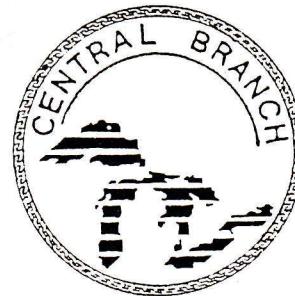


The Canadian Hydrographic Association
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NEWSLETTER

*** November/December 1990 ***

Best wishes to all our members and friends for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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Central Branch Committees

Lighthouse

Keith Weaver, Terese Herron, Sean Hinds.

Membership/Nominations

Ken McMillan, Keith Weaver, Jim Berry,
Terese Herron.

Bonspiel

Boyd Thorson, Brian Power, Geof Thompson.

International Members

Sam Weller, Larry Robbins, Sean Hinds.

Social Events

Jim Berry, Ken McMillan, Darren Keyes,
Sean Hinds.

Newsletter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Terese Herron,
Brian Power, Keith Weaver, Sean Hinds,
Brent Beale, Larry Robbins.

Publicity

Brent Beale, Boyd Thorson, Jim Berry, Ken
McMillan, Sam Weller.

Seminar

Keith Weaver, Brian Power, Brent Beale,
Sean Hinds.

Wade Essay Award

Boyd Thorson, Sam Weller, Sean Hinds,
Terese Herron.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

While writing this in the latter part of December it gives me some satisfaction to see one year of office come to an end. It has been a learning time for me and also a growing one. Learning first the reward that comes with some success, albeit small by some standards, and second the frustration that accompanies, by nature, this success.

The growing of an affinity with an organization such as ours is not a surprising thing. The uniqueness of a science such as hydrography dictates that the family of participants be small but tight (and I don't mean the state which follows copious quantities of your favourite brew). We must give thanks to members such as Sam Weller, Cmdr. Larry Robbins and Jim Berry who put forth efforts to keep us informed of our fellow Branch members.

Things that earmark 1990 are the 1st Annual Fishing Trip (will there be a 2nd??); an excellent repertoire of seminars from Electronic Chart to LapTop Processing; and most recently an outstanding Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

It is my hope that I may personally build on the experiences of 1990 and that we may pull together to make 1991 another good year. Highlights to watch for in the coming year are the 20th Annual H2O Bonspiel on February 17 and the CHA AGM in Rimouski mid-April.

- Sean Hinds.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 19:00 on Tuesday 5 February hosted by Keith Weaver at his home: 2668 Cavendish Drive, Burlington (just off Brant Street, first left south of Highway 5).

This meeting will receive committee reports and the proposed 1991 budget. We will also have a guest speaker with a subject of general interest. After the business part of the meeting there will be our traditional and much-envied social time with beer and pizza.

News of our Members:

Luis Leal de Faria was born and educated in Lisbon, Portugal. He joined the Portuguese Navy after completing high school and served two years as midshipman at the Lisbon Naval Academy, graduating in 1976. After service on various vessels he obtained his MSc in Oceanography and Hydrography at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, and after further service graduated as Hydrographic Engineer.

Since 1987 he has been head of the Survey Division at the Hydrographic Institute in Lisbon with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His hobbies include sailing, tennis and sports in general.

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 21 November 1990

Balance forward 30 September 1990: \$ 4,353.50

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 90.00
Bank Interest	55.45
NewsLetter advertising	50.00
Seminar donation (A. Rogers)	20.00
	\$ 215.45
	\$ 4,568.95

Expenditures

Postage	125.25
* Postage (CHA National)	27.30
Seminar	11.70
Stationery	5.24
Bank Service Charges	1.00
Business Meeting Dinner	14.03
	\$ 184.52

Balance 21 November 1990: \$ 4,384.43

* To be deducted from National Dues.

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[Note: To assist the Editorial team, some Lighthouse income and expenditures (reported below) are handled by the Central Branch treasurer. The balance is held available and is passed to Lighthouse on request.]

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 30 September 1990: \$ 3,426.62

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 327.60	\$ 327.60
		\$ 3,754.22

Expenditures

nil

Balance 21 November 1990: \$ 3,754.22

**The Vice-President and
Executive of Central Branch
extend their Best Wishes to
all Branch and International
Members of CHA for a happy,
peaceful and prosperous
New Year.**

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 30 November 1990

1) Sean Hinds called the meeting to order at 18:40 and welcomed everyone.

