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Central Branch Committees

NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, J. Berry, T. Herron, B. Power, L. Robbins,
K. Weaver.

Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, F. Oliff, 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.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Welcome back everyone! I do hope that you all had a good summer/field season wherever you were.

There is concern on the part of some members who did not hear of meetings until the day or two before they happened. Our NewsLetter Editor does the editing in his own weekend and evening hours. He is diligent in urging his contributors to deliver items to him in a timely manner so he can get it out to the members.

This edition must get out on time so the Branch Executive Nominations and ballots reach all members in time for their votes to be counted. Your ballot and your invitation to the AGM and Dinner are enclosed with this newsletter. Please return both of them to us.

We held a Branch Executive meeting yesterday [12 Nov.] to address one or two concerns. As stated at the General Meeting, due to overwhelming time pressures on our Lighthouse Editor, the journal is delayed. To bring Lighthouse back on track, it has been suggested that we publish a double 1998 Edition in January 1999 instead of two separate issues. Lighthouse is a National responsibility so the Secretary and Vice-President will write to the National President to suggest a teleconference of the CHA Board of Directors to review this.

We also discussed a Public Service Commission web-site competition for 10 Hydrographer positions restricted to University graduates. An Executive member is concerned that this excludes most people taking hydrographic training at colleges. The Executive member will draft a letter to the National President.

Out-House Executive Member Jim Berry introduced a motion to hold 1999 Branch and International membership dues at the present \$30, of which \$15 goes toward National dues. This motion carried and will be presented to the members at the AGM.

– Fred Oliff

Next Meeting

The next event is our Annual General Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday 9 December at *Mimico Cruising Club*. Dr. John Hughes-Clarke, of the Ocean Mapping Group at the University of New Brunswick, will be speaking about his participation in the recent Swissair search. John is a dynamic speaker so this will be an interesting evening as well as a great meal in a lovely clubhouse, freshly decorated for Christmas.

A flyer for the AGM and Dinner is enclosed with this NewsLetter. Please return it, with your cheque, to Terese Herron. Call her at (905) 336-4832 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Central Branch 1998 Third Quarter Financial Statements

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 3,413.24
Receipts	
Membership Dues (1997)	\$ 60.00
Membership Dues (1998)	1,943.46
NewsLetter	50.00
AGM	100.00
H2O Bonspiel	250.00
	\$ 2,403.46
	\$ 5,816.70
Expenditures	
National Dues (1997)	\$1,552.50
Postage	448.83
Seminars	258.73
H2O Bonspiel	860.00
CIG MasterCard charges	1.05
NewsLetter paper	108.86
1997 AGM accounts receivable	75.00
	\$ 3,304.97
Working Balance September 30, 1998:	\$ 2,511.73

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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 (1998)	\$ 569.67
	\$ 569.67
	\$ 1,122.60
Expenditures	
Postage	\$ 48.55
Shipping (1997)	12.79
	\$ 61.34
Working Balance September 30, 1998:	\$ 1,061.26

Hydrographic Opportunity: IT/GIS SPECIALIST

The Royal New Zealand Navy Hydrographic Office in Takapuna is seeking an IT/GIS graduate for a role in the field of digital Hydrographic Chart production and the development of an integrated Hydrographic Information System (HIS).

Applicants should be IT/GIS qualified with ORACLE and UNIX experience. Knowledge of CARIS GIS, Electronic Navigation Charting (ENC) and digital data collection would be advantageous. The successful candidate will also provide support to users in our Microsoft environment.

A job description and application form can be obtained by phoning 09-445-5092. Applications should be sent to the Civilian Recruitment Officer, Maritime Headquarters, Private Bag 32-901, Auckland by 20 November. Details are also available on the Internet from: Hydrographer RNZN: hydrographer@xtra.co.nz

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 4 November 1998

1) Meeting was at Bill and Helen Warrender's home. Fred welcomed everyone, with a special welcome to visiting Private Industry member John Smart, thanked the hosts, and called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff	- V-P, Chair	
Andrew Leyzack (Treasurer);	Tim Janzen (Secretary)	
Earl Brown	Ken Dixel	Heimo Duller
Terese Herron	John Medendorp	Bruce Petrochuk
Brian Power	Ab Rogers	Al Shepherd
John Smart	Bill Warrender	Keith Weaver
Jim Weedon	Sam Weller	Dave Willis

2) Minutes: Minutes of 22 April meeting were in the May NewsLetter. Minutes of 8 October were in the Fall NewsLetter and were available. Terese noted Joe Delle Fave's name was misspelled. It was also noted that the 1998 AGM and Dinner is now on Wed 9 Dec.; hall is booked and same caterer as last year has been hired.

