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NewsLetter/Web site

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

Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, E. Brown, T. Janzen, R. Robitaille,
J. Weller.

Social Events

H₂O: E. Brown, B. Power, J. Miles.

BBQ: T. Janzen.

AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack.

International Members

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

Membership/Nominations/Elections

A. Koudys, T. Herron.

Seminar

F. Oliff, T. Janzen.

Wade Essay Award

E. Brown.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

As we near the end of the 20th century, it is a time for many to reflect back on what has been the century of some of humanity's greatest achievements. It is a time, too, for many to take stock and reflect on their own personal achievements or failures. This is indeed a stressful time, perhaps more so than any other we have ever faced before in terms of reflection. The media serves to keep it front and centre and so we need to remember this and be realistic.

How does one measure success or failure? Does one compare their achievements to those of others? Is it by how many times their name was in the newspaper? How many lives they saved? Is it by how many personal milestones were reached? How many goals set were reached? This may be the only way to measure success, but again this is a personal issue and is different for every individual.

Do you make New Years resolutions? Are they realistic? Do you keep them? Will you make different New Years resolutions this year because this is a special anniversary?

Making and keeping New Years resolutions is one measure of success and I wish each one of you all of the best in this holiday season and in the year 2000!

I would also like to take this space to thank the groups who helped support our 1999 AGM and Dinner. Our Sponsors helped make this a wonderful evening:

Canadian Hydrographic Association

CHS, Central and Arctic Region

Kev-tech Associates

Thank you all!

– Fred

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is at 19:00 on Wednesday 19 January 1999 at Heimo Duller's home: 2249 Mansfield Drive, Burlington [off Upper Middle Road, west of Brant Street].

Our guest speaker is John Barrett-Hamilton, General Manager of *Huronia Historical Parks*. His illustrated talk will be on "Discovery Harbour (Penetanguishene)". Our traditional refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

**The Members of the
Central Branch Executive
wish all our
Members and Friends Peace and
Joy in the New Year**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of
CHA CENTRAL BRANCH, held on 9 December 1999

1) Master of Ceremonies Mike Bennett welcomed everyone and especially thanked the AGM Committee for putting together a fine evening, and *Mimico Cruising Club* for opening their clubhouse to us. Mike named the Sponsors and thanked them for helping make this evening so affordable. He then turned the floor over to Branch Vice-President Fred Oliff, who called the meeting to order at 18:35.

Attendees:

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| F. Barrett | M. Bennett | J. Berry | J. Biggar |
| N. Biggar | K. Bocsi | C. Burbage | E. Brown |
| R. Cameron | S. Cook | J. Delle Fave | J. Dixon |
| H. Duller | J. Goodyear | K. Goodyear | T. Herron |
| S. Hinds | M. Johnston | A. Koudys | A. Leyzack |
| G. McFarlane | K. McMillan | J. Medendorp | F. Oliff |
| B. Power | A. Rogers | R. Sandilands | A. Shepherd |
| E. Sinclair | P. Travaglini | J. Weedon | J. Weller |
| Cpl. K. Burton, RCMP, - Speaker | | | |

2) Minutes of 20 October meeting were circulated in the newsletter and were printed in the AGM Program.

–Moved J. Weller/S. Cook

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3) Treasurer's Report: [printed in the Program] The *Zippo Canada* payment will be reimbursed. Month-to-month statements are on a cash basis but year-end statement shows receivables and payables.

–Moved J. Weller/T. Herron

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4) Committee Reports (printed in the AGM Program):

SOCIAL EVENTS

•AGM

Tonight marks the 10th Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the CHA, Central Branch. The committee has endeavored to make this an enjoyable evening for our members and guests. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make this evening a success. Members are encouraged to offer new ideas or suggestions for future meetings. Special thanks to our speaker, Cpl. Ken Burton and to the Mimico Cruising Club for once again making their facility available to us.

