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#### Central Branch Committees

##### Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, A. Koudys.

##### Lighthouse

T. Herron, J. Weller, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

##### Social Events

BBQ: J. Biggar, P. Travaglini, A. Koudys,  
J. Campbell.

H<sub>2</sub>O: A. Leyzack, P. Travaglini, B. Power,  
J. Miles, B. Tinney, D. Pyatt.

AGM: J. Campbell, A. Leyzack, J. Biggar,  
A. Koudys, T. Herron.

##### International Members

T. Herron, P. Travaglini, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

##### Seminar

W. Warrender.

##### NewsLetter

J. Weller, T. Herron, A. Leyzack, L. Robbins,  
K. Weaver.

##### Wade Essay Award

W. Warrender, A. Leyzack.

##### Heritage Launch

A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Dixon, B. Power,  
H. Duller.

CHA Central Branch – NewsLetter – May/June 1996

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

I'm writing this from aboard the CCGS Griffon. After returning from the Arctic in early April and taking some time off, I was able to attend our third Branch meeting of the year.

The Canadian Hydrographic Conference is coming up in June. There will be a CHA display set up jointly with the Canadian Institute of Geomatics. If you are at the conference please stop by. The CHA is also running a workshop prior to the conference, Sunday June 2nd. The workshop "Depths for Dollars" is \$75.00 for CHA members.

Reminder letters are included with this newsletter for any member who has overlooked their 1996 membership dues. Please submit your dues as soon as possible to enable us to keep our records updated and to ensure you receive your copies of Lighthouse and the Central Branch NewsLetters.

Also on the horizon is the Annual Central Branch BBQ. This event will be held in the second half of September after the 1996 field season is over. More details to follow in the summer newsletter.

It is already mid May and our Heritage Launch crew is gearing up for another busy season. The launch is having some annual maintenance and cleaning before being launched for practice sessions. Anyone interested in coming out for some of this summer's events please contact one of the launch crew or a Central Branch executive member. These events are lots of fun, and sailing on the Surveyor is a great experience.

I will return to the office in Burlington late in June. I am aboard the CCGS Griffon until then but I will be attending the CHC Conference in Halifax June 3 to 5.

Hope to see some fellow CB'ers at the CHC!

– Terese

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Next Meeting

Our next "meeting" is our 10th Annual Summer Barbecue. This will be held in the second half of September; watch for details in the next NewsLetter.

"A warm welcome and cold beer will be on tap."

(And mark Thursday 5 December on your calendar: "CHA AGM & Dinner." Do it now, lest you forget.)

**Kells M. Boland**

It is with sadness that we hear of the death in December 1995 of Kells M. Boland of Bethesda, Maryland, USA. An International Member of CHA since 1980, Kells was an oceanographer and former International Affairs Officer for the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency. Kells was also an active member of the U.S. Branch of The Hydrographic Society, serving as Branch Secretary from 1984 to 1986.

<u>Central Branch of CHA – Financial Statement</u>	
<u>12 Months ended 31 December 1995 (Audited)</u>	
Balance forward December 31, 1994	\$ 310.51
<u>Receipts</u>	
Membership dues	\$ 2,639.87
Newsletter	0.00
AGM	885.00
BBQ	3.82
H2O Bonspiel	1,388.50
HLP Mugs	10.00
GPS Draw	675.00
Shirts/Books	0.00
Donations	20.00
Postage	0.50
Bank interest	7.21
Heritage Launch Refund	1,001.41
	\$ 6,631.31
<u>Expenditures</u>	
National dues	\$ 1,312.50
Postage	533.24
Stationery	105.69
Meetings	124.37
AGM	1,373.32
BBQ	213.82
H2O Bonspiel	1,538.50
Print Raffle	120.75
Wade essay awards	500.00
Gift	60.46
Professional development	0.00
Bank charges	12.69
Heritage Launch	450.00
	\$ 6,345.34
Working Balance December 31, 1995	<u>\$ 596.48</u>

Note:

Membership includes \$60.00 for 1996 dues.

The Bonspiel receipts includes \$50.00 for the 1996 H2O.

All receipts (\$375.00) from the Print Raffle are in the 1996 books.

Additional AGM receipts (\$175.00) are in the 1996 books.

[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.]

