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Central Branch Committees

NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, T. Janzen, L. Robbins, J. Weedon, J. Dixon.

Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, E. Brown, T. Janzen, F. Oliff, R. Robitaille.

Social Events

H₂O: E. Brown, B. Power.

BBQ: T. Janzen.

AGM: S. Hinds, J. Weedon, J. Biggar, T. Herron.

Membership:

Branch: A. Koudys.

International: A. Leyzack, L. Robbins, P. Knight.

Elections: J. Dixon, T. Janzen.

Seminar

D. Brousseau, S. Hinds.

Gerry Wade

T. Janzen, S. Hinds, D. Brousseau.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

North of 60° the ice is definitely on the ponds and I'd like to welcome back our colleagues returning from the field.

I am pleased to inform you of two recent and significant accomplishments by our sister branches Pacific and Quebec. On Thursday 19 Oct., Quebec Branch unveiled a monument, based on a benchmark constructed and surveyed to first order control standards. The project was accomplished through funds raised by Quebec Branch, and the benchmark leveled-in by branch V-P Bernard Labreque and member J.M. Gervais. The benchmark is at Point au Père (Father Point), Quebec, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. It is at this point where the International Great Lakes Datum (known to us on the Lakes as IGLD) begins. Quebec Branch has researched the history of the establishment of IGLD and has developed an interpretive computer program and a bilingual information booklet for visitors to the site. Over \$45K was raised and after two years of preparation the project has come to fruition.

The *CSS William J. Stewart*, one of the last of Canada's coal-fired survey ships, now serves as a hotel and a base for whale watching and deep sea fishing charters in Ucluelet, BC. This summer, Pacific Branch placed a plaque along the sea wall on the Victoria waterfront, a memorial of the "Willie J" in recognition of her service and the hydrographers and crew who served on her.

This summer, during *Tall Ships 2000* in Halifax, hydrographers once again walked the decks of the *CSS Acadia* while she served as a base of operations for the Admiralty Launch Surveyor and crew. Thanks to the hospitality of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (who now care for this former hydrographic ship), some of our crew even took up berths aboard Acadia. For more information on the event be sure to read Jim Weedon's article in this issue of the newsletter.

Lastly, nominations have been opened for the 2001 executive. Those of you who are interested in participating in the registration team for the Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2002 should consider running for next year's executive.

P.S. Central Branch is holding another GPS raffle. Hope you'll consider buying a ticket or three to help support the Branch.

- Andrew

Next meeting

Our next general meeting will be at 19:00 on Wednesday 1 November. Brian Power is hosting us: 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington. There will be a guest speaker.

The Nominations Committee will report on the people nominated for election to the 2001 Central Branch Executive. We've not given you much time but please try to get your Nominations to us before the meeting.

Traditional refreshments will be served. See you there!

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 1999 to 28 September 2000

Balance forward December 31, 1999: \$ 1,387.84

Receipts:

Membership Dues (2000)	\$ 1,325.13	
Membership Dues (2001)	30.00	
Sustaining Member (2000)	150.00	
H2O Bonspiel	1,794.59	
		\$ 3,299.72
		\$ 4,687.56

Expenditures:

Postage	\$ 332.53	
Seminars & Meetings (net)	211.12	
NewsLetter paper	106.95	
Summer BBQ	239.96	
H2O Bonspiel	1,776.29	
Video duplicate	8.92	
Bank Charges	3.00	
		\$ 2,678.77

Working Balance 28 September 2000: \$ 2,008.79

Note: To help the Lighthouse Editorial team and the Admiralty Launch Surveyor Committee, the Central Branch treasurer handles some of their income and expenditures (reported below). The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1999: \$ 1,561.12

Receipts:

Subscriptions	\$ 125.32
	\$ 1,686.44

Expenditures:

Refund	\$ 25.00
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Working Balance 28 September 2000: \$ 1,661.44

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Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1999: \$ 4,543.90

Receipts:

Model Draw	\$ 320.00	
Benefit BBQ	623.58	
Halifax Sponsorship	500.00	
DFO maintenance support	356.93	
		\$ 1,800.51
		\$ 6,344.41

Expenditures:

Video duplicates	\$ 19.19	
Benefit BBQ expenses	314.61	
Benefit BBQ donation	308.97	
Maintenance	729.75	
Planking repair	250.00	
Launch poster	72.79	
Upper Canada Trade Fair	70.00	
Halifax Tall Ships	450.00	
Sarnia Tall Ships	1,222.12	
		\$ 3,437.43

Working Balance 28 September 2000: \$ 2,906.98

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 11 October 2000

1) The meeting was held at Thirty Bench Vineyards & Winery. Andrew welcomed everyone, thanked our host, and called the meeting to order at 19:15.

