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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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#### Central Branch Committees

##### Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, C. Gorski, J. Biggar, A. Koudys,  
M. Johnston.

##### Lighthouse

T. Herron, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini, M. Johnston,  
J. Weller.

##### Social Events

H2O: J. Miles, B. Power, P. Travaglini.

BBQ: J. Miles, J. Biggar, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini,  
A. Koudys.

AGM: T. Herron, J. Miles, P. Travaglini,  
A. Leyzack, J. Biggar, A. Koudys.

##### International Members

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

##### NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, M. Johnston, C. Gorski, L. Robbins,  
K. Weaver.

##### Seminar

C. Gorski.

##### Wade Essay Award

P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

##### Heritage Launch

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

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Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Christmas is fast approaching and with it the usual Branch activities. The Central Branch AGM is in a few weeks. This marks the end of the year for Central Branch, and the new Branch executive is introduced.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your ballot or, as the mail strike is imminent, you may receive this via e-mail. Please consider who you would like to have on the Branch executive and fill out your ballot. For In-house members, the ballot box is on the coffee table by Linda Smith's desk. Other members, please send it to us by fax: (905) 336-8916 or by e-mail: cha@bur.dfo.ca or to [herront@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:herront@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) (please do not use regular mail as there is a postal strike). Ballots received via e-mail will be kept confidential... a hardcopy ballot will be filled out and put in the ballot box.

When nominations closed, we had no nominees accepting the position of V-P for 1998. Since closing we have had one candidate come forward who is interested in the position. On the ballot you are asked to indicate your support yes or no for this candidate.

Also with this newsletter is your AGM registration form. Members who wish to attend, please fill out the form and fax or e-mail your registration to us. We have great speakers lined up who I'm sure everyone will find most interesting. You will find additional information below. Hope to see you there.

– Terese

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is the 1997 Central Branch **Annual General Meeting and Dinner** on Thurs. 11 December 1997 at Mimico Cruising Club, Humber Bay West Park, Etobicoke (Toronto). Doors open with the cocktail reception at 16:30, AGM at 18:15, dinner at 19:00.

Our Speakers are Leslie and Carolann Sike of Toronto, with a multi-media presentation *To Russia With Love* on the 1989 Arctic voyage of their yacht *Aqua Star*.

Since their marriage in 1969, Leslie and Carolann have never lived a conventional lifestyle. They travelled for 17 months on a motorcycle, touring across the British Isles, Europe, the Canaries and Africa. Similarly, a Land Rover expedition took them across the Sahara and Europe. In 1985, a sub-Arctic sailing expedition across Hudson Bay earned them the 'Cruising World Medal' for outstanding seamanship. *Aqua Star* was the first sailing yacht ever to enter Canada's Arctic seaport in Churchill, Manitoba.

In the spring of 1989, *Aqua Star* and crew embarked on a 5,000 mile journey which took them through the icebergs, fog and pack-ice of the North Atlantic to one of Russia's most historic cities, Leningrad. We are pleased to have them present their story to us.

Central Branch Treasurer's Report  
31 December 1996 to 30 September 1997

Balance forward 31 December 1996: \$ 2,741.59

Receipts

Membership Dues (1996)	\$ 60.00
Membership Dues (1997)	2,976.91
Seminars (cost recovery)	37.80
H2O Bonspiel	1,488.02
Launch Print Draw	347.00
Postage refund	22.50
Heritage Launch	2,473.83
	\$ 7,406.06
	\$ 10,147.65

Expenditures

National Dues (1997)	\$ 1,340.00
National Student Award	332.35
Postage	541.41
Seminars	172.14
BBQ	63.07
H2O Bonspiel	1,704.59
Model for Earl Brown	100.00
Professional Development	250.00
Heritage Launch	1,500.03
	\$ 6,003.59

Balance 30 September 1997: \$ 4,144.06

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1996: \$ 1,655.38

Receipts

Subscriptions (1996)	\$ 97.93
Subscriptions (1997)	1,125.41
Subscriptions (1998)	25.00
	\$ 1,248.34
	\$ 2,903.72

Expenditures

Transfer to Lighthouse	\$ 1,800.00
Postage	891.90
	\$ 2,691.90

Balance 30 September 1997: \$ 211.82

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Heritage Launch "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1996: (\$ 909.35)

