

the cargo off the beach. The S-61 averaged one ton per sling, before bulking out with the nets, shortening the removal time considerably. If the product had been removed by high-line and ship, it would have taken a minimum of two to three days; in addition, Sperm Bay is uncharted.

The voyage to Victoria took 46 hours. Radio silence was maintained to protect

the \$80 million (street value) cargo.

On arrival at Victoria Coast Guard Base, we were met by Search and Rescue regional manager Peter Golden, SAR operations' Cecil Remple, Captain M. Montgomery, and a team of RCMP officers to count and remove the cargo. The marijuana filled one and a half 40 ft. semi trailers, and took three hours to off-load. ■



Crew of CCGS *George E. Darby* shown standing on their 28-ton drug seizure.

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