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Please note: on 4 October 1993 our area code [except for Toronto districts] changed from (416) to (905)

Central Branch Committees

Conference Workshop

Terese Herron, Rick Sandilands.

International Members

Sean Hinds, Larry Robbins, Sam Weller.

Conference Registration

Keith Weaver, J. Campbell, T. Herron, Bob Langford.

Seminar

Brian Power, Ken McMillan, Paola Travaglini.

Lighthouse

Terese Herron, Jennifer Campbell, Andrew Leyzack,
Paola Travaglini, Sam Weller.

NewsLetter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Brian Power,
Larry Robbins.

Wade Essay Award

Andrew Leyzack, Sean Hinds.

Heritage Launch

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

Social Events

BBQ: J. Campbell, A. Leyzack, P. Travaglini.

AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack, K. McMillan, B. Power.

H2O: Earl Brown, Rick Sandilands, Brad Tinney.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

Terese Herron, Jim Berry, Jennifer Campbell,
Paola Travaglini.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

'Relief' - not quite; 'Regret' - maybe a little; 'Anticipation' - for what lies ahead; Encouragement; Hope; Nostalgia; all are applicable words to describe my thoughts as I near the end of a four year stint as VP of Central Branch. I sincerely thank the 1993 Branch Executive for their efforts over a very exhausting year that included the Survey and Mapping Conference and the Heritage Launch events as well as seven NewsLetters, the H2O Bonspiel, the CHA BBQ, the AGM, and 6 enjoyable evening meetings.

There has been a large turn over of executive with this past election and I see this as a good change for the Branch. I do wish Terese and the 1994 Branch Executive well, as they take the helm to guide our Branch through another year with renewed energy generated by new faces.

A flyer is included in this mailing to solicit members for new ideas and new approaches. Please attach any comments and they will be put to good use.

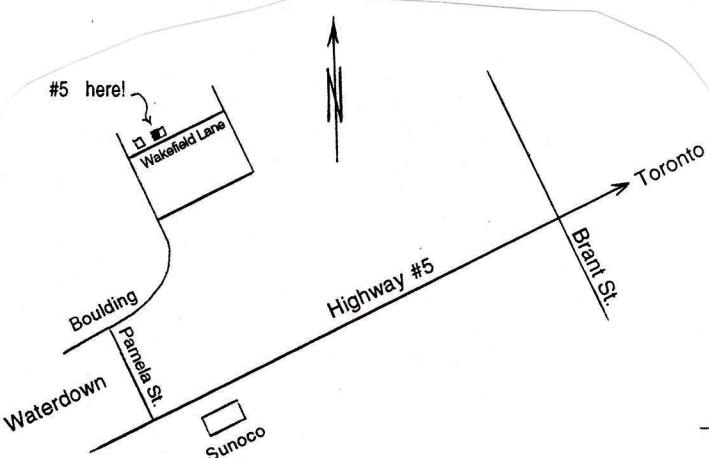
Thank you for your support over the past four years.
All the best for '94.

— Sean Hinds.

Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday 18 January we are invited to join The Company of Master Mariners of Canada in the Wardroom of HMCS York, Toronto. A social time with sandwiches beer/soft drinks begins at 17:00, the meeting at 18:00. The speaker will be Sean Hinds with a slide presentation showing the construction and adventures of our Heritage Launch.

Wednesday 19 January will be a general meeting of Central Branch. Time: 19:00. Location: 5 Wakefield Lane, Waterdown [The Herron Residence]. Business will include a proposed 1994 budget. Our speaker will be Lorne Joyce, giving us a glance at the variety of vessels that sailed Lake Ontario in the past, illustrated by slides of old photos. The meeting will include our usual social time with beer and pizza. Come and meet your new Branch Executive!



Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 28 September 1993

Balance forward 28 September 1993: \$ 1,619.98

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 30.00
Workshop	2,479.75
	\$ 2,509.75
	\$ 4,118.73

Expenditures

BBQ	\$ 117.44
Repro Work	25.30
Meeting	\$ 1,37.60
Postage	113.04
Heritage Launch Loan	1,600.00
	\$ 1,893.38

Workshop — Balance owing to GIAC \$ 1,239.00
Balance 2 December 1993: \$ 997.35

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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 will be passed to Lighthouse on request.]

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 28 September 1993: \$ 1,628.24

Receipts

Nil

Expenditures

Nil

Balance 2 December 1993: \$ 1,628.24

**The Members of the
Central Branch Executive
wish all our
Members and Friends
a very Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Prosperous 1994**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 2 December 1993

1) Meeting held at Mimico Cruising Club, Etobicoke. Sean Hinds called meeting to order at 18:26, welcomed everyone present, and thanked those who had worked hard this year. He then introduced the 1993 executive.