Receipts

Museum of Civilization	\$ 1,000.00
Re-enactments	500.00
Charitable account	341.26
Rindlisbacher Print Draw	347.00
BBQ Fund Raiser	632.57
	\$ 2,820.83
	\$ 1,911.48

Expenditures

Maintenance	\$ 493.80
Rindlesbacher Print Draw	75.00
Tarpaulin	525.00
BBQ Fund Raiser	406.23
	\$ 1,500.03
	\$ 411.45

Balance 30 September 1997:

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 6 November 1997

1) This year's 5th General Meeting was held at Terese Herron's home in Waterdown. Terese welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V.P.- Chair
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer
Leslie Sike	- Guest Speaker
Mike Bennett	Jim Berry
Joe Delle Fave	Dan Dexel
John Dixon	Tim Janzen
John Medendorp	Jackie Miles
Carol Robinson	Ab Rogers
Paola Travaglini	Bill Warrender
Dave Willis	Jon Biggar
	Ken Dexel
	Mike Johnston
	Fred Oliff
	Al Shepherd
	Jim Weedon

2) The Minutes of the 1 October 1997 General Meeting were circulated in the September/October newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved A. Rogers/D. Willis CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Members should take notice that the Branch's money wire account will remain open until the end of the fiscal year, which is December 31, 1997. Andrew presented the 3rd quarter treasurer's report, for the period December 31, 1996 to September 30, 1997. To avoid confusion in the year-end report and future quarterly reports, Heritage Launch activity will be reported exclusively in the statement for the Heritage Launch convenience account.

A motion to accept the 3rd quarter statements:

- Moved T. Janzen/J. Medendorp CARRIED

4) Correspondence: (T. Herron) Terese reported the usuals requests for subscriptions to Lighthouse. Fred added that the Branch had received two books, one about R.M.S. Nascopie and the other The Ottawa-St. Lawrence Navigator, for which he is preparing book reviews for the next edition of Lighthouse.

5) Committee Reports:

Heritage Launch: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that the Launch is presently indoors at Gill Bibby's boat shop for the final fitting of a new canvas cover. Jim Berry asked about the status of funding with the War Museum [the Museum of Civilization]. Andrew stated that he is preparing to invoice the Museum for the 1997 operating year and that the Museum has paid for Surveyor's 1997 damage/liability insurance. Andrew added that he will be corresponding with Dan Glenney, the Museum's new acting Director General.

Membership: (A. Koudys) Terese announced the addition of two new Branch members: Mina Foroutan of CHS, and Julian Goodyear, CHS-Central Region's new Regional Director of Hydrography. Welcome aboard!

**Outstanding Action:** Membership Committee still to report back comments from former Sustaining Members.

Social Events: (T. Herron) Terese announced that the Central Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner is on Thursday 11 December at Mimico Cruising Club, Etobicoke; the last day for registration is Thursday December 4th. The committee to organize the event will meet again next week. Jim Berry suggested the committee contact Ken Greig at MCC to seek the cost of using the Club's in-house chef as an alternative to catering. Terese agree to follow up on this. [See the insert in this NewsLetter for more information.]

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese said the fall edition is in the works and she will be calling a committee meeting next week. As always, the committee could use help with proof reading papers etc.

6) Nominations: (T. Herron) Due to a low mail response, members of the Nominations Committee, Jon Biggar and Al Koudys, canvassed the Branch in order to collect more nominations.

Terese explained that if she were to hold the position of VP for a 5th year, she would have to delegate some of the workload because of her added burden as Editor of Lighthouse. Terese clarified to those who may consider accepting the V-P position that it does not come with the duties of Editor of Lighthouse. Not all the nominees had been questioned yet so the list of nominees standing for election as well as the election ballots will be enclosed in the November NewsLetter. Prior to closing the nominations, Terese asked if anyone present had any additional nominations and then put forth a motion to close the nominations.

The nominations were closed at 7:40 pm.

- Moved: J. Berry/D. Dexel CARRIED

At the close of the nominations the number of candidates standing for election were as follows:

Vice-President – None  
Secretary – Tim Janzen  
Treasurer – Andrew Leyzack  
Executive Member – 11 persons for 6 positions.