•BBQ

The CHA BBQ took place on July 24th at the Herron/Cook residence in Dundas. The event was deemed a success and was heralded by a sunny, albeit very hot day. Some attendees beat the heat by staying under the cover of shade of trees, while others (mainly the children) chose to dunk their heads in an apple bobbing barrel. Throughout the day, the occasional game of lawn bowling broke out, eating and socializing ran rampant, and fun was had by all.

•H2O Bonspiel

The 28th Annual H2O bonspiel took place at the Grimsby Curling Club on Saturday, February 27, 1999. Forty-eight curlers participated in a fun filled day of curling and enjoyed a fine dinner as well as a prize table overflowing with gifts for all.

The winning rink for the first place trophy was Brian Power and his team of Jane Bedford, Mel Webber, and Jason Power. The second place trophy went to Rick Kiriluk and his team members Elaine Grahame, Andrea Brown and Liam Doherty. Our congratulations are extended to the winners and our thanks to all participants.

The Bonspiel committee of Brian Power, Earl Brown and Jacqueline Miles also thanks the many generous sponsors of the annual event. The continued support of the many corporate sponsors as well as the Canadian Hydrographic Service and the Canadian Hydrographic Association is sincerely appreciated.

Over the years, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the friendly nature of the competition, our annual H2O Bonspiel has become one of the most popular events of the curling season for both experienced and non-experienced curlers. Each year many CHA members, friends and family members enter or join teams to have some fun curling and compete for the prestigious trophies.

We look forward to even greater participation by CHA members for our Y2K – H2O bonspiel.

MEMBERSHIP

Central Branch welcomes several new members this year: Peter C. Bloté, Roger Cameron, Mina Foroutan, Bill Gray, Robert Hinchley, Alberto Almeida Lee and Boyd Thorson. Membership to date stands at 76 Central Branch Members including Kongsberg Simrad Mesotech Ltd. and NovAtel Inc. our two Sustaining Members.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

The Central Branch of the CHA administers twenty-four 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. We welcome one new International Member: James P. Detar with C-MAP, Italy.

NEWSLETTER

Central Branch publishes a regular NewsLetter. It goes out as soon as possible after each business meeting to distribute minutes and news of coming events, with larger more newsy summer and fall editions. Including the coming December issue, we will have had seven newsletters this year. Our special thanks go to Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, who is our regular International Columnist, and to the others who have contributed special articles this year. The NewsLetter offers a forum for the news and views of our members, and Larry's column helps our International Members keep in touch and, incidentally, helps to remind us of the special strengths they bring to the CHA.

Central Branch maintains a web site with the NewsLetters and lists of Central Branch Executive members, Committee members and the membership. It also provides links to members who have email addresses, information on Lighthouse abstracts, and awards offered by CHA. All comments, suggestions and submissions are welcome to help build a more exciting site.

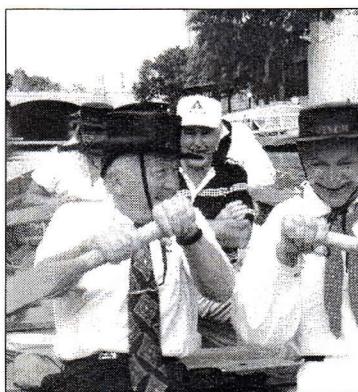
LIGHTHOUSE

Edition 57 should be to press in December. Editorial staff are required for Lighthouse, if you are interested in contributing to the publication of the journal contact Terese. Members are encouraged to contribute items of a general or technical nature for publication.

HERITAGE LAUNCH

This year the Admiralty Launch *Surveyor* and her crew enjoyed an eventful season which began on June 16th with a fundraiser lunch-

time BBQ on the front lawn of Canada Centre for Inland Waters, Burlington. Later that month, the Launch and crew made their way east to help celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of Halifax, Nova Scotia on the weekend of June 25-27th. Many thanks go out to the hydrographers and friends at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for a warm yet rainy reception and their help at the oars. Over the August 1st weekend, *Surveyor* took part in the Georgian Bay sailing Regatta at the towns of Thornbury and Meaford, Ontario. Despite heavy weather at Meaford, perseverance (and extra rum rations) helped get the Launch and her crew back to Thornbury on schedule to assist with the public unveiling of the much awaited chart 2283, Nottawasaga Bay.