Attendees:

Sean Hinds	- V.P		
Terese Herron	- Sec.Treasurer		
M. Bennett	J. Berry	J. Biggar	N. Biggar
M. Birchall	A. Brown	E. Brown	C. Burbage
J. Campbell	K. Campbell	K. Dexel	J. Dixon
J. Delle Fave	B. Delle Fave	R. Dreyer	H. Duller
L. Durham	J. Halsall	L. Hinds	A. Kopec
A. Koudys	P. Knight	G. Laco	A. Leyzack
E. Macdonald	G. Macdonald	G. Meek	B. Power
K. McMillan	A. Peer	L. Peer	D. Pyatt
B. Richards	D. St.Jacques	A. Rogers	B. Tinney
P. Travaglini	K. Weaver	J. Weller	D. Wilson
B. Warrender	B. Wright	J. Wright.	

2) Sean presented Minutes of the previous meeting: 26 October '93. These had been circulated in the last newsletter and were available in the evening program.

- Moved T. Herron/J. Weller CARRIED

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

- Moved T. Herron/L. Peer CARRIED

4) Brian Power thanked the 1993 executive for an active and accomplished year. He commented on the elections, noting that we in Central Branch always have people willing to stand for election and work to keep the branch active. Brian introduced the 1994 Executive, wishing them well in their endeavours:

Vice-President - Terese Herron
Secy-Treasurer - Andrew Leyzack

Executive Members:

Jon Biggar	Jennifer Campbell	Chris Gorski
Ken McMillan	Brad Tinney	Sam Weller
Sean Hinds	(Past V-P).	

5) Committee Reports:

Social Events

•*Brian Power*

The 22nd Annual H2O Bonspiel was held in March at Grimsby Curling Club, with 56 curlers competing for the prestigious H2O Trophy. A team of Pacific Branch hydrographers (Brian Wingerter, James Wilcox, Patti Dew, Doug Cartwright), as well as Sheila Acheson representing Ottawa, took part. The Pacific Region members were in Burlington on a training course at the time. It was interesting to note that their Branch was hosting an H2O Bonspiel on the same day. Many thanks to Rick Sandilands and Earl Brown, this year's co-ordinators, and to Brad Tinney, Jackie Miles and Ron Solvanson for their contributions. The success and popularity of the H2O Bonspiel can be attributed directly to our sponsors, listed in the Branch newsletter and Lighthouse, who continue to support us during these economic hard times. Thank you very much.

• *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 and Out-House members.

• *Jennifer Campbell*

This year's CHA Annual Barbecue, held on Saturday, August 21, was a great success. About 40 CHA members, Heritage Launch volunteers and their families spent the afternoon in brilliant Beamsville sunshine. We all enjoyed classic BBQ fare and great company – and the kids amused themselves with a super-soaker water gun. Sincere thanks go to hosts Andrew and Cindy Leyzack for welcoming the crowd to their back yard.

The CHA/CB Heritage Launch Project Committee

•*Sean Hinds*

Our Heritage Launch, now dubbed 'Surveyor', had a very successful debut year. The christening took place at CCIW on May 28 after almost a year of effort in terms of work and fund-raising. From that day on there was no holding back as the launch crew went from one event to another. The Official Launching was on a beautiful day at the end of the Surveying and Mapping Conference in Toronto. Events continued throughout the summer, with seven water and five land appearances. These were at places such as Grimsby (Landing at the Forty); Erie, Pennsylvania (Tall Ships); Fort York; Old Mill Restaurant; Toronto (Simcoe Day Celebration, and Battle of Hanlan's Point); Picton and Port Credit boat shows; Wooden Boat Festival (1st prize in heritage class); Put-In-Bay, Ohio (Battle of Lake Erie); and the CCIW benefit BBQ. 'Surveyor' is well received wherever it goes; a great deal of credit should go to those who crew the launch and act as ambassadors of the CHA. 'Surveyor' will reside at CCIW for the winter and a program for the 1994 year is now being planned. The CHA/CB Heritage Launch Project will retain ownership of 'Surveyor' until such time as a suitable organization is able to assume ownership.