7) Other Business:

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

- Moved: B. Warrender/F. Oliff CARRIED

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Mr. Leslie Sike, our guest speaker for the evening, put on a half hour video showing excerpts from his expedition under sail to Hudson Bay. A professional yachtsman who has spent many years sailing in Arctic waters, Mr. Sike proved to be a very entertaining speaker and we were most fortunate to book him on such short notice. We were so impressed that the Seminar Committee is considering inviting Leslie to put on a multi-media presentation at the AGM.

From our International Correspondent

*Nick Emerson, Hydrographer with the Marine Department, Hong Kong SAR of China, sent us this item for the International column.*

I enjoyed reading the article by Andrew Leyzack in the Sept./Oct. NewsLetter on safety courses and thought you might like to hear what is required here in H.K. (now the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China). Shortly after taking up this post I purchased a Chinese GRP version of a Folk boat. Imagine my surprise when I went to register as the new owner to find I would have to sit two exams, to obtain a certificate of competency as Master and Engineer of a Pleasure Vessel. This despite having a Second's Mates Ticket (Foreign Going) and having navigated Shell Tankers of various sizes up to 200,000 tonnes worldwide for several years without hitting anything! What a dent to the ego and more importantly I realised that I had been contravening the Shipping and Port Control Rules when bombing around on a friend's jet ski a few weeks previously!

Since 1986 all pleasure vessels over 3m in length or with an engine over 3 kW power require one of the following grades of certificate:

- Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I for vessels of not more than 20 m in length;
- Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II for vessels of not more than 13.7 m in length;
- Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I:
  - (a) for vessels with diesel engines, none of which is of more than 750 kW power; or
  - (b) for vessels with petrol engines, none of which is of more than 750 kW power; or
  - (c) for both types of vessel;
- Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade II:
  - (a) for vessels with inboard diesel engines, none of which is of more than 120 kW power; or
  - (b) for vessels with inboard petrol engines, none of which is of more than 120 kW power; or
  - (c) for vessels with outboard engines.

A single person can be both the Master and Engineer of a vessel subject to holding the relevant certificates. Grade II exams are multiple choice, while Grade I is a more searching written paper, with real chart work for example, and includes oral sections.

Andrew has hit on the kernel of the exam delivery problem; is there a need for a practical session? It is quite possible for a bright student to simply study the single recommended text book and obtain Grade II Master & Engineer certification here in HK without any previous boating experience. This then allows him to drive a ski boat with twin 225 hp outboard engines – a pretty lethal machine in the wrong hands. As with all these things there is always room for improvement,

but I am sure the present system has contributed greatly to the excellent safety record of boating activities in HKSAR waters. Perhaps the next step should be attendance at a recognised course prior to the exam?

And, after all my efforts to become legal, what happened? "Here, Dad, it's difficult to eat lunch leaning over like this, Dad do I really have to hold on to this rope, and Dad how come all these power cruisers are passing us by as if we are stopped, we want one of them." Children these days!

For more information, copies of shipping regs, exam syllabus etc. contact Nick at [hkhydro@hk.super.net](mailto:hkhydro@hk.super.net).

*Many thanks, Nick. For those of our readers with access to 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@robbins.gen.nz](mailto:larry@robbins.gen.nz).*

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The Candidates Speak

Each person who accepted nomination to the Central Branch Executive was offered space in this NewsLetter to speak to the members.

Laura Sandilands: It's been an exciting year and a half for me working with CHS as a term employee in the Product Maintenance Division. Before that I volunteered with CHS for two summers. I feel that I have become part of a family and I would like to start giving something back. I would really enjoy being on the CHA executive where I could help develop new ideas for our organization.

Mina Foroutan: I am relatively new to the CHS, having worked a short while in the Hydrographic Data Centre, I presently hold a term in the Product Maintenance Division. As a new member of the CHA, I am enthusiastic to becoming an active member and to help out in any way that I can.

Jim Berry: For those of you who don't know me, I am employed by the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority as the Supervisor, Engineering Projects. I've been a member with Central Branch for more than 13 years. During this time, I served many years on the Executive Committee, wrote a column for the newsletter for 7 years, and was part of the Heritage Launch Committee during its planning and construction phases. I feel I have the knowledge and experience to be an effective member of the Executive team for 1998.

Sam Weller: I have been active on your Executive for several years and have been editor of our NewsLetter since it began in July 1987. If re-elected to the Branch Executive, I will be glad to continue with the NewsLetter as well as other committee work as needed, and to encourage closer ties with all members.