Motion to accept 22 April minutes and 8 Oct minutes:

- Moved: J. Weller/F. Oliff CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew circulated a financial statement; he left out the Heritage Launch balances because some moneys have just been received. The Launch is "in the black"; figures will be included in the Statements to be presented at the Branch AGM.

Sam asked why National dues are high in comparison to membership dues. Andrew said the payment covered two years. This prompted Earl to inquire what benefits derived from National dues. Andrew said they support Lighthouse, overseas training projects, and seed money for Branch projects and conferences. Earl raised the issue of accountability of National's expenditures. Andrew said he has seen no such statement; perhaps such information should be made more accessible.

A final point was what plans have been made for the recovery of money from dormant Branches? This was raised at the AGM in Victoria; discussions are ongoing.

Motion to accept the financial statement as circulated:

- Moved: F. Oliff/B. Warrender CARRIED

4) Correspondence: Terese heard from two members who would like more notice of meetings so they could plan to attend. Fred received e-mail from Peter Knight about a job opportunity with Royal New Zealand Navy. ACTION: Sam will include this in the newsletter.

5) Committee Reports:

Membership: (A. Leyzack for A. Koudys) Paid up to date: 36 In-House 20 Out-House (Private Industry etc.), 22 International, 1 Honorary, 4 Life, 2 Sustaining. Earl noted that these are fewer than shown in the newsletter. Terese said the published list was from last year because Out-House and International dues are still coming in.

Gerry Wade Essay Award: (A. Leyzack for Ed Lewis) Status is not known. Deferred to the next meeting.

Social Events: (B. Power) No action yet on 1999 Bonspiel. Jackie has put a lot of heart & energy into this for years but needs a break so he's looking for help. Andrew said we have some sponsors but it is a difficult event to plan as it happens early in the new Executive's year. Earl suggested that the existing Executive be responsible for setting the date and booking ice for next year's event.

ACTION: Brian to set a date and book the ice.

Seminar Committee: (F. Oliff) Herb Pohl, of Wilderness Canoe Association, will speak to our January meeting.

NewsLetter/web page: (J. Weller/K Weaver) NewsLetter circulation is 130. Sam asked that items be submitted promptly so the NewsLetter is not delayed again. Sam suggested that the CHA web page address appear on the cover of the newsletter. ACTION: Sam

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Trying to get a 1998 issue out in January, either one large or two thin ones; prefer two but budget may dictate one. She repeated the need for timely submission of items. "Lighthouse Committee" on newsletter should say it is a Central Branch Committee.

International Members: (J. Weller) James Detar asked to join and will be added to the mailing list. ACTION: Sam

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Ticket sales for the raffle of the Alan Kingsland print *Laser Fun* have been slow. Raffles like this are needed to help finances. There is a move in the Museum to cut funding to living history programs. The Museum may release ownership of launch back to CHA. Andrew will meet with the new Museum Director to speak of the value of our program but will explore other avenues of support. The launch is slated for winter storage in Cayuga on 8 November.

6) Nominations for National President were discussed. Brian said nominations are open; he is contact person. Other Branches were notified by e-mail. Keith said he is still willing to be Committee Chair. Terese said some people decline nomination because duties are unclear. ACTION: Brian to announce nominations closing date.

7) Other Business: Terese said nominations for the 1999 Central Branch Executive have been slow.

Motion that the deadline be extended to 9 Nov.

- Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

8) Business Meeting adjourned at 08:40 p.m.

- Moved: K. Weaver/T. Janzen CARRIED

Fred introduced our guest, Bruce Petrochuk of *Talisman Energy Inc.*, and thanked him for coming. *Talisman* recently purchased *Pembina Oil* and is the largest natural gas producer on the Great Lakes. Bruce discussed the history of fossil fuel exploration and exploitation (natural gas in particular) on and around Lake Erie. His slides illustrated *Talisman's* operations, equipment, and challenges. All in all, a very interesting presentation.

Hydrographic Conference '98 — Victoria, B.C.

The theme of the conference, "Turning Data into Dollars", highlighted the problem facing hydrographic companies and government agencies, namely attracting business in the shrinking global economy amidst increased competition. The conference was produced and hosted by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, Pacific Region, and held in the Conference Centre in Victoria. This was adjacent to the Empress Hotel, where most out-of-town conference attendees were staying.

Technical talks focused on the use of multibeam technology, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), for both hydrographic and non-traditional applications, e.g. seafloor and habitat classification, as well as talks focused on post-processing and management of data for a myriad of uses and users.

