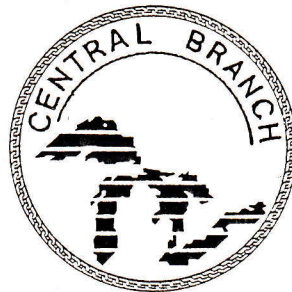


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Central Branch Committees

Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, J. Dixon, K. McMillan.

Seminar

S. Hinds, J. Halsall, K. McMillan, B. Power.

International Members

T. Herron, A. Leyzack, S. Hinds, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

NewsLetter

J. Weller, J. Berry, J. Biggar, J. Dixon,
T. Herron, L. Robbins.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack, J. Weller.

Wade Essay Award

A. Leyzack, S. Hinds.

Social Events

BBQ: J. Campbell, J. Biggar, S. Hinds, T. Herron.
AGM: T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, A. Leyzack.
H₂O: J. Miles, B. Tinney, B. Power.

Heritage Launch

S. Hinds, J. Berry, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack,
K. McMillan, B. Power.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The Sixth Annual General Dinner Meeting for this Branch was held at the Mimico Cruising Club on the 7th December. We had 36 members and guests come out for a roast beef buffet and to hear Philip Blackford enlighten us about the Outward Bound schools. Thanks to everyone who helped make this evening a success.

As we get into the holiday season, I would like to extend Best Wishes to all our members. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

The 1995 Branch Executive did a great job of organizing events this past year. I would like to thank them for all their efforts in making the year run smoothly, especially when I was absent for extended periods.

Our 1996 Central Branch Executive was introduced at the AGM. We will hold an executive meeting early in January, followed by a general meeting on January 24.

Your 1996 dues reminders will come out in January, with the first newsletter of 1996.

Merry Christmas.

– Terese

Draw for Garmin 45 GPS Receiver

The winner of Central Branch's Garmin GPS Draw is Earl Brown of Central and Arctic Region, CHS.

Ken McMillan, of McQuest Marine Sciences, drew the winning number on Thursday evening, December 14th at Emma's Back Porch, a local Burlington establishment. In total 215 tickets were sold, netting proceeds of \$385 to the Branch. Many thanks to Garmin International and McQuest Marine Sciences. Congratulations, Earl!



"Santa" Ken presents Earl with the Garmin GPS receiver.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of Central Branch will be at 19:00 on 24 January, hosted by Bill Warrender at his home: 12 Hammond Street, Burlington [off Maple Avenue, south of Plains Road]. The business part of this meeting will review the 1995 Financial Statement and the proposed 1996 budget.

The meeting will include a guest speaker and our traditional social time with beer and pizza. Come on out and meet your 1996 Branch Executive!

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 30 November 1995

Balance forward 24 October 1995: \$ 1,928.56

Receipts

Membership Dues(1995)	\$ 120.00	
Membership Dues(1996)	60.00	
GPS Draw tickets	465.00	
AGM	375.00	
Bonspiel (1996)	50.00	
Postage	0.50	
Bank Interest	0.46	\$ 1,070.96
		\$ 2,999.52

Expenditures

Postage (NewsLetter)	\$ 43.75	
Stationery (NewsLetter)	105.69	
Bank Charges	1.00	\$ 150.44
Balance 30 November 1995:		\$ 2,849.08

Receivables

Heritage Launch Seed Money* \$ 2,000.00

* Seed money to be returned to Branch by year-end.

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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 31 December 1994: \$ 3,300.71

Receipts

Subscriptions (1995)	\$ 1,795.47	
Subscriptions (1996)	220.00	
Advertising	35.00	\$ 2,050.47
		\$ 5,351.18

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 894.15	
Transfer to Lighthouse	3,000.00	\$ 3,894.15
Balance 30 November 1995:		\$ 1,457.03

Harbour at Niagara

by Peter Rindlisbacher.

A framed Artist's Proof of this fine

Limited Edition print

will be sold in a raffle draw to raise funds for the CHA/CB Heritage Launch Project. Tickets go on sale January 1, 1996; the draw will be at a Central Branch general meeting in Spring '96, date to be announced in the February newsletter. Due to shipping costs, the draw will be limited to Central Branch members.

