

The Canadian Hydrographic Association  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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## Central Branch Committees

### Social Events

BBQ: Andrew Leyzack, Jennifer Campbell.  
AGM: Sean Hinds, Jim Berry, Terese Herron.  
H2O: Brian Power, Terese Herron.

### Conference Workshop

Terese Herron, Brian Power, Keith Weaver.

### Lighthouse

Terese Herron, Sean Hinds, Jennifer Campbell,  
Sam Weller.

### Conference Registration

Keith Weaver, Terese Herron.

### Wade Essay Award

Keith Weaver, Terese Herron, Sean Hinds.

### International Members

Sean Hinds, Sam Weller, Larry Robbins.

### Seminar

Brian Power, Andrew Leyzack, Ken McMillan.

### NewsLetter

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

### Heritage Launch

Sean Hinds, Jim Berry, Andrew Leyzack,  
Ken McMillan, Brian Power.

### Membership/Nominations/Elections

Keith Weaver, Terese Herron, Brian Power,  
Ken McMillan.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The National AGM teleconference was an efficient bit of business. It was held on December 16, at 3 pm EST. Minutes will be circulated.

The Central Branch AGM was a success even though a predicted snowfall of 20 centimetres spelled potential for a low turnout. However, we were blessed by a break in the skies and 31 people enjoyed an evening with Guenter Bellach recounting his single-handed experiences crossing the Pacific. I thank the Out-house crew of Ken McMillan and Jim Berry for organizing this event, plus Terese, Brian and Keith who helped with everything from administration to some lovely Christmas baked goods.

One highlight of the AGM is to announce the new Branch Executive, and their names can be found in the minutes. I would like to formally welcome this new executive and extend my hopes that 1993 is as rewarding as 1992. I should add that I am honoured and pleased to accept a fourth term, and hope that I live up to the task.

Before moving on I shall add a few words about the 1992 Branch Executive who by virtue of their 100% survival rate should be awarded a badge of merit. There were a number of 'firsts' for our Branch in '92 and I applaud Terese, Jim, Jennifer, Andrew, Brian, Keith and Sam for the heart that went into the job. I tip my hat to Keith Weaver who did not stand for re-election and will take a much deserved break from the executive, though we all know Keith will not be able to stay away for long.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

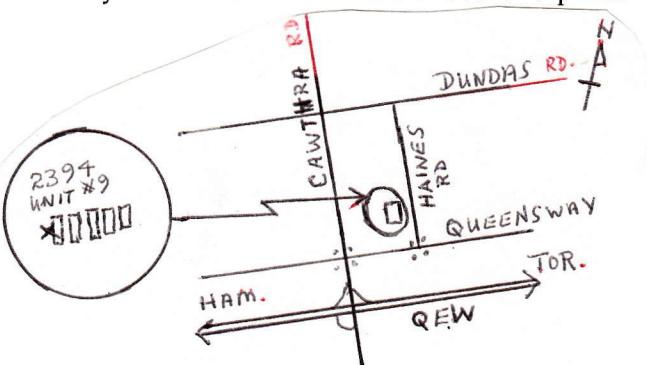
— Sean Hinds.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 19:00 on Thursday January 28 1992, at the new "home" of our Heritage Launch in Mississauga: 2394 Haines Road, Unit 9, an industrial complex just north of Queensway. This will give our members an opportunity to see the launch and talk with the builders.

Our guest speaker is John Summers, assistant curator of the Marine Museum of Upper Canada at Toronto. He'll talk about the early history of Toronto Harbour, followed by our usual social time with beer and pizza.



Central Branch

Treasurer's Report to 10 December 1992

Balance forward 4 November 1992:	\$ 2,380.79
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Receipts

CHA Shirts	\$ 405.00
	\$ 405.00
	\$ 2,785.79

Expenditures

NewsLetter paper	\$ 103.50
	\$ 103.50
Balance 10 December 1992:	\$ 2,682.29

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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 4 November 1992:	\$ (28.91)
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Receipts

1993 Subscriptions	\$ 355.00
	\$ 355.00
	\$ 326.09

Expenditures

Nil	-
Balance 10 December 1992:	\$ 326.09

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The audited Financial Statement  
for the year ending December 31, 1992,  
will be published in the next NewsLetter.