Poster sessions featured diverse topics such as "Ocean currents and water masses of the New Zealand region" by their *National Institute of Water & Atmospheric*

Research (NIWA), "Swath Sounding Initiatives in Canada" (CHS). "The next generation paper chart" (CHS) and "Monitoring temporal changes in seabed morphology and composition using multibeam sonar: a case study of the 1996 Saguenay River floods" by the Ocean Mapping Group at the University of New Brunswick and by CHS Laurentian Region.

Social events ranged from the Sooke Logger's Museum, where we were treated to a demonstration of loggers' events such as axe throwing, chainsaw and Swede saw log cutting, to the *Royal British Columbia Museum* featuring a Dixieland jazz band in a wonderful setting with displays of BC's diverse cultural and natural history. The smorgasbord was truly a delight; I only wish my appetite had been better!

The CHS Pacific Region staff, most notably George Schlagintweit and Rob Hare, did a superb job of arranging the whole "shebang". Well done!

— Fred Oliff

Central Branch Summer BBQ

Once again, the CHA Annual Summer BBQ was set off by an excellent day. And what better way to start festivities than friends and family together with a fabulous collage of good eats, lots of beer, wine & a chipper green to drive the message home that fun can be had by all.

The group started its double celebration at the home of Terese Herron's Mom and Dad. Terese and Shawn Cook had just returned from the small island of Grand Manan, off the shores of New Brunswick, where they were recently married. Since most were unable to make the journey east for the ceremonies, Terese and Shawn held a small gathering of family and colleagues as a token of friendship and in celebration of their new life, with a very fine menu and tastefully decorated yard.

Since this event was held in the small village of Dundas, friends of a CHA member were kind enough to host our BBQ at their beautiful home nestled in the natural setting of Sleepy Hollow Court. Alex and Isabel Gadamer have created an extraordinary B&B in the confines of a totally serene environment without compromising access for transportation, nature walks in Cootes Paradise, and to the many unique shops in the downtown core.

With this, some 30 CHA folk attended this year's BBQ, and beer and wine flowed like water. (Well, for some people.) Alex spent a good day setting up the chipper green with flag and hole large enough for the novice.

The greatest treat was Alex's dog Cura, who was trained to retrieve golf balls! (So that's why they're "man's best friend"!) Frisbee, soccer and baseball glove were also part of the day's event. But most memorable of all were master chefs Andrew Leyzack & Tim Janzen at the helm of the vessel HMS BBQ which made the day with savoury burgers and dogs that Mom would have been proud of.

And what better way to quench a parched palate and to wash down those tasty morsels than an ice-cold beer.

Ah life is good!

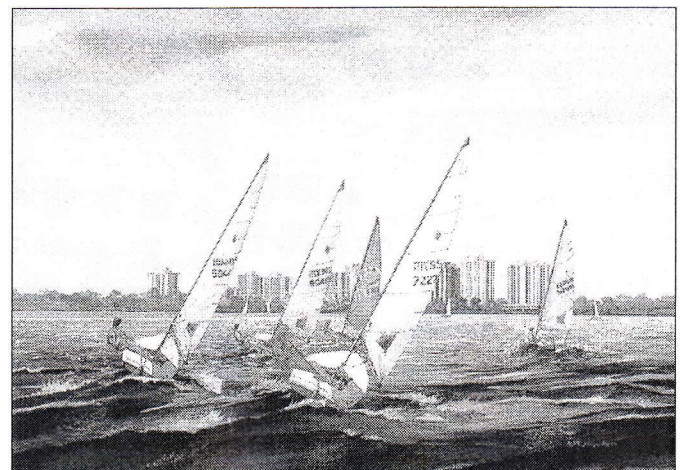
I have to say that without the help of everyone to make the day a special one, it just wouldn't have been. Thanks again to Alex and Isabel for excellent hospitality. Special thanks to Jacqueline Miles for all her work. Congratulations to Shawn & Terese for all the happiness in the world, and to all who participated in a job well done!

— Dave Willis

Heritage Launch Print Draw

Sea & Craft Framing Gallery of Oakville has donated *Laser Fun*, which is one of a set of four watercolours called *The Lure of the Sea* by Oakville's Alan Kingsland. The draw for this limited-edition print, a \$360.00 value, is to help support our replica Admiralty Launch 'Surveyor'.

Tickets, \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00, are available from Andrew Leyzack, Central Branch Treas., (905) 336-4831.



"Laser Fun" by Alan Kingsland. Actual size (framed) 27"x35".