Attendees:

S. Hinds	- V-P	
K. McMillan	- A/Secretary	
J. Berry	J. Biggar	D. Caswell
J. Delle Fave	B. Denney	K. Dexel
R. Dreyer	S. Drummond	G. Fenn
J. Halsall	T. Herron	D. Keyes
A. Koudys	A. Leyzack	J. Medendorp
B. Morgan	I. Morgan	R. Padmore
B. Power	D. Pugh	B. Richards
K. Richmond	A. Rogers	B. Thorson
D. Watson	K. Weaver	B. Weller
S. Weller	A. Yip.	

2) MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting (5 October 1990) were circulated in the NewsLetter and copied into the evening 'agenda folder'.

MOVED: S. Weller/T. Herron CARRIED

3) TREASURER'S REPORT: In Brent Beale's absence, Sean Hinds presented the treasurer's report.

MOVED: J. Berry/B. Thorson CARRIED

4) NOMINATIONS: Sean introduced the new Central Branch executive who were all accepted by acclamation:

Sean Hinds (CHS) - VP;

Terese Herron (CHS) - Sec/Treas;

Jim Berry (MTRCA), John Dixon (CHS), Al Koudys (CHS), Ken McMillan (McQuest Marine), Brian Power (CHS), Keith Weaver (CHS) and Sam Weller (CHS) are Central Branch executive members for the year 1991.

5) MEMBERSHIP: Keith Weaver reported that our Branch membership stands at a total of 74 being made up of 35 Out-House and 39 In-House members. A warm welcome was extended to new members; Ron Dreyer of R. Dreyer and Associates Inc. and David Flavin of Clarke Matthews Ltd. Welcomed to the International membership were George Sellers of ARCO Oil & Gas, Texas; Wayne Ross of Ross Laboratories, Washington; Sunil Kumar of Fiji and Stelios Mertikas of Greece.

6) WADE ESSAY AWARD: Boyd Thorson reported that there was a disappointing nil response from the 1989 campaign to generate interest from universities and colleges in the Branch jurisdiction. Boyd expressed the Branch Executive's desire to forge ahead one more year before considering a change to our approach for this award. Anyone with ideas for promoting this cause were asked to contact the executive.

7) SEMINAR: Brian Power announced the format for seminars would be the same this year as in the past with a blend of noon hour and evening seminars. Next seminar will be on January 23 with Henk Don, Head of Diving Operations Section of Technical Operations at CCIW, giving a noon hour talk on the Jason Project (HMS Hamilton & Scourge) that took place in summer 1990.

8) BONSPIEL: Boyd Thorson announced the date of the 20th Annual H2O Bonspiel as February 17. He expressed a hope that more CHA members would get involved. There is also a need for an organizer and anyone willing to lend a hand please get in touch with the Executive.

9) LIGHTHOUSE: Bruce Richards reported the Fall '90 issue was going to press next week and would be delivered to our members and subscribers in early December. Bruce took the opportunity to list and thank all those that help with Lighthouse. He has a few articles in-hand for the next issue but more are always needed.

10) NEW BUSINESS: Ken McMillan introduced Ian Morgan, saying they first met at Underwater Canada and again at CCIW. Ian, presently employed by ROMOR Equipment of Mississauga, then presented a proposal that CHA support and promote the construction of a replica of the small open vessel that first surveyed the waters of Lake Ontario in 1783 (see insert for details of the proposal).

Motion: "that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to investigate the possibility of Central Branch pursuing the said project."

MOVED: J. Berry/K. McMillan

There was some discussion, Ian Morgan fielding several questions and outlining his experience with such projects.

The Motion was then voted on and CARRIED. A request was put forth for people to serve on this committee and interested people are asked to contact any member of the Executive.

11) At this point the National President, Dave Pugh, stood forward and offered to take this proposal before the Ottawa Branch Executive to solicit further support.

12) Sean recognized and applauded the efforts of Jim Berry, Chairman of the AGM Organizing Committee. Sean also expressed his gratitude for the energies put forth by the outgoing Executive and thanked all those in attendance for making this AGM a success.

13) The business meeting adjourned at 19:40.

MOVED: B. Thorson/K. Weaver CARRIED

We then enjoyed a fine buffet dinner, followed by a talk given by Brian Denney P.Eng, Manager of the Engineering and Development Section of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, on the history and activities of the MRTCA. The talk was illustrated with slides and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, not least because the fine facilities of the Mimico Cruising Club (the venue of this AGM and Dinner) were a fruit of MRTCA activities.