Seminar Committee

•*Brian Power*

The past year has been challenging for your executive, with the building of the launch and the Surveying and Mapping Conference. Even so we managed to enjoy six evenings with guest speakers or videos. Topics ranged from the historical development of small boats and their role in Toronto Harbour, by John Summers, Assistant Curator, Maritime Museum of Upper Canada, to the technical description & field applications of an Electromagnetic Scanning Profiler, by Andrew Leyzack, who once worked for Wimpole Inc., Texas. Many thanks to Capt. Gary Kassbaum, Transportation Safety Board of Canada, for presenting the video "Ships of Shame", and to The Company of Master Mariners of Canada for kindly inviting us to their evening meetings.

Conference Workshop

• *Terese Herron*

On June 8, 1993, the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada and the Canadian Hydrographic Association co-sponsored a one-day Seminar on 'Geomatics in the Marine Environment'. Held in Toronto in conjunction with the CIG/CHS Surveying and Mapping Conference, the Seminar attracted some 60 registrants from government and industry. Profit will be split equally between GIAC and CHA. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this workshop.

Wade Essay Award

• *Andrew Leyzack*

Although recent activities have drawn us away from the duties of this committee, I have not forgotten about our commitment to maintaining and administering the award. In recent years, student response to our call for papers has declined. If this is to be the trend, then perhaps the nature of the award should change and allow essays to be optional. I recall from my Humber College days that certain small cash awards were given to students who excelled academically. One such award was the Hans Klinkenburg Memorial Award given by the Canadian Institute of Surveying & Mapping. Some variation of this, with the option of providing an essay for Lighthouse, will be considered for this year.

Journal Lighthouse

• *Terese Herron*

Edition 48 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.

International Members

• *Sean Hinds*

The Central Branch of the CHA administers the International Members on behalf of the National office. This committee helps to maintain contact with the International members of the CHA and ensures that 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, an International Member in New Zealand. All International Members receive the Central Branch NewsLetter to keep them in touch between issues of Lighthouse.

Conference Registration

• *Keith Weaver*

A lot of preliminary work and effort was put into the Conference Registration for the CHS/CISM Surveying and Mapping Conference '93 held in Toronto. The committee compiled a 5000+ mailing list, published both the Preliminary Program and the Final Program documents, provided the software for the computerized registration of the delegates (497), and provided the on-site Registration Desk set-up, personnel (not all CHA), and removal of equipment. Thanks to all who contributed to make the Conference such a success.

Membership Committee

• *Terese Herron*

We welcome two new Central Branch members, Les Peer and Bill Warrender, and five International, Ir Eka Djunarsjah, T.N. Emerson, Wan Mohd. Zani B. Wan Hassan, Shawn T. Johnson and Eric Topple. New Sustaining Members this year include C-Map/USA, Datasonics Inc., and SeaBeam Instruments Inc., all located in the USA. Membership to date stands at 64 Central Branch, 31 International and 7 Sustaining.

NewsLetter Committee:

• *Sam Weller*

This committee produces a Central Branch NewsLetter after each meeting with Minutes and other items. One or two larger issues each year help keep International and Central Branch members in touch between editions of our journal Lighthouse. The NewsLetter also goes to our Sustaining Members and the other Branches across Canada. Including this December edition, we had seven newsletters this year, with a worldwide circulation of about 140. Several people have written special articles for us, and our thanks also go to Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, and Jim Berry who have been writing regular columns for our International and Out-House members. Warm thanks to all our writers, and to the Committee members who help as needed.

6) Other Business: Sean received a letter from Jack Wallace saying the Hydrographic Society of America was holding a meeting concurrently with ours. We raised our glasses to toast THSOA. Sean then thanked Paola for her efforts in producing the evening's program. Our AGM/Dinner Sponsors (CHS Central and Arctic Region, Ron Dreyer and Associates Inc., John Halsall Hydrographic Surveys, McQuest Marine Sciences Ltd.) were thanked for their generosity.

7) Jim Berry moved to adjourn the business meeting.

— Moved J. Berry/K. McMillan CARRIED

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 18:47.

We then enjoyed a fine served dinner and a buffet of desserts. Many thanks to our sponsors for the hors d'oeuvres, the wine and the door prizes.

Earl Brown, Regional Director, CHS Central and Arctic Region, was presented with a framed print of Joseph Bouchette's 1792 chart of Toronto Harbour in appreciation for CHS support of the Heritage Launch Project. Keith Weaver received our first 'member-of-the-year' award for his hard work and dedication to CHA's part in the CHS/CISM Conference, and for keeping the Launch Project alive while most of us were in the field; thanks Keith. Sean's most excellent leadership as Chairman of the Heritage Launch Project was recognized with an engraved plaque.

The highlight of the evening was Sean's presentation of a brilliantly prepared slide show (with musical accompaniment) depicting the life of our launch.