Attendees:

Andrew Leyzack	- VP- Chair	
Tim Janzen	- Secretary	
Regrets:	Sam Weller	- Treasurer
Heimo Duller	John Medendorp	Brian Power
Ab Rogers	Earl Brown	Ken Dixel
Jim Berry	Joe DelleFave	Fred Oliff
Paola Travaglini		
Guest/Host Speaker-	Frank Zeritsch, co-owner of Thirty Bench Vineyards & Winery.	

2) Minutes of the April 5th general meeting were circulated in the newsletter and available for review at the meeting.

- Moved to accept the minutes

E. Brown/H. Duller

CARRIED

3) Treasurer's report: (A. Leyzack for J. Weller) It was noted that there was a discrepancy in the receipts of the H2O bonspiel, and concluded that the report was likely a draft copy.

ACTION: Andrew to bring the discrepancy to Sam's attention for revision, prior to inclusion in the newsletter.

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: Andrew said that we have 2 new membership applications for 2001 and some in-house members have chosen not to renew. We have 68 members to date: 28 In-house, 21 Out-house, 13 International, 4 Life, 1 Honorable and 1 sustaining. Many members were late in paying this year, so next year's Membership Committee will need to be more proactive and do a renewal/recruitment drive earlier in the year.

Seminar: Tim reported that Sean Hinds is hunting for a guest speaker for the next meeting, on Wednesday, November 1st, but we still need a meeting place – a volunteer to host would be welcomed. Further, Sean has reserved the Mimico Cruising Club for Thursday, December 7th, as the venue for the 2000 AGM.

Lighthouse: Andrew said that all material for Ed58 has been submitted. He has not been in contact with Terese Herron for some time, so does not know what the status of Ed58 is. Andrew referred to a letter to the membership from National President, Ken McMillan which indicated that Ed58 was slated for release in October 2000.

ACTION: Andrew to contact Terese about the status of Ed58.

Gerry Wade: Tim stated that there had not been any recent activity in the committee, and he has been unable to find a suitable cabinet to contain the Gerry Wade Library. He asked for suggestions of where he might find a presentable wooden cabinet with locking glass doors, in the \$800 price range.

CHA BBQ: Tim said that the BBQ was held at his house on July 8th, with about 25 attendees. The weather was fantastic, there was plenty of food and drink, and everyone had a good time.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: Andrew said that the launch had a very active summer. The schedule of events were as follows:

Launch fundraiser BBQ, Burlington	- static - Apr 14
Upper Canada Trade Fair, Odessa	- static - Apr 21-23

Sail Training, Penetanguishene	- water- All of June
Landings at Muddy York, Toronto	- water - Jun30-Jul2
Tall Ships 2000, Halifax, NS	- water - Jul 20-24
Tall Ships 2000, Sarnia	- water - Aug 18-20
Faire at the Forks, Chatham	- water Sep29-Oct1

Some highlights of the summer were:

- ♦ At **Halifax**, some of the Surveyor's took up berths aboard the CSS Acadia, including Ken Dixel, who served on her in 1969. Ken is currently arranging for a CHS flag to be made for the Acadia, as a token of our appreciation.
- ♦ The **Tall Ships event, in Sarnia**, gave the CHA a lot of public exposure, and Coast Guard personnel were very accommodating toward the Surveyor's crew.
- ♦ Approximately 5000 children participated in Education Day at the **Faire at the Forks**, in Chatham, many of whom learned something of hydrography.

5) Correspondence: Andrew said that two e-mails were received. One e-mail was a thank you from Michelle Dempsey, in regards to the launch BBQ fundraiser. The second was from Barry Lusk. It was addressed to the CHA directors, and pertained to the status of the CHA student awards.

6) Other Business: Andrew said that while searching for information on Lt. Bayfield, Ken Dixel had found the Friends of Hydrography (FOH) web site, the address is <http://www.canfoh.org>. Earl furthered that an e-mail will be circulated by FOH to introduce the site, to ask for information contributions for it and to request assistance in maintaining it. A discussion ensued, and the general feeling was that the CHA should have taken a more proactive role in the FOH, but unfortunately, a year ago Central Branch did not have much information about this organization, and a lot of issues fell in shadow of the Lighthouse publishing dilemma.