As a token of our appreciation for his talk Brian Denney was presented with a copy of the book "Chartmakers", suitably inscribed for the occasion by Hermo Nepomuceno, our Branch Calligrapher.

From our International Correspondent

I had the pleasure of calling upon Rear Admiral J.A.L. Myers, the Hydrographer of the (Royal) Navy, recently. This was not due to a summons to explain his branch's loss at cricket (NewsLetter Aug/Oct 90) but to make base with him following his appointment in February of this year. The RN surveying service is alive and well, but having to adapt to the modern world - as we all are.

Pursuing a loose invitation extended by the Admiral I visited the UKHO, Taunton, in October. High on the list of things to do was a visit to the archives. The thrill of seeing and (carefully!) touching some of Captain Cook's original charts - including the first one of New Zealand - is almost indescribable! Conservation techniques are quite well developed and I just hope they can get the saliva stains off the charts after I had drooled all over them!

The RN Hydrographic Office seems quite entrepreneurial these days: their latest offering is a full colour calendar with cartoons on the theme "So that's what it means!" (where it = chart symbols). Surely a snip at £4.95.

The Five-Nations Conference has just ended in Australia. This is a regular conference attended by the leaders of the government land and hydrographic survey organizations of Canada, Australia, USA, New Zealand and Britain. By all accounts it went well, and discussions were lively.

Preparations for HYDRO '90 (December 18-20, 1990 at Southampton UK) went well and all exhibitors' space is booked. Some 40 companies at last count are exhibiting - amongst them Racal whose 3 CHA members will show off the new automated "System 960" (purchased by RNZN as "HADLAPS") for the first time in public. I expect to be at the exhibition, and I hope CHA members there will make themselves known to me and say Hi to the guys on the stand (John Pointon, Paul Day, Andrew Redwood).

Congratulations are (rather belatedly) in order to Jack Wallace on his appointment as Deputy Chief of the Hydrographic Surveys Branch, National Ocean Service (USA). Jack tells me he is enjoying the job and slowly coming to grips with the "administrivia" involved.

I hear CHS has purchased the Swath vessel "Frederick G. Creed" following the successful charter reported in my last column. Swath-Ocean, designers of the "Creed", have recently produced a number of specialised designs including a research vessel with ROV handling facilities and a pilot-boat design. I shall continue to follow reports of these vessels' performance with avid interest.

It is good to see International membership of CHA growing (though sad to read we misplaced some previous International members). For the new people (and for the benefit of existing members who haven't yet sent me their news) my address for any items of interest is: 12b Bedford Towers, Brighton, BN1 2JG, UK. I can also be reached through Sam Weller at the Central Branch address.

- Larry Robbins [Commander, RNZN].

***** SPECIAL EVENT!!! *****

Central Branch presents the 20th Annual H2O Bonspiel at Grimsby Curling Club on Sunday 17 February 1991.

This is a fun bonspiel and even first-time curlers will enjoy it! Your \$26 entry fee includes the curling, a fine home-cooked meal and (thanks to our generous sponsors) we expect there will be prizes for everyone. Previous 'Spiels have been lots of fun and this one will be better than ever. Last year we had a sell-out (66 people signed up for the 64 spots so Geof and Boyd made the cheer section) so mark the date on your calendar.

If you or your firm could be a sponsor please give Boyd a call at (416) 336-4842. Sponsors are welcome to enter their own teams, so line them up and get your entries in.

Luncheon Seminar

Central Branch hosts a Brown Bag [Bring your own] Luncheon Seminar at noon on Wednesday 23 January 1991 in the Seminar Room, Canada Centre for Inland Waters, Burlington.

Our speaker will be Henk Don, Head of Diving Operations, Technical Operations Division and his subject is the "Jason Project" and the role CCIW played. Henk was Project Manager when the submersible robot "Jason" photographed and videoed the 1812 vessels Hamilton and Scourge in Lake Ontario this past summer.

Henk will present a 20 minute video showing these two sunken ships and will give some background on the support logistics involved in this survey.

Cons give up Christmas meal

KINGSTON, Ont. — There won't be any Christmas dinner for the 750 inmates at the Millhaven and Bath prisons, but not because Santa thinks they've been bad.

The inmates have donated their 35 turkeys plus potatoes and frozen vegetables to needy families. The prisons' Christmas menu now lists hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries.

"Everybody realizes how tight things are out there," said inmate spokesman Rick Foster, a Toronto native serving a life term for murder.

From Canadian Press

- Burlington Spectator, 22 December 1990.