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Branch: - B. Power, J. Dixon, T. Janzen
International: - A. Leyzack, G. Pugach, L. Robbins
Elections: - F. Oliff, T. Janzen

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library:
- T. Janzen, F. Oliff, B. Power
Seminars: - S. Hinds, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack

Social Events

H20 - E. Brown, J. Miles, B. Power
BBQ - T. Janzen, J. Biggar
AGM - F. Oliff, S. Hinds, T. Janzen, B. Power

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Greetings to all hands! As the survey season in the Northern Hemisphere wanes, I would like to welcome everyone back from where ever they were and whatever they were engaged in.

It has been a very active season for many CHA'ers, myself included, as there were several surveys, heritage launch events, and the like.

The most significant of these events, for me, was my recent marriage to Jacqueline (formerly) Miles, and our pending honeymoon, to be spent sailing in the British Virgin Islands. I have faith in the charts as CHS—namely Earl Brown—was on survey down there way back when. While in the southerly climes, I'm sure Christmas will seem to be ages away, but it is approaching rapidly, as is the date of the CHA AGM. I would ask you all to start thinking about attending and pencil the event into your calendars; it will be held at the *Mimico Cruising Club*, on **Thursday, December 6th**.

We heard from International Member Ron Dreyer last month. As you know, Ron worked as a hydrographer and Consultant in Canada and latterly in St. Lucia. He recently accepted a two-year contract in Africa. The first part of his tale of derring-do is on Page 6. Enjoy!

We also heard from Rod Desborough, a former hydrographic staff person; his note is on Page 8. If you can help him in his quest for information on CSS Acadia, please contact him.

I leave you with that, and I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable, memorable, and productive summer.

- Andrew

Next meeting

Our next general meeting will be at 19:00 on Thursday 8th November at Thirty Bench Vineyard and Winery, Grimsby, Ontario.

Please visit www.thirtybench.com for interesting details on the winery. After our business meeting, there will be a private tour and tasting, followed by our traditional pizza and social hour. Our host for the evening will be Frank Zeritsch, winemaster and owner, who has very kindly offered us the use of his premises.

The Nominations Committee will report on the people nominated for election to the 2002 Central Branch Executive. We've not given you much time but please try to get your nominations to us before the meeting.

See you on Thursday 8th November at Thirty Bench!

Central Branch Treasurer's Report
31 December 2000 to 30 September 2001

Balance forward December 31, 2000:	\$ 1,467.83
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership Dues (2001)	\$ 1,440.34
Bonspiel	2,230.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
	\$ 3,690.34
	\$ 5,158.17
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Postage	\$ 522.69
Seminars & Meetings	182.62
Bonspiel	2,214.42
NewsLetter paper	126.12
Stationery	442.71
	\$ 3,488.56
<u>Working Balance 30 September 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 1,669.61</u>

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, 2000:	\$ 1,267.19
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 124.61
Advertising	3,000.00
	\$ 3,124.61
	\$ 4,391.80
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Postage	\$ 637.65
Transfer to Lighthouse	2,000.00
	\$ 2,637.65
<u>Working Balance 30 September 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 1,754.15</u>

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Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2000:	\$ 2,616.51
<u>Receipts:</u>	
CHS: Canvas Shelter	\$ 620.98
	\$ 620.98
	\$ 3,237.49
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Canvas Shelter	\$ 620.98
Maintenance	572.83
	\$ 1,193.81
<u>Working Balance 30 September 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 2,043.68</u>

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 3 October 2001

1) The meeting was at the Power Residence 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington. Andrew welcomed everyone to the first general meeting this fall. Sam Weller is in England but prepared the financial report before leaving. Thank you Sam for your dedication. Sean Hinds is out of town on business. Andrew called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Attendees:

Andrew Leyzack	- VP- Chair		
Brian Power	- A/ Secretary		
E. Brown	K. Dixel	J. Dixon	H. Duller
G. McFarlane	J. Medendorp	A. Rogers	J. Weedon
B. Warrender			

Regrets:

T. Janzen	S. Weller	S. Hinds
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2) Minutes of the 26 April meeting were available:
- Moved E. Brown/B. Warrender CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: In Sam's absence Andrew presented the report for 31 December 2000 to 30 September 2001. Someone noticed that advertising was spelled incorrectly. Everyone had a chuckle knowing full well that this was very uncharacteristic of Sam.
- Moved A. Rogers / J. Medendorp CARRIED

4) Correspondence: Andrew reported correspondence he received while away in the field. Three new Sustaining Memberships: Knudsen Engineering Limited, Canadian Centre For Marine Communications, Octopus Marine. Correspondence with the owner of Bayfield Cottage in Bic, Quebec, Andrew sent the owner a copy of Bayfield's crest. Brian reported e-mail from Carrie Candace MacIsaac, a hydrographer with CHS at Bedford Institute of Oceanography. Carrie chairs the Internal Communications Working Group at BIO; they are interested in reviving the CHA Atlantic Branch. She also inquired about past branch funds held in trust. Brian will investigate and follow up. Brian received a fax from Micromedia: they are updating their next edition of Associations Canada: no cost to list CHA. Brian will **ACTION** this request.

Earl received a letter from a seaman on board CSS Acadia, wanting to know more about life onboard when she was a survey vessel with Canadian Hydrographic Service. [see Page 8]. Andrew said he would acknowledge the letter and try and find answers to the gentlemen's questions. Present at tonight's meeting are three hydrographers who served aboard the Acadia: Ab Rogers, Earl Brown, Ken Dixel.

5) Committee Reports:

Communications:

Lighthouse – Earl Brown

One thousand copies of edition 59 were printed. Edition 60 is due in November. Advertising for next edition is coming along. Subscription levels did not increase after edition 59 as hoped. Many subscribers now use subscription agencies. Lighthouse will play a role in the 2002 Canadian Hydrographic Conference: attendees will get a copy of Lighthouse. Next edition of Lighthouse will contain conference mails to exhibitors and sponsors including information about Lighthouse and reduced advertising fees for conference sponsors. Some new changes will be introduced in the upcoming edition. Earl will be writing an editorial to generate more interest.

There is some doubt about using Sinclair Smith to publish the next edition of Lighthouse and the situation is currently under review.

Web Site – Jim Weedon

Little action this summer. Jim is to get together with Sam to work on the details. Jim said he'll have more time this fall to develop the site. What is the cost for our own domain name? Don't know. There has been some concern that e-mail is not getting through; Jim and Keith will investigate. Andrew suggested tracking the number of "hits".

News Letter – Andrew Leyzack for Sam Weller

Andrew reported that Sam is looking for write-ups and pictures of last summer's BBQ and Launch activities.

Educational:

CHC 2002 – Andrew Leyzack

The Branch is organizing a multi-beam course to take place before the conference. The Branch will man the registration desk at the CHC 2002 conference. Andrew will solicit the branch membership in the New Year, there will be training available on the registration software to be provided by Absolute Conference Planners.

George McFarlane suggested that branch members could play a role in promoting the conference. George attends a number of conferences each year and is willing to promote the conference and distribute promotional material when he attends. George and Andrew will co-ordinate future conference activities.

Seminar – Andrew for Sean Hinds

Next meeting will be on November 8th at Thirty Bench Winery.

Membership: (Brian Power for Fred Oliff)

A motion to open nominations for next year's Branch executive, to close at the general meeting of the branch on November 8, 2001.

- Moved B. Power / H. Duller CARRIED

Discussion regarding the current certificate and yearly membership seal arose when Brian mentioned that the current supply of seals had run out in 2000 and he was having difficulty ordering new ones. The majority of members present felt that the current practice of issuing a yearly membership renewal sticker along with the receipt held little value. A suggested alternative was to issue a valid membership card as prove of good standing within the association.

A motion to adopt an annual membership card in lieu of the yearly sticker as proof of CHA membership in good standing.

- Moved A. Leyzack / E. Brown CARRIED

ACTION: Brian will present the motion to the CHA directors for comment since this is a national issue. [This statement was added to the minutes after the meeting adjourned.]

George McFarlane said his membership certificate did not come with the CHA seal attached and asked if he could receive one. Brian will bring an official seal to the next meeting to present to George.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor (John Dixon)

The launch and her crew attended four events this past summer; Upper Canada Trade Fair located just out side Kingston, Owen Sound festival weekend, Battle of Georgian Bay located at Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene and the Faire at the Forks in Chatham.

(Minutes continue on page 8.)

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

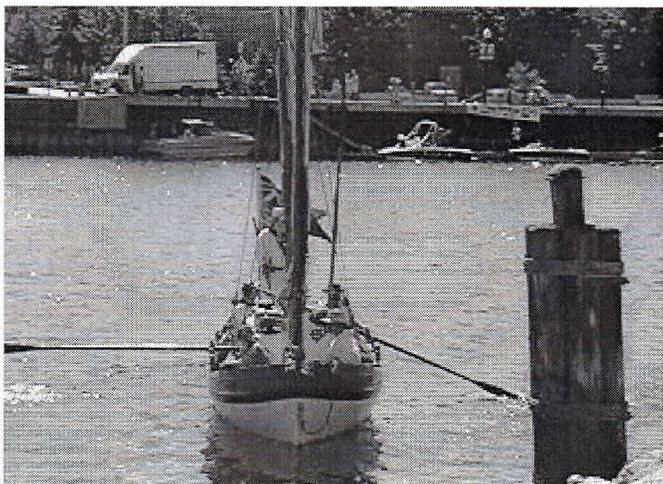
By John Dixon

The 2001 season began with the Surveyor attending the Upper Canada Trade Faire in Odessa on April 28 & 29. This was a static display, which gave us the opportunity to explain the importance of the role of Hydrography in the early settlement of Canada.



At Upper Canada Trade Faire

The launch then returned to Burlington to undergo her annual spring maintenance. Surveyor was then delivered to the Marine Heritage Association (MHA) by mid June. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the sail training group at Discovery Harbour did not make use of the Surveyor. The next event was a Hydrographic survey demonstration at the waterfront festival in Owen Sound, August 4.



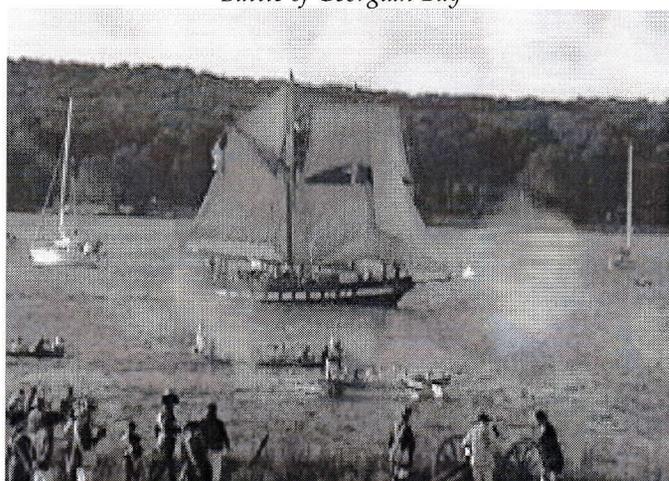
At Owen Sound

The big event of the year was the Battle of Georgian Bay, Aug 23 to 26. The crew started arriving on Wednesday and some stayed until the following Monday. About 2000 participants camped at Discovery Harbour. On behalf of MHA, the launch took part in several battle scenarios with the larger vessels. