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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

In his report on the Gerry Wade Library, Tim Janzen identified that he had a good lead on a bookcase for the books and videos the Branch has been accumulating over the past few years. Thanks to CHS, the book/video library is now a reality and over the next month we'll be loading it and preparing a plaque dedicated to the memory of Gerry Wade. The library is in room H122, the CHS boardroom at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, and will include material such as textbooks and videos relating to areas of study required in challenging the Canada Lands Surveyors examinations. The video collection from the Hydro' 99, hydrographic survey training course will also be housed there. H122's existing television and videocassette recorder have been placed in the bookcase should members wish to view some of the video material in-house. The material will soon be available for loan, and donations to the library would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting was as always a good time to wind-down the year and get geared-up for Christmas. The AGM committee did a splendid job of preparing for the evening and our speaker, Capt. Prothero, spun a most interesting and entertaining yarn on acquiring a ship, a moral from which was to never trust an Irish delivery captain named Johnny Walker!

I would also like to take this space to thank the groups who helped support our 2000 AGM and Dinner. Our Sponsors helped make this a wonderful evening:

Canadian Hydrographic Association**CHS, Central and Arctic Region****McQuest Marine Sciences**

Thank you all!

— Andrew

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is at 19:00 on Wednesday 24 January 1999 at Heimo Duller's home: 2249 Mansfield Drive, Burlington [off Upper Middle Road, west of Brant Street]. The agenda will have the proposed budget for 2001 and schedule of meetings for the coming year.

Kathy Menyes from DFO Fish Habitat Management will provide insights into their challenges and opportunities in the management of this important fresh water environment in Ontario. 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 2000 Annual General Meeting ofCHA CENTRAL BRANCH, held on 7 December 2000

1) Tim Janzen, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone and thanked Ken Greig and the staff of the *Mimico Cruising Club* for the use of their fine facilities. Tim thanked the AGM Committee and others who have put the evening together for us and thanked the Sponsors for their support. Branch Vice-President Andrew Leyzack called the meeting to order at 18:35.

Attendees:

A. Leyzack – Vice-President

T. Janzen – Sec'y [Acting MC] J. Weller – Treasurer [A/Sec'y]

Capt. Doug Prothero – (Guest Speaker)

M. Bennett R. Beri J. Berry J. Biggar

E. Brown C. Burbage Dr. Janet Cooley Dr. John Cooley

J. Delle Fave K. Dixel J. Dixon G. Goodyear

J. Goodyear Capt. J. Jones A. Koudys J. Medendorp

J. Miles B. Monk F. Oliff A. Peer

L. Peer B. Power R. Sandilands A. Shepherd

E. Sinclair J. Weedon

2) Minutes of the 1 November meeting had been circulated in the newsletter and were printed in the AGM Program. Andrew said he has completed the 3 Action items: on Andrew's behalf, E. Brown attended a recent Directors Meeting (Nov. 30) and brought items forward; Andrew plans to forge a link with the *Friends of Hydrography* group [R. Douglas, S. Van Dyck, H. Comeau]; he would like to meet with *FOH* early in the new year to discuss how CHA can work together with them. *FOH* have been assembling an archive at the CHS office in Ottawa, from the beginnings of hydrography in Canada from as early as Bayfield and Cook's time.

—Moved T. Janzen/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: [printed in the Program].

Working Balances to 4 December 2000:

Central Branch: \$ 2,737.84

Lighthouse Convenience account: \$ 1,661.44

Heritage Launch Convenience account: \$ 3,365.62

—Moved J. Weller/J. Miles CARRIED

4) New Executive: Tim introduced the Central Branch Executive for 2001 and thanked the 9 people who stood for election to the 6 Executive Member positions:

Acclaimed: V-P: Andrew Leyzack,
Secretary: Tim Janzen,
Treasurer: Sam Weller.

Elected: Executive Members:

Brian Power Earl Brown
Sean Hinds Jim Weedon
Fred Oliff John Dixon

Andrew thanked the 2000 Executive for their work.

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

SOCIAL EVENTS**•AGM**

There is a limited supply of extra AGM programs. These are available for any members interested in having a copy. There are only a few so... first come, first served.

Membership Renewal 2001

Canadian Hydrographic Association

Dues are \$30.00 CDN or equivalent

***As a valued member, we encourage you to renew today.
Please fill out the form below and send your remittance to A. Leyzack.***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payment can be made in cash or by cheque.

Enclosed is my cheque or money order for \$30.00 CDN,
made payable to the:

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P.O. BOX 5050
BURLINGTON, Ontario
Canada
L7R 4A6

If our mailings have crossed, please disregard.

Please indicate if you do NOT wish to renew your membership _____

THANK YOU

•BBQ

The 2000 CHA Central Branch Barbecue was held on July 8th at the Janzen residence, in Grimsby. The weather cooperated nicely, greeting the approximately 25 attendees with a warm, sunny day for the event, and by all accounts, the participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In addition to the standard fare of hamburgers, hotdogs, and refreshments, the participants brought along a wide variety of fantastic salads and desserts – no one left hungry. Tim enjoyed hosting the event and looks forward to doing so again next year. The event also served as the beginning of ticket sales for the Garmin hand-held GPS receiver, which is to be drawn for at the AGM.