Neil Anderson, Ross Douglas and Earl Brown on the Rideau

The opening of the International Cartographic Conference in Ottawa set the stage for *Surveyor*'s next engagement, August 16-18th. In keeping with the conference's theme, *Touch the past, visualize the future*, a static display and hydrographic demonstration was given on the Rideau Canal where, apparently, the rowing exercises were a real hit with the Asian delegates!

On August 22nd a static display was given at the town of Grimsby's Festival of the Forty. Here the *Surveyor* helped identify Grimsby's role in repelling the last of the American troops in the wake of the Battle of Stoney Creek, 1813. The sailing season came to a close in October at the Faire at the Forks in Chatham, Ontario. Education day at this recreation of an 19th C Faire provided an opportunity for us to show elementary school children what hydrography was all about.

I'd like to thank those who once again gave up some of their weekends to help prepare the *Surveyor* for sea, to sail, row and staff the displays. I would also like to thank those who have contributed the time and funding to keep our program *ready for sea*, specifically DFO Science and Hydrography. Through reenactments, the concept of *living history* is becoming alive and forward-thinking museums and historical organizations are beginning to embrace the merits of *living history*. Although many of these events tend to be driven by military or naval history, I am proud to say that through our participation we've been able to demonstrate to the public the role hydrography has played in our maritime heritage and in the development of our country. This was a particularly good year with respect to the number of people we were able to bring aboard even for a short visit. To our members, we encourage you to come out and visit us, you're always welcome aboard.

SEMINARS

The first meeting of 1999 was hosted by Heimo Duller at his Burlington residence. Burlington canoeist Herb Pohl of the Wilderness Canoe Association gave an enjoyable presentation of a solo canoe trip he took across the wilds of Labrador, a place he keeps going back to; no wonder, the rugged beauty of the scenery as seen through the lens of his camera was breath-taking.

The second meeting was held at the Herron/Cook residence in Dundas. Dr. Walter Peace of the Geography Department at McMaster University in Hamilton presented an interesting talk regarding the controversial Hamilton Red Hill Creek Expressway. Dr. Peace covered the range of topics regarding this project ranging from the Paleo history of the valley to the recent urban/industrial expansion of the area only a generation ago occupied by farms.

The third meeting was hosted by Sam Weller. Sam introduced the evening's speaker Dr. Bob Bukata of the Aquatic Ecosystem Conservation Branch of the National Water Research Institute at Burlington. Bob engaged us in a frank, insightful and informative discussion regarding the many varied applications, advantages and shortcomings of different remote sensing technologies.

The fourth meeting of 1999 was once again hosted by Heimo Duller; thanks Heimo! Captain Fernando de Santos presented some rather interesting and little known facts and stories behind one of this millennium's misunderstood characters, Cristofer Columbo or Christopher Columbus, if you prefer. North American history books paint a completely different picture of this person than do the texts of Europe.

The fifth and last meeting of 1999 was hosted by Terese Herron at her residence in Dundas, thanks Terese! Our speaker for this evening was local canoe guide and professional videographer George Drought who showed "soon-to-be-released to the public" footage of trips he has led down the historic Hood River in Canada's newest territory of Nunavut. A discussion followed regarding the controversial topics of land stewardship and environmental responsibility.

Fred asked the attendees to review the committee reports. Motion to accept the Committee Reports:

-Moved T. Herron/B. Power

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5) New Executive: Fred introduced the 2000 Central Branch Executive:

V-P: Andrew Leyzack, Secretary: Tim Janzen,

Treasurer: Sam Weller (by acclamation)

Executive Members:

Earl Brown; Dan Brousseau; John Dixon; Sean Hinds; Mike Marsden; Jim Weedon, F. Oliff (Past V-P).

