen.

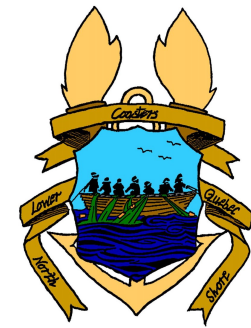
**Our Slogan “United for a Better Future”, was invented by Randy Jones**





The Board of Directors and Staff are very proud of all that we have achieved. It is impossible to describe everything that we have done. There is way too much, but I ask that you take the time to read the annual report, the staff reports, take a copy of our “Promotional Folder” and our “Strategic Plan”, and learn more about our organization and our accomplishments, through these eighteen (18) years of service to the fifteen (15) communities of the Lower North Shore of Quebec.

It is hard to believe the progress we have made in such a short time, but it is due in part to your volunteer services. We are, once again, looking to you for guidance in our future undertakings. We appreciate all the help and support you may have to offer, and we thank you ALL.



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**Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2009)**  
**will be celebrated in La Tabatiere**  
**The community in which Coasters Association was founded** ☆