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

The print is donated by the artist, who is a marine artist best known for his works depicting events around the year 1812.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 7 December 1995

1) The 6th Annual General Meeting was once again held beneath the timber beams of the Mimico Cruising Club, Etobicoke. Sean Hinds gave the opening address and thanked the AGM sponsors. Branch Vice-President Terese Herron welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting, which came to order at 18:15.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V-P	
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer	
Phillip Blackford	(guest speaker)	
Mike Benner	Jim Berry	Jon Biggar
Norma Biggar	Joe Delle Fave	Ron Dreyer
Kent Campbell	Jennifer Campbell	Ken Dixel
Dan Dixel	John Dixon	Louise Durham
Tim Janzen	Al Koudys	Heimo Duller
Ken McMillan	John Medendorp	Jacqueline Miles
Geoff Meek	Brian Power	Ab Rogers
Steven Roorda	Paola Travaglini	Bill Warrender
Sean Hinds	Keith Weaver	Sam Weller
Beth Weller	Doug Wilson	Cat Wilson
Bruce Wright	Jean Wright	

2) Minutes of 24 October meeting were circulated in the newsletter and printed in the AGM Program.

- Moved B. Power/J. Dixon CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report to Nov. 25, 1995, was presented. The 1995 National dues have not yet paid.

- Moved B. Wright/S. Hinds CARRIED

4) Terese introduced the new executive for 1996:

Terese Herron	- V-P. (by acclamation)
Andrew Leyzack	- Secy.-Treas.
Jon Biggar	Jennifer Campbell
Al Koudys	Paola Travaglini
Bill Warrender	Sam Weller

Terese explained that since membership renewals were fewer this year, we unfortunately had to reduce the number of general Executive Members from seven to six. (This required by section 23(a) of the CHA Bylaws.)

5) Committee Reports (printed in the AGM Program):
SOCIAL EVENTS

•Terese Herron

Tonight marks the 6th Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the CHA, Central Branch. The committee has once again put together what we hope will be an enjoyable evening for our members. Comments are always appreciated on how we can improve this event or what our members want in the way of an AGM. Please contact any executive member with your thoughts. Special thanks to the Mimico Cruising Club for opening this wonderful facility to us.

•Jennifer Campbell

We had a record turnout for this year's CHA Barbecue, hosted by Chris Gorski and Lucy Krucko on June 24. Almost 60 people (including 20 children) enjoyed this

annual social event. Chris couldn't host the BBQ last year because his deck wasn't finished... but we're glad we waited because this year it was the ideal party spot. The food, as always, was a big success. We had a delicious variety of potluck salads and desserts, and once again, Brian Power and Sean Hinds were the stars of the grill. Thanks go to Chris and Lucy, their daughter Olivia and their very tolerant cats for the excellent hospitality.

•Jacqueline Miles

The 24th Annual H₂O Bonspiel was held on February 12th. The Dundas Granite club once again hosted Central Branch's illustrious event. We had a total of forty-eight curlers, including seven CHA members, two of whom took the trophy! Dave Pyatt's team including Neils Madsen, Joe Gabriele and Paola Travaglini took the honours. According to our stats, this is Paola's second consecutive year being on the first place team. Perhaps we have another Sandra Peterson amongst our ranks. We'll be sure to keep our eyes on her in next year's spiel. Many thanks go to co-ordinators Brian Power and Jackie Miles for their efforts. Thanks also to our sponsors for their generous contributions, which helped to make the spiel a great success.

SEMINARS

•Sean Hinds

Central Branch has had four Seminar Meetings in 1995 which were all very informative and entertaining. These included a seminar/demonstration by Mike Crutchlow on the present use of GPS and future trends in this technology; an entertaining talk by John Halsall on his survey adventures in the South China Seas; a tale of discovery from Bil Thuma as he recounted his experiences searching for and uncovering the lost WWII squadron of P-32 Bombers on the Greenland icecap; and a thought-provoking presentation by Heather Fitzsimons as she detailed the history of the Power and Sail Squadron and its push into training in the fields of seamanship, navigation and radio-licensing.

The seminar committee welcomes your suggestions for speakers or topics you think would be of interest. Please contact us with your comments or wishes.

THE WADE ESSAY AWARD

•Andrew Leyzack

As reported in September, there was no response to the 94/95 appeal for papers, and consequently no awards were granted. Andrew and Sean have met to discuss tactics in administering the 95/96 award. Resolutions include reducing the number of schools on the mailing list while diversifying the type of faculties we wish to appeal to. Stronger contacts with faculty staff and students at selected local area colleges and universities will be established. The committee has considered

extending the award to schools which support courses in Marine Navigation.

The Wade Essay Award Committee has approved the motion to donate funds from the 94/95 award to the Outward Bound program. We consider this to be a worthwhile cause. In accordance with the aims of the award and in memory of Gerry Wade, we will be presenting tonight's speaker, Mr. Philip Blackford, with a cheque for \$500.00.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

•Terese Herron

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 who is an International Member in New Zealand. All International Members receive the Central Branch NewsLetter to keep in touch between issues of Lighthouse.

NEWSLETTER

•Sam Weller

The Central Branch NewsLetter helps keep us in touch with our International and Central Branch members between editions of the journal Lighthouse. Including the coming December issue, there will have been six issues of the NewsLetter this year. The NewsLetter is sent out after each Branch meeting to distribute the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and news of our Branch activities, and the two larger issues — Summer and Fall — have space for the annual updated membership list and other items of general interest. A copy of the NewsLetter is also sent to the other Branches of CHA and to our Sustaining Members, bringing the total worldwide distribution to about 130.

Our special thanks go to Commander Larry Robbins, of New Zealand, and to Jim Berry for contributing regular columns from the viewpoint of our International and Out-house members, and to the other members who contribute special items from time to time and help with the production and distribution. Thank you all; we could not do it without you!

LIGHTHOUSE

•Terese Herron

Edition 52 is currently being compiled. We have all articles and items in hand and should be going to press later this month or early in the new year. Members are encouraged to contribute items of either a general or technical nature.

MEMBERSHIP

•Terese Herron

We welcome three new Central Branch Members: Jackie Miles, Fred Oliff and Dave Wright, as well as

three new International Members: Karl Keininger, F. Olanrewaju Adelanwa, and Cdr. Syed Nasir Hussain. Membership now stands at 62 Central Branch Members, 27 International Members and 1 Sustaining Member.

HERITAGE LAUNCH

•Sean Hinds

The heritage launch 'Surveyor' and her hardy crew have had another successful summer. We participated in four weekend-long events that stretched as far away as Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, where the events of 1745 were re-enacted. Other events included Hamilton's annual Aquafest; a twenty-mile row down the Nottawasaga River to commemorate events of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in 1814; and last of all the heritage hydrographic survey at Christie Conservation Area. It is the intention of the Heritage Launch Committee to transfer the assets of the registered charity to the Canadian War Museum at the earliest opportunity. The 1996 season tentatively includes historical events at Penetang and Amherstburg.

6) Terese asked for comments on the reports. None heard, there was a motion to accept the reports.

- Moved S. Weller/B. Power CARRIED

7) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 18:30.

- Moved B. Warrender/H. Duller CARRIED

After enjoying a delicious roast beef buffet dinner, members and guests were addressed by Mr. Philip Blackford M. Ed., who is the Executive Director of the Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School.

Established in 1941, Outward Bound is a non-profit organization and a world leader in the field of experiential education or "learning by doing". The wilderness is Outward Bound's classroom; rocks, rivers, forests and lakes are the teaching tools. The mission of the Outward Bound Wilderness School is to promote self-reliance, care and respect for others, responsibility for the community, and concern for the environment.

Through video presentations and audience participation, Mr. Blackford clearly defined the spirit of Outward Bound. He also shared with us the aims and achievements of the various Outward Bound programs at home and abroad, with special mention of programs designed for groups of people with special needs.

As an aside, it was interesting to note that two of us had participated in Outward Bound courses in years gone by; Geoff Meek at the Mountain School in Wales, and Sam Weller at the Moray Sea School in Scotland.

After his talk, we presented Mr. Blackford with a cheque to the Outward Bound organization in memory of Gerry Wade, and as a personal token of our appreciation for his visit with us we also presented him with an autographed copy of Admiral Ritchie's book "An Hydrographer's Tale", suitably inscribed to commemorate the occasion.