Fred thanked Jim Weedon for assembling the evening's program, and thanked the Committee and his 1999 Executive for their work. Andrew Leyzack, V-P elect, thanked Fred for all his fine work these past two years and promised to build on Fred's achievements.

6) No other business, the business meeting adjourned at 18:50.

There was then a break while a wonderful roast beef dinner with wine [thanks to our Sponsors] was served.

After dinner, Mike Bennett introduced the speaker: Corporal Ken Burton, RCMP. (See the article on *St. Roch* in the Fall NewsLetter.)

Corporal Ken Burton, born in Orillia Ontario, educated and worked in Toronto and Oakville. He is an 18 year member of the RCMP, a member of the RCMP Marine since 1989 and was Captain of RCMP Coastal Patrol Vessel Lindsay from 1994-1998. Duties include west coast patrols enforcing Criminal Code of Canada, Narcotic Control

Act, Wildlife Act, Canada Shipping Act, Ocean Dumping environmental matters, Fisheries Act, etc.

Currently the NCO in charge of the Patrol Vessel 'Nadon' and heading the 'ST. Roch II - Voyage of rediscovery' millennium project.

He has lectured extensively across Canada, the United States and abroad to diverse groups including RCMP, police, FBI, Secret Service, NASA, State and local authorities, SAR specialists and the Singapore Aviation Academy to name a few. Topics have included harbour and port security, underwater investigations, waterborne protest activities, rescue & recovery scuba diving and special marine operations. Has multiple published articles on all matters relating to the marine environment, search and rescue, and water related criminal investigations.

Interests include being an avid underwater photographer (all matters related to the marine environment) and a passionate history buff. Accomplishments include Executive-Director of the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialist 1989 to 1998; Director of the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia 1990-1998; Director of the Underwater Council of British Columbia 1992-1996.

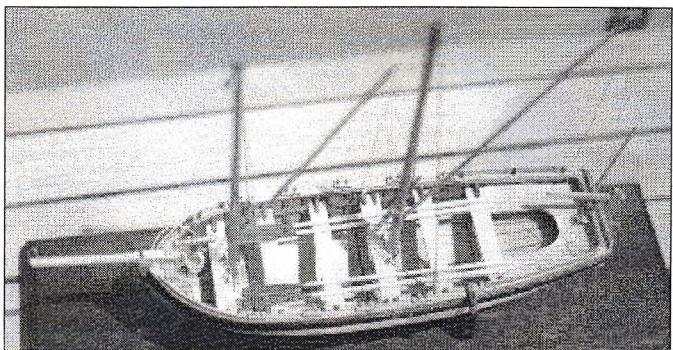
ST. Roch II: A Voyage Of Rediscovery

Canada has many unsung heroes, not the least of whom is *St. Roch*, a small wooden RCMP patrol vessel that Henry Larsen took through the Northwest Passage in 1941-42. On July 1, 2000, the RCMP patrol vessel *Nadon* will set out to recreate that epic trip, under the command of Ken Burton. Ken shared a wealth of information with us this evening, both of the early days of the Northwest Passage and the Inuit, and of the planning for the new expedition.

After the talk, Fred expressed our thanks and presented Ken Burton with a token of appreciation from the CHA.

Model Draw: Admiralty Launch Surveyor

A model of our replica *Admiralty Launch Surveyor*, built by Heimo Duller, long-time crewmember, is being raffled to raise funds for its care and maintenance. The scale model, 14" long, is fully rigged.



Model of "Admiralty Launch Surveyor" by Heimo Duller

Ticket draw will be at the January 19 meeting. The model is on display at CCIW. Get your tickets, \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00, or 7 for \$20.00 from Andrew Leyzack at (905) 336-4538 or from Sam Weller.

News Flash!

Terese Herron and Shawn Cook are now proud parents: baby Jessica made her grand entry on Monday 20 December at 19:00, weighing in at 6lb 12 oz. Father and baby are doing fine. Mother is relieved and on top of the world!