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**On behalf of the Central Branch  
Executive, we wish our  
Members, far and near, a safe,  
healthy, happy, and prosperous  
New Year.**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 10 December 1992

1) Central Branch 1992 Annual General Meeting was held at Mimico Cruising Club, Etobicoke, with Ken McMillan the MC. Sean Hinds called the meeting to order at 18:30, welcomed everyone, and read a message from Dave Pugh, CHA National President.

Attendees:

S. Hinds	- V-P
T. Herron	- Sec.Treas.
G. Bellach	M. Bennett
E. Brown	C. Burbage
K. Campbell	N. Cowley
K. Dexel	H. Fuchs-Trapp
J. Halsall	L. Hinds
E. Macdonald	G. Macdonald
I. Morgan	D. Norgrove
B. Power	D. Pyatt
B. Trapp	K. Weaver
	J. Berry
	J. Campbell
	J. Delle Fave
	C. Gorski
	A. Koudys
	K. McMillan
	R. Padmore
	A. Rogers
	J. Weller

2) Sean presented Minutes of the previous meeting held 04 November 1992. These were circulated in the last newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved T. Herron/A. Koudys CARRIED

3) Terese presented the Treasurer's Report to date:

- Moved J. Weller/K. McMillan CARRIED

The issue was raised as to why the Lighthouse funds being held had a balance of less than zero. This was due to some expenses that arose after monies had been transferred to Lighthouse and will be covered by new subscription money.

4) Sean thanked the 1992 executive for their efforts in the various projects that had been undertaken over the year. Terese then announced the results of the election and welcomed the 1993 executive.

V-P:	Sean Hinds
Sec.Treasurer:	Terese Herron
Past V-P:	Sam Weller

Executive Members:

Jim Berry	Jennifer Campbell
Andrew Leyzack	Ken McMillan
Brian Power	Paola Travaglini

Terese wished the 1993 executive a successful year.

5) Sean then introduced the Committee reports as written, and a motion was made to accept them.

- Moved J. Berry/K. Weaver CARRIED

Committee Reports

Social Committee:

Annual General Meeting & Dinner: [Sean Hinds] The AGM component of the Social Committee is charged with the organization of the Central Branch AGM. As this is the one Branch meeting required by the CHA Constitution, efforts are made to make this event accessible to all In House & Out House members.

H2O Bonspiel:

[Brian Power]

The 1992 H2O Bonspiel was held at the Grimsby Curling Club on February 16. This year's winning rink was Michelle Clark (skip), Dave Ide (third), Ted Seager (second), and Andrew Leyzack (lead). The second place trophy was presented to the husband and wife teams of Sue & Rob Foster, and Cathy & Tim Davies. A total of 48 curlers showed up with many of them winning prizes provided by our 14 sponsors.

Summer Barbecue:

[Jennifer Campbell]

On Saturday, September 26, about 25 CHA members and their families turned out for the annual barbecue, despite the less than ideal weather. With a keg of beer on ice, great food on the grill, and a shelter over our heads (not to mention the good company and end-of-season hydrography tales), it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Our thanks go to Brian and Anna Power for hosting the event.

Conference Workshop Committee:

[Terese Herron]

The workshop planning is progressing well. A preliminary program has been made up and flyers will be out in the next issue of Lighthouse. Arrangements are being made through the Conference Committee.

Conference Registration Committee: [Keith Weaver]

A mailing list has been compiled consisting of CHA, CISM, AOLS, IHO and US Hydrographic Society members (as well as others). The "first mailing", an introductory package of information, has been distributed to about 5,000 people. About 50 responses have been received to-date by phone, mail, or fax from individuals who want to ensure that they will receive the Preliminary Registration Package.

A draft form and a draft of the preliminary package is complete and awaiting review. The computer hardware has been contributed by CHS, and the registration software will require minor modifications to adapt to the new registration form. The basic support staff has volunteered, but a number of others are still required to man the Registration Desk during the conference. An advertisement/bulletin to solicit help from our membership was placed in the last issue of the Central Branch NewsLetter and it is hoped that some response from Out-house members will be forthcoming.

Seminar Committee:

[Brian Power]

I would like to thank all who supported our Seminars in 1992, especially our members who make my job easier by providing places to host our meetings as well as suggesting topics and guest speakers.

Seven seminars were held, ranging from historical note to the technical side. This fall CHA members were invited to enjoy an evening seminar with the Company of Master Mariners in Toronto, and we hope to continue with joint seminars in the future. Our meetings are casual and we appreciate suggestions you may have.

Membership Committee: [Keith Weaver]  
This year we welcomed 6 new Central Branch members and 10 International members.