<u>Lighthouse "Convenience" Account</u>	
Balance forward December 31, 1994	\$ 3,300.71
<u>Receipts</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 1,974.23
Advertising	65.00
	\$ 2,039.23
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Transfer to Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
Postage	893.15
Stationery	282.20
	\$ 4,175.35
Working Balance December 31, 1995	<u>\$ 1,164.59</u>

Note:

Subscriptions include \$360.00 for 1996 Lighthouse subscriptions

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 2 May 1996

1) This year's 3rd General Meeting was held at Bill and Helen Warrender's residence in Burlington. Terese welcomed everyone, thanked the Warrenders for their hospitality, and called the meeting to order at 19:20.

Attendees:

Terese Herron - V.-P. Chair  
Andrew Leyzack - Secretary-Treasurer  
Mike Bennett Jennifer Campbell John Dixon  
Heimo Duller Louise Durham Ab Rogers  
Bill Warrender Sam Weller  
Al Saunders (guest speaker)

2) The minutes of the 6 March 1996 meeting were circulated in the last newsletter and were available.

- Moved B. Warrender/H. Duller CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: Andrew presented the year-end statement for 1995, and made a motion to thank Rick Sandilands for auditing the '95 books.

- Moved S. Weller/J. Dixon CARRIED

A motion was then made to accept the year-end statement as presented.

- Moved S. Weller/A. Rogers CARRIED

As of April 30th, 1996 the Heritage Launch account has ceased. Andrew stated that funds for the Launch will now be handled by the Branch as a "Convenience account" and reported separately, much like the Lighthouse account.

Andrew also presented this year's report to 2 May, 1996 [see page 3], thanking Ab Rogers for his donation to the Branch. Andrew is investigating certain service charges against the Canada Trust account.

[Post Meeting: Charges resolved and justified.]

- Moved J. Campbell/B. Warrender CARRIED

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: (J. Campbell) Jennifer reported membership receipts as: 32 of 38 paid In-house, 17 of 24 paid Out-house, 18 of 28 paid International, and 2 Sustaining Members; the latest is a new Member: *NovAtel Communications Ltd*, Calgary. We also have three other recent new memberships: Jan Egerdee of Owen Sound, Dan Dexel of Burlington, and P. E. Sanson of Le Havre. Welcome aboard!

Outstanding Action 1: Membership committee still to report back comments from former Sustaining Members.

Outstanding Action 2: Andrew still to forward H<sub>2</sub>O sponsor mailing list to Past President Dave Pugh to assist him with his Sustaining Members campaign.

Seminar: (B. Warrender) Bill has three potential candidates for future meetings. On 9 October, Ken McMillan (National President of CHA) will speak on his involvement with the CIDA program in Malaysia.

Wade Essay Award: (B. Warrender) Andrew reported that all the application packages have been sent out

and that he has also canvassed students employed in-house with CHS, Central and Arctic. A mail box for essay submissions has been established for Bill at the CHS Burlington office.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese reported that because they over ran costs on Edition 52, the next issue may have only three papers. Dave Pugh has been assisting Terese with advertising.

Social Events: Terese reported that this year's **AGM and Dinner** has been confirmed for December 5, once again at the Mimico Cruising Club.

5) Heritage Launch Project: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that he will unfortunately miss most of the summer program due to field assignments. The launch will be transported to Gill Bibby's boat shop on 3 May for her Spring refit; volunteers will be needed to assist with on-board clean up.

6) Correspondence: with Jan Egerdee, Dan Dexel, P.E. Sanson regarding membership, and E-mail from Dr. Janet Mersey, Geography Department, University of Guelph, regarding the Wade Essay Award; E-mail from Pete Howroyd of New Brunswick requesting a membership application.

6) Other Business: Jennifer Campbell volunteered to assume the duties of Secy-Treas. in Andrew's absence.

Terese asked for input for a Director's meeting to be held at the Hydrographic Conference '96 in Halifax in June. The CHA will be staffing a part-time booth, and on Sunday June 2 will be running a workshop entitled "Depths for Dollars" [see enclosed flyer for details].

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 20:10.

- moved B. Warrender/Ab Rogers CARRIED

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Al Saunders, author of the book *Small Craft Piloting and Coastal Navigation*, put on an entertaining slide show about his trip through the South Pacific aboard a Topsail Schooner. Al then grilled the hydrographers on topics related to charting and buoyage. In appreciation, Andrew presented Al with a copy of *The Chartmakers*.

