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Communications and Publicity

Newsletter: - J. Weller, T. Janzen, F. Oliff,
L. Robbins, J. Walker.
Web Site: - J. Weedon.
Lighthouse: - A. Leyzack, H. MacArthur, J. Walker.

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.
Meetings: - H. MacArthur, G. McFarlane, J. Walker.
2003 Side Scan course: -
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack, C. Robinson.

Membership

Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, G. McFarlane.
International: - T. Janzen.
Elections: - B. Power, T. Janzen, S. Youngblut.

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, J. Leyzack, B. Power.
BBQ: - G. McFarlane, T. Janzen.
AGM: - F. Oliff, H. MacArthur, T. Janzen,
J. Weedon, S. Youngblut.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

B. Power, E. Brown, J. Dixon, H. Duller,
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Weedon.

CHA Central Branch — NewsLetter — November 2003

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Hello there!

I hope this message finds you at least as well or even better than the last one did.

The gales of November are upon us, as evidenced by the partially shredded shelter that had served as a part-time home for the Heritage Launch, and the fact that some family, way down at the end of my street now owns all of my recycling bins.

The opening and closing of nominations for the 2004 Executive came and went almost unnoticed, as there were a record low number of nominations turned in. Of those nominated, few accepted to stand for election. As it stands, all 2004 positions will be filled by acclamation - we have filled the VP, Secretary, and Treasurer seats, but there will only be three executive members, rather than the allowable five. I realize that time is a scarce commodity in this day and age, as I feel the pinch of time constraints on a regular basis also, but a few have to put a little of that precious resource aside, or this Association will not stay viable. If any of you out there reading this would care to throw off the chains of apathy, and roll up your sleeves, you would be very much welcomed on as Executive Members. For those of you who have already stepped forward, I offer my thanks.

As per my e-mail a little while back, Canada has finally ratified UNCLOS, and we are currently waiting to see what this development will mean for the hydrographic industry in Canada. For a bit of background, have a look at this web link: <http://english.montrealplus.workopolis.com/servlet/FastTrack/20031104/ULAWW04?section=Legal>

On a final note, I would like to invite all of you to come on back to the *Mimico Cruising Club*, where the atmosphere is warm and the décor festive, to get into that holiday spirit at the 2003 CHA Central Branch AGM. We have an interesting guest speaker and a spread that should leave you stuffed. For more details, see below and see the enclosed flyer.

I hope to see you there, but whether I do or not, I wish you ...happy hydrography!

-Tim.

Next meeting

Our next general meeting will be our *Central Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner* at the **Mimico Cruising Club**, on **Thursday, December 11th**; it is a beautiful location, freshly decorated for our evening. This is your chance to make your voice heard, to meet your 2004 Central Branch Executive, to catch up with your fellow members, and to have an interesting and tasty evening out.

Our guest speaker is Todd Ford, a Burlington high school teacher, sharing with us his love of the Antarctic. One of his adventures was escorting a class of students from Burlington to the Antarctic on a Russian icebreaker. See the enclosed flyer for other information.

As in other years, there will be a fine meal at a very reasonable cost. See you there!

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2002 to 6 November 2003

Balance forward December 31, 2002:

\$44,138.92

Receipts:

Membership dues (2004)	\$40.00
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H2O Bonspiel	\$1,481.79
AGM Sponsorship / Refund	\$127.00
CHC 2002 Proceedings	\$22.41
Side Scan Course	\$16,594.84
Bank interest	\$13.38
Other income	\$40.00

\$23,048.82
\$67,187.74

Expenditures:

Postage	\$831.07
Seminars & meetings	\$306.04
Cheque re-order	\$37.14
H2O Bonspiel ice and catering	\$1,613.95
Summer BBQ	\$278.00
Newsletter paper	\$252.24
Side Scan Course	\$12,952.01
Transfer of Multibeam Surplus	\$26,211.36
Credit Card Expenses	\$105.49
Stationery	\$446.78
Gerry Wade Library	\$86.07
Sponsorship of Offshore Management Seminar	\$250.00

\$43,370.15
\$23,817.59

Working balance 6 November 2003:

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, 2002:

\$6,144.91

Receipts:

Subscriptions	\$1,311.92
Sponsorship	\$4,000.00

\$5,311.92
\$11,456.83

Expenditures:

Stationery	\$91.79
Printing	\$8,000.00

\$8,091.79
\$3,365.04

Working balance 6 November 2003:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2002:

\$897.90

Receipts:

Heritage Launch Rental Fee	\$500.00
Port Hope 210 Re-enactment	\$350.00
Tall ships Sarnia	\$2,256.10
Launch Exhibit (County of Huron)	\$300.00

\$3,406.10
\$4,304.00

Expenditures:

Oars	\$350.00
Insurance Renewal	\$864.00
Rope for Lead Line	\$69.92
Launch repairs	\$77.06
Tall ships Sarnia	\$891.18

\$2,252.16
\$2,051.84

Working balance 6 November 2003:



**CHA, Central Branch,
Invites You To The
14th ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING & DINNER**



Thursday December 11, 2003
Mimico Cruising Club
Humber Bay West Park, Etobicoke

Evening Program

Cash Bar
Cocktail Reception 4:30 pm
Annual General Meeting 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Guest speaker 8:15 pm

Guest Speaker: Todd Ford

Mr. Todd Ford, a secondary school teacher and Antarcticaphile from Burlington, Ontario, will entertain us with a passionate talk about his lifelong fascination with the "Southern Continent". Highlighted will be the need for a heightened environmental awareness in order to protect the fragile Antarctic ecosystems, even at assault from us in the distant northern hemisphere.

Registration

CHA Members and Guests: \$28.00/person

Last Day for Registration -- Monday, December 8th, 2003

For reservations please return this registration form
with a cheque payable to "CHA Central Branch", to any Branch Executive Member
or mail to: Canadian Hydrographic Association
P.O. Box 5050, Burlington, Ontario
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Photocopies or FAX: (905) 319-6916 of this form accepted for registration.
For information email: oliff@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Maps are available on request.

Registration Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/FAX: _____ Accompanying Person: _____



Thank you to our corporate supporters of this event



Minutes of General Meeting of Central BRANCH held on 6th November 2003

1) The meeting was at the residence of Tim Janzen, 572 Fothergill Blvd., Burlington. Meeting called to order at 1906. Thanks given to Branch V-P for hosting meeting at last minute.

Attendees:

T. Janzen – VP		
F. Oliff – Secretary	J. Walker –Treasurer	
B. Power	K. McMillan	A. Rogers
M. Crutchlow	E. Brown	D. Dexel
K. Dexel	J. Weedon	S. Weller

Guest Speaker- H. Biberhofer

Regrets: J. Davies, G. McFarlane, H. MacArthur

2) Minutes of 8th October were made available.

It was suggested that perhaps the CHA donation to the H₂O Bonspiel be made out as a receipt, rather than as a debit for clarification in the future.

Action items: Mike Crutchlow presented Brian Power with a copy of the *Small Craft Regulations*. The main issue is over licensing and whether it is necessary to license "Surveyor".

Ongoing request for name and address changes to Tim.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved J. Walker/M. Crutchlow CARRIED.

3) Treasurer's Report (J. Walker) Jeff presented the Treasurer's Report. Some 2004 dues had already been received. The high cost of postage was questioned; reasons are the summer National newsletter and Branch mailing cost for *Lighthouse* is also included. Receipts included County of Huron for "Surveyor" static display. Expenses were paid out to Sarnia attendees.

- Motion to accept: J. Weller/B. Power CARRIED.

ACTION: Look into depositing \$10,000 or so to a term deposit so as to make more interest on our balance. There may be a problem with us being an association?

4) Correspondence (F. Oliff) Received e-mail regarding membership from CARIS.

ACTION: E-mail to be forwarded to Jeff Walker.

5) Committee Reports

Admiralty Launch Surveyor (B. Power): There was nothing new to report since last meeting. Winterizing still has to be done. The trailer has to be cleaned up prior to winter. The marine survey has been done for insurance purposes.

Membership (B. Power) Two members have paid up for 2004, with one new corporate member. Numbers right now stand at 33 in-house, 39 out-house, 14 international, and 12 corporate (one has yet to pay, but indicated that they would). Invoices were sent out to corporate members.

Nominations (T. Janzen) – Only one nomination had been received.

Motion: extend the deadline for nominations to end of business November 7th. – T. Janzen/B. Power CARRIED.

Web site (J. Weedon) Jim reported that there has not been a lot of activity on the web site. He is attempting to keep it up to date with newsletters posted on the site, as well as events,

e.g., the meetings. The holdings of the Gerry Wade Library have been posted, though Jim is trying to add a searchable option. Jim is planning on including a *Lighthouse* subscription in downloadable PDF format.

Lighthouse (E. Brown) Compliments have been received on the latest edition, including "Best we have ever had". General discussion at the Director's Meeting regarding the journal included the idea that going to an entirely black-and-white journal would be a good way to keep costs down. Colour is a nice option, but is expensive. Perhaps the cost of colour should be borne by the advertiser for that page? A report, "Future Directions of Lighthouse" has been submitted to the National President. This report included the 2002 AGM approved \$100 from each corporate/sustaining membership to go to Lighthouse. The most recent review of financial support for the journal was 10 years ago. At that time, it was decided that \$3,000, plus \$5 from each international member would go to Lighthouse. Now it is thought that it should be \$10 from each member to go to Lighthouse.

The latest issue was done to the best of abilities but had word processing problems again, and PDF was not a solution to them. Font files had to be sent along with the CD and when they came back from the printer the files were found to be wrong. The new Adobe software In Design is now the industry standard, not PageMaker or Quark Express.

More people support is required if this journal is to survive. A new Branch Associate Editor is required, as is commitment.

Not enough money has been budgeted from National. Subscription rates have gone up \$5 per international address (to \$30Cdn) and to \$25 for Canadian addresses.

More advertisers are required to make this journal self-sustaining and opportunities to attract new sponsors have been missed.

Conference support has so far only been that a brochure is to be included as an insert into the Fall Edition. The spring edition will not include conference schedule or proceedings as it did in 2002.

A Branch Editor to assemble and compile is required!

Tim is taking over the NewsLetter.

6) CIG Summary delivered by Tim. The conference was relatively small; the exhibitor hall had a lot fewer exhibitors than the last CHC. The CHA, ACLS and RICS (among others) co-sponsored a workshop, dealing with offshore issues. An updated book on Offshore Property Rights by Prairie Schooner Branch V-P Bruce Calderbank, Ottawa Branch member Dave Gray, and University of Victoria's Ted McDorman was introduced. A discussion from the Offshore Consultation Workshop (much like Toast and Topics) is to be published by ACLS, possibly [later] also in *Lighthouse*. (?) Tim gave a 2-hour presentation on hydrography to those ACLS candidates writing the hydrography and oceanography exam. "Law of the Sea" will not generate great spin-off effects to CHS, but private industry may be able to take better advantage.

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From the AGM, Dave Gartley and Tim are working together on the National membership database to be put on the web. There was no opposition to transfer of surplus funds, though Quebec Branch was not represented. Only seven or eight attended the National meeting, though 32 attended the dinner, where the keynote speaker from Mammoet gave a presentation on the "Raising of the *Kursk*". The thought is that future AGMs will be done by teleconference.

7) Other Business: The CHC 2004 committee is advertising that *Surveyor* will be on display, but no request has been made formally. No assistance has been requested by the committee other than the database of addresses.

ACTION: Brian to contact someone at CHC 2004 regarding *Surveyor*.

ACTION: Fred to put together information regarding costs, etc. for our AGM to go out to members, sponsors and advertisers.

A summary of the recent Executive meeting was given.

8) The business part of the meeting was adjourned at 2002.

An engaging and informative presentation on "Multibeam Data: Beyond Charting" by Hans Biberhofer, a sediment scientist with the National Water Research Institute, Environment Canada, followed the traditional refreshments and pizza. This PowerPoint presentation focused on two areas of interest: our own backyard, Hamilton Harbour and the heavily contaminated Randle Reef, as well as the St. Lawrence River downstream of the pulp and paper mills at Cornwall, Ontario.

From the NewsLetter editor

Well, the time has come for me to hang up my pens. Thanks to our many faithful contributors over the years, this CHA Central Branch NewsLetter has grown and prospered since it began as a one-off in the summer of 1987 to get news of some important issues (one was to incorporate CHA; another was to work with CIDA on educational projects) out to the members. By popular demand, a second newsy issue followed in the fall of that year, then a third one to distribute the minutes of the October meeting and to open Nominations for the election to the 1988 Branch Executive, then one in November to distribute minutes and the ballots for the election. By then our fledgling newsletter had taken on a life of its own as a vehicle to help our far-flung members keep in touch.



Over the past 17 years and 118 issues of this NewsLetter, Central Branch has grown and developed in many ways. Three remarkable ongoing and successful accomplishments are our *Annual General Meeting and Dinner*, now in its 14th year at the Mimico Cruising Club; the recent development of our *Gerry Wade Memorial Library*; and the building in 1991–1993 of our *Heritage Launch Surveyor*, which is a fine reproduction of the Admiralty boat used in 1792 on the first survey of Toronto Harbour. Each year since 1993, *Surveyor* and its dedicated crew have taken part in hydrographic and period re-enactments around Canada. (As an aside, it was in a launch just like this that Captain Bligh and his loyal crew made their epic journey across the Pacific Ocean.)

When the *Canadian Hydrographic Association* was founded in 1966 as the *Canadian Hydrographers' Association*, three main "Aims" were set out in the Constitution:

1. To advance the technical and professional ability of hydrographers;
2. To encourage a spirit of co-operation, tolerance, understanding and equality amongst all members; and
3. To promote the free exchange of information and ideas.

Our journal *Lighthouse* came into being to fulfil all these aims and did it really well; it promoted education by publishing papers of interest to the members, and it was a journal for members to speak to each other and to practice their writing skills. *Lighthouse* has since developed into a highly regarded journal, almost a scientific publication, which makes it a bit scary for our ordinary members to write articles; over the years I have heard more than one member say that he doesn't write well enough for *Lighthouse* but doesn't mind writing something for the NewsLetter. This is why your newsletter, after all this time, still has that we-do-it-at-home look; it is a forum for our members around the world to develop their writing skills by writing to other members about things that interest them.

Well, it is time to ride off into the sunset. I will end with a word of thanks to all those who helped the NewsLetter prosper over the years by writing reports and articles, by proofreading, by preparing labels and stamps for the envelopes, and by staying after work to do the copying, folding, stuffing and mailing. And special thanks to those who expressed appreciation from time to time. It has been a labour of love.

Tim Janzen has agreed to take over producing the NewsLetter after the December issue. My life is moving on to other things but I'll be on call should he need me. I know our NewsLetter will be in good hands and will go from strength to strength in his care. All the best, Tim, for the next 17 years. ☺

Sam Weller