New Branch members are Dave Wilson, Niagara Conservation Authority; Craig Fisher, CHS; Chris Gorski, CHS; Michael Johnston, CHS; Michael Lloyd, CHS; Peter Wills, CHS. Joining the International ranks are Sahari Abdul Aziz, Malaysia; Don Kydd, NS; John Smart, NB; and Jeremy K. Tate, UK.

Thanks to the hard work of Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, who recruited Kenneth G. Burrows, Aus; Allan Dennison, Aus; Ronald Furness, Aus; Dennis A. Knox, NZ; Roland O'Neill, Aus; & Donald F. Wallace, Aus.

Membership to date: 74 Central Branch and 34 International. We also welcome our new sustaining member Simrad Mesotech Systems Ltd., and thank Atlas Elektronik, EG&G Marine Instruments, and Racal Positioning Systems Ltd. for their continuing support as sustaining members.

NewsLetter Committee: [Sam Weller]  
The Central Branch NewsLetter helps keep our International and Central Branch members informed between editions of our journal Lighthouse. The NewsLetter is also sent to our Sustaining Members and to the other Branches across Canada.

With this December issue, we have six newsletters this year, including a Special Edition for the Heritage Launch Project, and the larger Summer and Fall issues. Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, and Jim Berry write regular columns from the viewpoints of our International and Out-House members. Our warm thanks to them both, and to the Committee members who contribute special items as needed.

Wade Essay Award Committee: [Keith Weaver]  
The Wade Essay Award will not be presented this year. Letters were sent out to local Colleges and Universities in the spring, but there was little response. However, part of the objective of this award was achieved through other means.

A great deal of time was spent promoting the education of hydrography and cartography at Harbourfront during the summer CHA Heritage Launch Project. Even though we didn't get any response through our normal academic avenues, this project helped us reach a lot of people, from our youth to our elderly. Although we cannot issue the Gerry Wade Essay Award this year, we have reached and educated more people this year than ever before, and this project has given us an opportunity to broaden our horizons for next year. Still, I think Gerry would be proud of our efforts.

International Members Committee: [Sean Hinds]  
This committee helps to maintain contact with the International members of the CHA, and ensures they have an opportunity to voice opinions and take part in CHA activities. We encourage communication between

our far-flung members largely through the efforts of Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, an International Member in New Zealand. All International Members receive the Central Branch NewsLetter to keep them in touch between issues of our journal Lighthouse.

Lighthouse Committee: [Terese Herron]  
Edition 46 is well underway and will be going to press later this month. We are always glad to have contributions from members either of a general interest or technical nature.

Heritage Launch Committee: [Sean Hinds]  
The first phase of the CHA/CB Heritage Launch Project, which was our outdoor exhibit at Toronto's Harbourfront, was a success based on the compliments of many of the on-lookers over the summer months. The project was featured in the Real Estate News, and in the DFO newsletter "Pisces". We also received recognition in two boating magazines as well as a CBC Radio interview with Ian Morgan, our Heritage Consultant.

In October the Launch was moved from Harbourfront to a workshop in Mississauga where construction will be completed in coming months. In January it will be on display at the Toronto International Boatshow.

The Project is greatly supported by the surveying community including the Canadian Hydrographic Service; the Canadian Institute of Surveying & Mapping, Toronto Branch; the Survey and Mapping Conference; the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors; and the Hydrographic Society, US Branch.

Discussion: Why was the Wade Essay award not given this year? Answer: We had difficulty generating interest in the award and it was decided earlier in the year to use this money in the Heritage Launch Project to educate the public in hydrography & cartography. Earl Brown raised a question about the minutes of the CISM mid-year Council Meeting held 17-18 October 1992 which mention CHA Awards to Carleton University. Central Branch is not aware of these awards and wondered if it is a National or Ottawa Branch initiative? Sean will look into this.

6) Other Business: Heritage Launch Shirts and CHA Shirts are still available, as are CHA lapel pins.

7) A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting.  
- Moved K. Weaver/T. Herron CARRIED  
The business part of the meeting adjourned at 19:15.

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We then enjoyed a fine dinner, followed by a progress report from Ian Morgan on the Heritage Launch.

Mike Filey, our guest speaker, was unable to be with us due to the bad weather. This gave more time for an interesting talk by Guenter Bellach on his recent single-handed sail across the Pacific. Guenter is about to return to those warmer climes, so we were glad of this opportunity to hear something of his adventures.