ACTION: Andrew to address the issue of contributing to the FOH, either nationally, or as a branch, at the next director's meeting.

ACTION: Central Branch to draft a letter to the FOH to congratulate them on the web site and to inquire as to what sort of input they would welcome from us.

7) Andrew formally announced the opening of nominations of candidates for VP, Secretary, Treasurer and executive members for 2001; nominations from membership may be forwarded to John Dixon or Tim Janzen. The nominations will close at the end of the next general meeting, Wednesday, November 1st.

8) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:15.
-Moved J. Berry/J. Medendorp CARRIED

Our guest/host speaker was Frank Zeritsch, co-owner of Thirty Bench Vineyards & Winery. Frank gave us a history of the winery, which specializes in late harvest Rieslings and ice-wines and an insight as to how some of their wines are crafted. During the presentation, we enjoyed several samples of the establishment's wonderful wines.

After the talk, we retired to chez Janzen for beverages, pizza and socializing.

Tall Ships, Sarnia, August 18,19 & 20, 2000

By Brian Power



Once again the CHA Admiralty launch *Surveyor* was back on the road, this time in Sarnia Ontario to participate in the *Tall Ships* event held at the government wharf just down stream from the Blue Water Bridge. *Surveyor* and her crew were there to demonstrate and talk to the public about Hydrography and the important role that Hydrographers played in charting the waterways of Upper Canada. A crew of fifteen sailors dressed in period costumes put on two twenty-minute demonstration each day.

Large crowds were drawn to the wharf's edge to see Julian Goodyear shouting out sextant angles, yes he still remembered, and to see the lead line splash and sink to the bottom. We had a very excited crew on the lead line that weekend, many thanks to Julia Duller, and Melanie and Danielle Tinney for helping out. Melanie even gave the crew a man-overboard drill. Brad showed great discipline by remaining at his rowing station while our helmsmen Bill Warrender shouted out the rescue commands. Many thanks to Leigh Morrison who, with the assistance of a PA system, gave a live commentary on our rowing and hydrographic survey skills.



Earl Brown said he received many favorable comments on our demonstration and the public appeared very interested in meeting the crew and seeing our display.

On the Saturday night we were all invited to a BBQ at the new home of Brad and Joanne Tinney. On behalf of the crew of the *Surveyor* I would like to thank Brad and Joanne for having us over. Many of our members may not be aware that Brad and his family have relocated to the Sarnia area. Brad has been a member of the CHA for many years and his regular attendance at evening meetings will be missed.

Surveyor's crew on hand during the weekend were: Brad, Melanie and Daniel Tinney, Julian and Gail (Gale?) Goodyear, Fred and Elizabeth Oliff, Heimo Duller and Leigh and Julia Morrison-Duller, Brian and Jason Power, Earl Brown, Jim Weedon, Bill Warrender, Francine Dixel and Jacqueline Miles.



Central Branch Executive 2001 Election

Nominations for the Central Branch Executive for the year 2001 are now open and your Nominations Committee is looking forward to receiving your nominations. Anyone accepting nomination should be prepared to set aside time for CHA activities and duties.

Positions available for 2001: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Executive Members. Members in good standing [Page 7] may submit nominations and are eligible for election to the executive.

Please phone or email (dixonj@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or fax (905) 319-6916 your nominations to:

John Dixon (905) 336-4419
Tim Janzen (905) 336-4847.

We will contact the nominees.

Nominations close at the November meeting. Ballots will be distributed with the newsletter after that meeting and the results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on December 7th at the Mimico Cruising Club.

Anticipating hearing from you,

John Dixon, Nominations Committee

Tall Ships 2000 at Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 20-24

By Jim Weedon

Our Admiralty launch *Surveyor* and her crew took part in *Tall Ships 2000* in Halifax, Nova Scotia, this year, arriving on July 19th. A gathering of tall ships and people from around the world made for an event to remember. Here's a taste...



Surveyor was hauled out the morning of July 19 from its berth at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene to begin the trek east to Halifax and the gathering of tall ships. A few crew members accompanied *Surveyor* on the trip from Ontario while the rest of the crew was made up of enthusiastic volunteers from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth and friends from Halifax.

Surveyor and crew were welcomed on Friday July 21 with a BBQ hosted by CHS staff at BIO to kick off the Tall Ships weekend. Burgers, hotdogs and a choice of beverages were on the menu. The weather also welcomed *Surveyor* and crew as the festivities were enjoyed under sunny skies. After enjoying the food and refreshments, the launch was hoisted into the water and rigged dockside.



Rigging the Admiralty launch Surveyor

With the launch fully rigged, the sails were unfurled and the wind guided *Surveyor* and crew to their home for the duration of the Tall Ships event, C.S.S. *Acadia*, berthed at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.



The petty officers' quarters onboard *Acadia* provided a place to rest for the night after taking in long days of sun, sail and the thousands and thousands of people enjoying the sight of almost 100 tall ships from around the world. An estimated one million people attended *Tall Ships 2000*.

The Admiralty launch *Surveyor* was officially registered for *Tall Ships 2000* and had the designation of being 'the smallest tall ship'. The crew enjoyed a couple days of sailing on Saturday and Sunday taking in the sights and sounds of the busy harbour. *Surveyor* hoisted sails and cruised the harbour, providing photo opportunities for the visitors and a great day on the water for the crew.



The *Parade of Sail* on the Monday was 'the' day of the weekend. The flotilla of tall ships each took a turn circling the harbour before they set sail for the next leg of the Tall Ships event bound for Amsterdam, Netherlands. *Surveyor* of course did not make that trip. Instead she was hauled out and prepared for the journey home. Tuesday morning marked the close of an enjoyable weekend as *Surveyor* and crew made the long trip home with memories of what the world had to offer.

We'll have a great program again next year so if you can join us, give us a call. You'll have the time of your life!

The Great Grant Millennium Cruise

By Steve Grant

This time last year, i.e. mid Sept., Karen & I were onboard our 32 foot fibreglass sloop SAORSA (Gaelic for Freedom) in New York City looking for a secure place to ride out hurricane Floyd.



32 ft. sloop Saorsa, our home for a year.

We had just been booted out of the 79th Street Marina where we had a mooring on the Hudson River adjacent to, where else, Manhattan's 79th Street, for \$15/night! They felt it wasn't safe for us or their moorings for us to stay. We ended up at the well-protected Liberty Landing Marina, just behind the Statue of Liberty. After all our preparations—our berth looked like a spider's web—Floyd decided to veer off to sea the day before it was forecast to pass over us so the winds only reached about 40 knots.

This was just one of the many incidents that we experienced during our one-year odyssey to the Bahamas. We left Chester, Nova Scotia on 1 August 1999 and

returned exactly one year later, on 31 July 2000. During that time we traveled about 5,400 nautical miles. We had a good passage south along the New England coast; the passage through Delaware Bay was awful and through Chesapeake Bay was very pleasant.

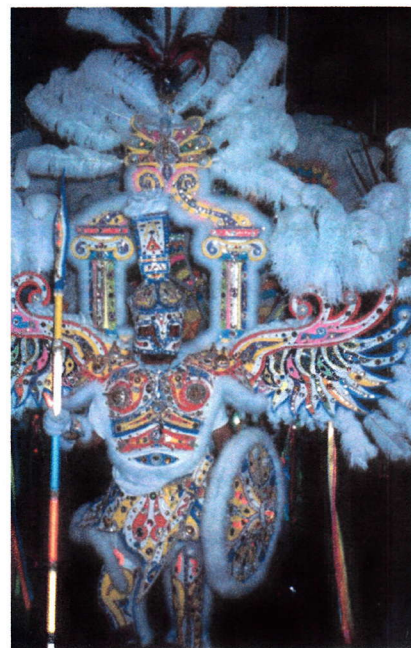


Steve steering through Chesapeake & Delaware Canal (Note the cap!)

We entered the Intracoastal Waterway in Norfolk, rode out hurricane Irene at Beaufort, NC, spent 3 wonderful days each in Charleston, SC and St. Augustine, FL and arrived in Miami on 3 December. We crossed the Gulf Stream overnight 8/9 December with 5 Quebec boats and continued across Grand Bahama Bank the next day.

We anchored for the night about 50 miles from the nearest land in 15-20 feet of water with a dozen other boats. It started to blow during the night so we had an uncomfortable night and a rough sail to Chub Cay the next day where we cleared Bahamian customs. That was an interesting experience. One question: Did any passengers die since your previous port and what did we do with the bodies? We had an easy sail to Nassau where we stayed 3 weeks over Christmas and New Year.

One of the most spectacular events of the whole trip was the annual Mardi-Gras-like Junkanoo parade on Boxing Day. The costumes and music were awesome. This picture is a typical Junkanoo costume.



We brought in the new Millennium onboard a friend's boat anchored in the middle of Nassau Harbour drinking champagne, eating chocolate cheesecake and watching the most stunning fireworks display we have ever seen erupt from the Atlantis Hotel.

We spent the next three months exploring the Exuma Cays, Eleuthera and the Abacos and returned to the USA at Ft. Pierce, FL on 4 May. On the whole it was a bit windier than we expected but we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful clear blue/green water, the snorkelling, the food and the wonderful people, both cruisers and Bahamians.

The trip north was fast and relatively uneventful although we did enjoy several visits with friends we had met earlier in the trip.

Would we do it again? Planning has already begun!

MEMBERS of CENTRAL BRANCH [26 September 2000]

CCIW in-house (35)

Mike Bennett	Chris Gorski	Carol Robinson
Raj Beri	Terese Herron	Dennis St. Jacques
Daniel Brousseau	Sean Hinds	Rick Sandilands
Roger Cameron	Tim Janzen	Al Shepherd
Jennifer Campbell	Al Koudys	Brad Tinney
Laura Colombe	Ed Lewis	Paola Travaglini
Mike Crutchlow	Andrew Leyzack	Bill Warrender
Janis Davies	John Medendorp	Keith Weaver
Ken Dexel	Jackie Miles	Jim Weedon
John Dixon	Fred Oliff	Sam Weller
George Fenn	Brian Power	Dave Willis
Julian Goodyear	Bruce Richards	

Private Industry etc. (24)

James Berry	Ryk Karczuga	Tom McCulloch (Life Member)
Earl Brown (Life Member)	Anthony C. Knott	R. Ken McMillan
Paul Davies	Don Knudsen	Richard Padmore
Heimo Duller	Alberto Almeida Lee (Atlantic)	Ken Richmond
Steve Grant (Atlantic)	George Macdonald (Honorary Member)	Ab Rogers (Life Member)
Kirsten Greenfield	Bruce MacGowan (Atlantic)	John Smart (Atlantic)
John Halsall	Robert Marshall	S. James Statham
Bob Hinchley	George McFarlane	Dave Wells (Atlantic)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS of CHA [26 September 2000]

Peter Barr	Australia	Karl Kieninger	U.S.A.
Guenther Bellach	Thailand	Peter Knight	New Zealand
Fosco Bianchetti	Italy	Charles Meador	U.S.A.
Gary Chisholm	New Zealand	Rr. Adm. Steve Ritchie (Ret'd)	Scotland (Life Member)
Ron Dreyer	St. Lucia	Cdr. Larry Robbins	New Zealand
Nick Emerson	Hong Kong	Kevin Smith	New Zealand
Randall Franchuk	U.S.A.	University of Technology	Malaysia
Adam Kerr	United Kingdom		

SUSTAINING MEMBER of CENTRAL BRANCH

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[contact: John Gillis, Manager (East Coast) and Manager of Marketing, at (902) 468-2268]

Central Branch Summer Barbecue

By Tim Janzen

Missing from the picture are our host [behind the camera] and the folks replenishing their plates and glasses.



The 2000 CHA Central Branch Barbecue was held on July 8th at the Janzen residence, in Grimsby.

The weather cooperated nicely, to provide a warm, sunny day for the event, and by all accounts, the participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In addition to the standard hamburgers, hotdogs, and refreshments, the attendees brought along a wide variety of fantastic salads and desserts – I don't believe anyone left hungry.

The atmosphere and activities of the day were relaxation, eating and conversation, although Fred and Elizabeth's dogs did manage to get in a couple games of lawn bowling (no winner was determined).



Andrew had made up a display for the upcoming Garmin GPS raffle and used the gathering to start off ticket sales, which went quite well.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable day, and I look forward to next year's event.

Garmin GPS raffle

To help us raise funds for the Branch, McQuest Marine has kindly offered a Garmin Hand-held GPS receiver at cost.

Tickets are now available from A. Leyzack at \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Central Branch AGM and Dinner on 7th December and the worthy winner will be presented with the receiver.

This will make a wonderful Christmas present for that hard-to-buy-for person so get your tickets in good time. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information on the Garmin "eTrex" GPS receiver.