•H2O

The 29th Annual H2O Bonspiel was held on February 19, 2000, at the Grimsby Curling Club. Fifty six curlers, young and old, novice and experienced, participated in this year's event and had a very enjoyable day of curling, fellowship and fine dining. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors there were prizes for all.

The "A" event winning team was skipped by Brad Tinney, viced by Joanne Tinney, second was Sal Grimaldi and lead was Trevor Balla. The "B" event was won by Mel Webber and his team members Vic Cairns and Russ Springer.

The bonspiel Committee, on behalf of all participating curlers, thanks the many generous sponsors of our annual event. In addition to our corporate sponsors, the continued support of the CHA as well as the CHS is sincerely appreciated.

The committee is also pleased to report that participation in this event has grown considerably in the last few years and we anticipate even greater interest in our 2001 bonspiel.

The 30th Annual H2O Bonspiel will take place on February 24, 2001, once again at the Grimsby Curling Club. Watch for information on our curling web site: <http://www.members.home.com/cciwcc>

MEMBERSHIP

Central Branch welcomed new member Kirsten Greenfield, Public Works and Gov't Services Canada. Peter C. Bloté has transferred to Prairie Schooner Branch. Our Central Branch membership to date stands at 77, including our Sustaining Member Kongsberg Simrad Mesotech Ltd. Central Branch is honoured to include several special people in its membership rolls: Earl Brown, Tom McCulloch and Ab Rogers, Life Members; George Macdonald, Honorary Member; and Steve Ritchie, International Life Member. These people have contributed greatly to CHA over the years.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Central Branch of the CHA administers the International Members on behalf of the National Office. This committee helps to maintain contact with the 15 International members of the CHA and ensures they have an opportunity to voice opinions and take part in CHA activities. We encourage communication between our far-flung members with help from 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 the CHA Journal *Lighthouse*. We are glad to welcome George Pugach as an International Member this year. George was formerly Vice-President of CHA Prairie Schooner Branch and represented CHA at the recent Oil & Gas Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

NEWSLETTER

Since 1987, Central Branch has produced a regular NewsLetter to help us keep in touch with our Members. The committee mails the NewsLetter as soon as possible after each business meeting to distribute minutes and news of coming events. The summer and fall issues are larger and have more space for news and other interesting items. Including the coming December issue, we will have had seven NewsLetters this year. Circulation is about 110, with copies going to the other Branches and to our Sustaining Members as well as other interested people around the world.

The NewsLetter carries messages from our National President and our Branch Vice-President and offers a forum for individual members to share their news and views. Our thanks go out to all those who contributed articles this past year, with special thanks to Larry Robbins, our regular International Columnist. 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 that includes 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

Lighthouse Edition 58 is undergoing layout and should be at the printers at this time. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition. Edition 59 will feature some changes, the most prominent being a facelift (new cover). Please search through your photos for your favourite lighthouse photo and send it to the Editor along with a brief description.

GERRY WADE LIBRARY

There wasn't much activity by the Gerry Wade Library committee this year. There was some correspondence from a student expressing interest in the Gerry Wade Essay Award. The author was informed that the award had been discontinued, but was asked for a copy of the essay for possible publication in Lighthouse, and was referred to Barry Lusk and the CHA Academic Award program. While the library material continues to grow in volume, so does the task of housing it. Tim has still not been able to locate a suitable bookcase to store and display the material, but now has a good lead on where such an animal can be purchased.

HERITAGE LAUNCH

The Admiralty Launch *Surveyor* and her crew started their season on April 14th with a fundraiser, lunchtime BBQ at Canada Centre for Inland Waters, Burlington. The proceeds from this year's fundraiser were donated to a local Burlington couple who lost their possessions to a house fire. A week later, over the April 21-23rd weekend, the Launch and a few crew members participated at the Upper Canada Trade Fair, a gathering of 19th C sutlers and reenactors, in Odessa Ontario. On June 9th, *Surveyor* became the latest addition to the fleet at Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene when ownership of the Launch was transferred to the Marine Heritage Association. For most of June and July, under the management of Discovery Harbour staff, *Surveyor* served as a training vessel for local students.

During Canada Day weekend, June 30th to July 2nd, we sounded the way into the beaches east of Toronto as a landing vessel from the

topsail schooner, *HMS Tecumseh*, in a reenactment of the American Invasion of 1813. Later that month, a number of crew members made their way east to participate in Tall Ships 2000, July 20 to 24th, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Most of our crew were billeted aboard *CSS Acadia*, a former Hydrographic Service vessel, now an exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the North Atlantic. Thanks to CHS Central and Arctic Region, a house flag (flown by *Surveyor*) showing the CHS crest was sent to the Maritime Museum as a gesture of thanks for their support as a base of operations during the event. Many thanks also go out to the hydrographers and friends down Halifax way for their camaraderie and help under sail and behind the oars.

The city of Sarnia, Ontario hosted a second Tall Ships event during the weekend of August 18 to 20th. The *Surveyor* and crew were there to represent Fisheries and Oceans and a hydrographic reenactment, narrated by Leigh Morrison, was given to the visiting public. The season wrapped up with a return to the *Faire at the Forks*, Chatham on September 29. As in the past, the event was attended by busloads of elementary school children (approximately 5000) to whom our crew entertained and answered questions about hydrography.

I'd like to thank those who once again gave of their time and efforts to help prepare the *Surveyor* for sea, to sail, row and staff the displays. I would also like to thank DFO Science, CHS and the Marine Heritage Association (MHA), whose support has kept *Surveyor* and our program ship shape. It is our hope that through our new relationship with the MHA, we will be able to sustain *Surveyor* and reach a larger audience through their *Living history* program at Discovery Harbour while continuing to demonstrate the role of hydrography in Canadian history. As always, we encourage you to come out and join us, you're always welcome aboard.

SEMINARS

January: The first meeting of the year 2000 included a presentation on Discovery Harbour by Mr. John Barrett Hamilton, general Manager, Huronia Historical Parks. The meeting was held at the Duller/Morrison residence in Burlington.

February: The gathering spot for the second meeting was at Dan Dixel's house. The seminar consisted of a video presentation of the *Surveyor* in Halifax for the 250th anniversary celebrations in the summer of 1999.

March: A presentation from Mr. Dave Monahan on the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) at the Weller's residence marked the third meeting of the year.

July: On July 8th the fourth meeting of the year was held at Tim Janzen's residence in Grimsby and included the Central Branch Summer BBQ where a good time was had by all.

October: Mr. Frank Zeritsch co-owner of Thirty Bench Vineyards and Winery hosted the meeting. He was also the invited guest speaker, explaining the history of the winery and some insights on the creation of their wine.

November: The speaker was Mr. Jim Berry, Central Branch member and Project manager with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). An informative talk and slide show was presented by Jim on TRCA activities. This last meeting was hosted by Brian at the Power residence.

Thank you to all the hosts and speakers for their time and presentations. And thank you to Sean Hinds and all the other members for their efforts in finding speakers and meeting locations.

6) Andrew said the Wade Committee has now located a suitable bookcase and plans to organize it soon.

[After the meeting, Andrew said the bookcase has been purchased and will be in the CHS Board Room (H122) at CCIW.]

7) Regarding the *Friends of Hydrography*, Andrew said CHA is looking for ways to support them, including perhaps some financial support, either through Ottawa Branch or as a National Committee. Earl Brown has offered to help, as has Bill Covey in the Maritimes. They have an interesting web site: www.canfoh.org

8) Correspondence: with *Friends of Hydrography* about possible CHA support; from Member A. Knott asking about tendering for survey work [this was passed to CHS Management]; with G. Goldsteen renewing membership for 2001; with B. Calderbank V-P Prairie Schooner Branch about the ACLS Conference in March 2001 and possible CHA support; with G. Pugach, former V-P of Capt. Vancouver Branch, about his becoming an International Member.

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

— Moved J. Miles/F. Oliff CARRIED

Maitre d' Catering of Burlington then served a fine roast beef dinner buffet. Thanks to our Sponsors, wine was served.

After dinner, Tim Janzen introduced the Guest speaker: **Captain Doug Prothero**, the founder and President of the *Great Lakes Schooner Company*. He has completed a BA and Graduate Studies in Maritime History and is a Transport Canada Certified Master. The subject of his talk was the *Schooner Kajama*, recently acquired and refitted by his company.

The Schooner Kajama

The *Kajama* (kai-ama) was launched as the *Wilfried* in Rendsburg, Germany in 1930, and traded under sail for nearly 70 years. She was a familiar ship in ports from Northwest Spain, through Western Europe, and as far north as Norway and Russia. In 1999, *Kajama* was delivered transatlantic by *Great Lakes Schooner Company* and restored to her original profile. Starting with a search throughout Scandinavia, a refit in Denmark, a very complicated delivery from Europe, and an efficient 10-month restoration in Canada.

Kajama is a 164-foot, three-masted, gaff-rigged schooner, steel-hulled cargo vessel with a wineglass stern. She is operated by the *Great Lake Schooner Company* as a charter boat. Her burthen can comfortably accommodate parties of up to 225 people in a spacious single dining room (1,006 square foot, open and airy venue with natural lighting and ventilation through massive skylights).

Draw for hand-held GPS Receiver

The winning ticket was drawn near the end of the evening. The lucky winner and now the proud possessor of the state-of-the-art GPS receiver is Al Shepherd. Congratulations Al!

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the hand-held GPS draw. In total you helped raise over \$170.00 for the Branch.