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K. Weaver.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, F. Oliff, P. Travaglini, R. Robitaille,
E. Sinclair, J. Weller.

Social Events

H₂O: J. Miles, B. Power, A. Leyzack.

BBQ: J. Miles, F. Oliff, A. Koudys.

AGM: T. Herron, F. Oliff, J. Miles, A. Leyzack,
A. Koudys.

International Members

F. Oliff, T. Herron, P. Knight, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

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

Seminar

T. Janzen, E. Lewis, F. Oliff.

Wade Essay Award

E. Lewis, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

CHA Central Branch – NewsLetter – May 1998

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

It is now May 1 and one of our field parties is already in the field. Yes folks, it is that time of year again! The provisional assignment list has come out and most In-House members seem to be pleased with the results of their "Wish List". I am happy, as I have been assigned to go to Bathurst Inlet, Northwest Territories, in August – a lovely time of year for that place, as I understand!

We recently held our last meeting of the spring. The meeting, held on April 22 at Heimo Duller's residence in Burlington, was well attended and featured not one but two guest speakers. Gill Bibby brought us up to date on the activities of the *Hamilton Ship's Company of 1812* and Dr. John Coakley of Environment Canada at CCIW spoke to us on some recent studies of Burlington's sewage treatment plant and plans for a new outlet.

Enclosed with this newsletter are two flyers: one has an interesting employment opportunity as Executive Director with *Association of Canada Lands Surveyors*.

The other flyer is a chance to win a magnificent framed limited-edition print *Laser Fun* by Oakville artist Alan Kingsland. *Sea & Craft Framing Gallery* of Oakville donated the framed print. Didier Nitelet, proprietor of the gallery, says it is one of his favourites and he is glad to give it to help raise funds for our Admiralty Launch Surveyor. Thank you, Didier! The print is on display in Room H122 at CCIW. Tickets are available from our CHA Branch Treasurer, Andrew Leyzack, or from Sam Weller. Tickets are \$5. each or three for \$10. The draw will be at our AGM & Dinner on 10 December.

I hope you will be able to join us at our upcoming social function on Tuesday May 19 at *Queen City Yacht Club* in Toronto. We will be welcoming to Canada one of our International members, Larry Robbins, as he and his wife Jane visit our small part of the world.

I trust that this note finds you well and busy, and that whatever project you are presently working on is going well and will be done in time for you to go into the field, or wherever the fair winds blow you next!

– Fred Oliff

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting is a Social Evening at *Queen City Yacht Club*, Toronto, on Tuesday 19 May to meet International Member and NewsLetter Correspondent Larry Robbins and Jane. They are *en route* back home to New Zealand. Come out and join us at QCYC.

The yacht club's tender *Algonquin Queen* leaves the wharf at the foot of York Street at 16:15, 16:45, 17:45. Fare is \$4. but tell the tender captain you are with CHA and there is no charge (Branch picks up the tab later). After the social hour we'll eat at the QCYC restaurant.

Hope to see you there!

Central Branch 1998 First Quarter Financial Statements

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 3,413.24
Receipts	
Membership Dues (1997)	\$ 60.00
Membership Dues (1998)	1,413.46
NewsLetter	50.00
AGM	100.00
H2O Bonspiel	250.00
	\$ 1,873.46
Expenditures	
National Dues (1997)	\$ 1,552.50
Postage	60.49
Seminars	61.30
H2O Bonspiel	860.00
CIG MasterCard charges	1.05
1997 AGM accounts receivable	75.00
	\$ 2,610.34
Working Balance March 31, 1998:	\$ 2,676.36
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Note: To assist the Editorial team, the Central Branch treasurer handles some Lighthouse income and expenditures (reported below). The balance is held available and is passed to Lighthouse on request.

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 552.93
Receipts	
Subscriptions (1988)	\$ 85.00
	\$ 85.00
	\$ 637.93
Expenditures	
Nil	-
Working Balance March 31, 1998:	\$ 637.93
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Note: To assist the Launch Committee, the Central Branch treasurer handles some "Launch" income and expenditures (reported below). The balance is held available and is passed to the Committee on request.

Launch Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 457.05
Receipts	
Nil	-
	\$ 457.05
Expenditures	
Nil	-
Working Balance March 31, 1998:	\$ 457.05

Note: Liability Insurance for the 1998 sailing season was paid for by the Museum of Civilization (Canadian War Museum). Funding from the Museum of Civilization is pursuant to the CHA/CWM maintenance agreement.

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 22 April 1998

1) This year's 3rd General Meeting was at the Duller residence. Fred (who did not openly apologize for falsely accusing Tim Janzen for pilfering chicken from him in Victoria, though the thought did cross his guilt-riddled mind) welcomed everyone, thanked Heimo and Leigh, and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff	- V.P.- Chair
Andrew Leyzack	- Treasurer
Tim Janzen	- Secretary
Brian Power	Ken Dexel
Keith Weaver	John Dixon
Sam Weller	Jim Berry
Heimo Duller	Earl Brown
Julian Goodyear	Gill Bibby
	Bill Warrender
	Joe Della Fave
	Jim Weedon
	Ab Rogers
	John Coakley

Regrets:

Al Koudys Terese Herron Jackie Miles Ed Lewis

2) Minutes of 19 March 1998 meeting were circulated in the NewsLetter and were available at the meeting. Keith noted that the number of paid-up members in item 5) Committee Reports was wrong; number was 51. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended:

- Moved A. Leyzack/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew presented the audited 1997 year-end Statements and said the Statement presented at the National Meeting and in the newsletter was not audited. Andrew said the Heritage Launch account had \$457, and next year all Launch items will be separate from the Branch accounts, as with Lighthouse. It was suggested our Branch's Professional Development Fund be advertised in the NewsLetter.

Motion to accept audited 1997 Financial Statements:

- Moved F. Oliff/B. Power CARRIED

4) Correspondence: None.

5) Committee Reports: Lighthouse: (F. Oliff) Fred said it may be possible to publish a May/June/July issue. Elizabeth Sinclair has now taken over the layout duties, though she would be more interested in being Editor, since Terese has given notice of giving up that post after this year. Lighthouse, therefore, is presently in need of an In-House volunteer to do the layout or be the Editor.

Keith raised the possibility of contracting an outside publisher, but Fred said budgetary constraints precluded this option. Brian suggested reducing costs by such means as using cheaper paper.

It was suggested that Lighthouse become a Canadian section in an international hydrographic journal, or perhaps part of CIG's *Geomatica*. Sam said Lighthouse was a key part of CHA's original Aims and it would be best to continue publishing it by CHA people for CHA people. Brian said we need a list of duties involved with Lighthouse and to consider training for volunteer staff.

6) Social Events: (B. Power) Brian voiced some concern that few CHA members participate in the H2O Bonspiel, and that if this doesn't change perhaps CHA sponsorship of this event should be re-evaluated.

7) Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Andrew said it will be a busy season for *Surveyor*. [List of events and work parties is on page 3.] The launch is at Gill Bibby's boat shop. The new boat cover should be ready for the Ottawa trip. Volunteers are invited for our work parties. Hull does not need painting but does need anti-fouling; topsides need oiling. Cargo hammocks will go under each thwart for personal effects and life jackets. There will be a Launch meeting on 29th April at CCIW. ACTION: A. Leyzack to contact meeting participants.

8) Schedule of remaining 1998 CHA meetings:

Tuesday 19 May at Queen City Yacht Club, Toronto
Thursday 8 October at TRCA, Scarborough.

Wednesday 4 November (to be announced)

AGM/Dinner, Thurs. 10 December at MCC, Etobicoke
Suggestions for guest speakers are always welcome.

9) Other Business: Members said attendees of past CHS conferences have been sent applications for upcoming events. This did not happen with CHC '98 and at least one regular exhibitor missed the conference.

ACTION: T. Janzen to discuss this with CHC98 Chair G. Schlagintweit, for future consideration.

International Member Larry Robbins and his wife Jane will be in our area in May. A social evening with them is set for Tuesday May 19th at *Queen City Yacht Club* in Toronto. Members, friends and spouses are welcome.

A motion for CHA to cover the cost of the yacht club's launch to and from the yacht club (\$4 per person).

- Moved J. Weller/B. Power CARRIED

A motion for CHA to cover cost of the Robbins' evening.

- Moved J. Weller/K. Weaver CARRIED

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

- Moved J. Berry/B. Power CARRIED

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Andrew introduced Gill Bibby, V-P of *Hamilton Ship's Company of 1812*, who gave an update on their ambitious and worthwhile plans to build a full-scale replica of a period wooden ship and a period supporting complex.

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Fred introduced the evening's guest speaker, Dr. John Coakley of NWRI. Illustrated with slides, John told us about his work with offshore sediment transport and the proposed Burlington sewage outfall. Fred thanked him for his very informative presentation and presented him with a CHA pin as a token of our appreciation.

After the talk, members indulged in our traditional beer, pizza, and conversation.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor – A Message from the Coxswain

On June 11, 1993, during the Survey and Mapping Conference at Toronto, a part of our surveying heritage was brought to life with the official launching of the 'Surveyor', which was a reproduction of a 1790's hydrographic launch. Thanks to the support of many dedicated individuals and our sponsors, the Heritage Launch Project became a reality and our main objective, a re-enactment of the first hydrographic survey of Toronto Harbour, was completed.

Three years later, in June of 1996, a memorandum of understanding was drawn up between the Canadian Hydrographic Association, Central Branch and the Canadian War Museum, which lead to the fulfillment of our second objective, the transfer of ownership of the 'Surveyor' to a public museum. Title to the launch was granted to the Canadian War Museum on December 1, 1996, with the understanding that CHA Central Branch manage and act as official custodian of the vessel. The Branch also agreed to operate the Launch for at least one Canadian War Museum sponsored event per year. In exchange, the Canadian War Museum agreed to provide adequate funding to maintain the vessel and insurance coverage for the Launch, her crew and guests.

Since her debut, the 'Surveyor' and crew have attended many public events, as far away as Louisbourg, Nova Scotia and Put-In-Bay, Ohio. She has also been filmed for documentaries and special events that have aired on public television. From "Operation Sail" engagements to indoor exhibits, the program is alive and well. When we gave up charity status, the name "Heritage Launch Project" ceased to exist and a new name "the Admiralty Launch 'Surveyor'" was created. *Surveyor's* homeport is still in Burlington, at Canada Centre for Inland Waters.

The 1998 sailing schedule will be as follows:

May 16-18th: The Festival of Spring, Ottawa, Ontario. Sounding the way for the flotilla down the Rideau Canal. There will be an encampment at HMCS Cormorant on Dows Lake.

May 26-29th: John Cabot's ship *Matthew* visits Hamilton. This will be a static display for local school groups to be held on the lawn of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club with Cabot's medieval ship alongside.

June- TBA: A "Launch" lunch-time BBQ fund-raiser at Canada Centre for Inland Waters, Burlington.

July 10th: Opening ceremonies at the Pier, Toronto's new Marine Museum, Toronto, Ontario. This will feature a hydrographic demonstration and presentation of Joseph Bouchette's 1792 harbour chart to the Mayor of Toronto.

July 11-12th: Celebrating the International Year of the Ocean, Sarnia, Ontario. This will feature a hydrographic demonstration on the St. Clair River.

Aug. 1-3rd: Simcoe Day Weekend, Toronto, Ontario. This will be an overnight encampment with hydrographic demonstrations and sailing on the harbour.

Aug. 21-23rd: The Battle of Georgian Bay, at Penetanguishene, Ontario. This will include an 1812 Naval Landing at Discovery Harbour, which was Captain Bayfield's base of operations during the 1820's surveys of Georgian Bay.

Oct. 3-4th: Faire at the Forks, Chatham, Ontario. An 1812 Naval Engagement and Grand Encampment by the banks of the river Thames.

We encourage you to come out and visit us; you're always welcome aboard.

Fair Winds,
Andrew Leyzack
Coxswain, Admiralty Launch 'Surveyor'

Special CHA Event

Jane Robbins and Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, who is an International Member of CHA and the International Correspondent for our Central Branch NewsLetter, will be visiting the Toronto area for a few days. They have kindly agreed to be our guests at a CHA Social Evening on Tuesday 19 May at *Queen City Yacht Club*, Toronto. All CHA Members, spouses, friends and guests are warmly welcome.

The format will be informal, with a focus on meeting our guests and later enjoying a meal at the yacht club's restaurant. Drinks and restaurant fare are reasonably priced. The view across Toronto Harbour towards the Toronto skyline is magnificent, somewhat similar to the Manhattan skyline but enlivened by SkyDome and the CN Tower.

The yacht club has its own scheduled ferry service, operated by the tender *Algonquin Queen*, which is a black-hulled water taxi with a capacity of about 40 people. The tender leaves Pier 6, at the foot of York Street, at 16:15, 17:15, 17:45 and 18:15. The charge is \$4. per person for guests, but tell the captain of the tender you are with the CHA and there will be no charge.

The restaurant needs an idea of numbers so please let us know if you plan to join us [call Sam Weller at (905) 336-4732]. We look forward to seeing many Members, spouses, guests and friends with us at QCYC. It is a friendly club and everyone is most welcome.

Come and meet Larry and Jane on Tuesday 19 May!