The usual fare of pizza and beer was served.

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

31 December 1995 to 2 May 1996

Balance (Audited) forward 31 Dec. 1995: \$ 1,164.59

Receipts

Subscriptions (1996)	\$ 1,225.04	\$ 1,225.04
		\$ 2,389.63

Expenditures

Transfer to Lighthouse	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
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Balance 2 May 1996:	\$ 1,389.63
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The International Column

Rear Admiral Steve Ritchie, RN, an illustrious International Member of CHA now resident in Scotland, sent us this item on his recent trip to Canada.

For a fortnight in August 1995 I was foolish enough to find myself at Foot Flats Farm on Amherst Island, Ontario, during a period of extreme drought. Here my son Mark and his wife Cherry run a sheep ranch. During long days of cloudless skies and scorching sun we pumped water from Lake Ontario for the sheep or moved half-mile long electric fences to control the grazing of the rapidly disappearing brown grass.

On Sunday I was given a day's holiday when Dave Pugh met me with his car at the Ferry at an early hour. We did a running survey of the Rideau Waterway before arriving about 1 p.m. for a rendezvous at Sam Jake's Inn, Merrickville.

Seated at a round table for a splendid lunch were Steve MacPhee, Ross and Loretta Douglas, Norm and Mary Gray, Dave Pugh and myself. For tea we adjourned to the Gray's farm on Broadview Avenue, a delightful place, where from the cellar Norm brought up some ice-cold bottles of a very special beer.

And so passed a very happy hydrographer's holiday.

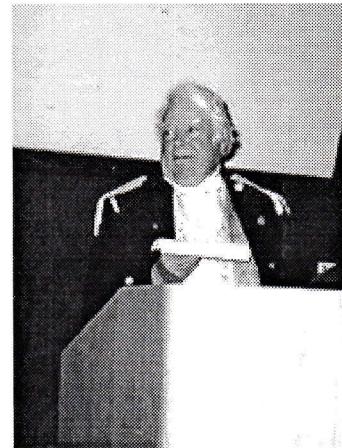
Back on the Island I found that Cherry had lovingly stowed away the white queensize panty hose I had worn as part of my admiral's outfit at the CHA Heritage Launch in Toronto Harbour in the summer of 1993. I carried them off with me home to Britain.



*"Captain Hurd was a rather thin man."*

1995 was a very busy year for hydrographers in Britain for in nearly every month there was some special event in celebration of the Bicentenary of the Hydrographic Office. This was the theme of the British Cartographic Society's Annual Conference in September and there I found myself, properly dressed as Captain Thomas Hurd, the first naval Hydrographer of the

Navy, describing the foundation of the Hydrographic Office as he had perceived it. The panty hose were in service again — how did our forefathers get by without them?



*Capt Hurd speaking at Cartographic Society Conference*

On Monday November 6th I attended the 23rd A.G.M. of The Hydrographic Society at the Berkshire Brewery in Reading, England, where there was a large attendance to welcome Ross Douglas as the Incoming President of the Society.

As the Retiring President, Folke Hallbjörner, reminded us, The Hydrographic Society now has a Canadian President and, in Karl Keininger, an American Chairman of Council. We look forward to meeting them again at 'Hydro 96' in Rotterdam 24 to 26 September this year.

*Many thanks, Sir. For those of our readers with access to the Internet, this newsletter can be found at URL: <http://csx.cciw.ca/dfo/chs/cha/cha-home.html>.*

*And if you have any interesting tales to share with us, send them to Larry Robbins at [larry@nznet.gen.nz](mailto:larry@nznet.gen.nz).*

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Central Branch Treasurer's Report to 2 May, 1996

Balance forward 6 March 1996: \$ 3,801.27

Receipts

Membership Dues (1996)	\$ 748.13
Rindlesbacher Print Raffle	55.00
Donation A. Rogers	20.00
General Meeting No. 2	20.00
	\$ 843.13
	\$ 4,644.40

Expenditures

General Meeting No. 2	\$ 51.80
Lighthouse Invoice- GPS Draw	180.00
Postage	45.67
Bank Service Charges	5.42
	\$ 282.89
Balance 2 May 1996:	<u>\$ 4,361.51</u>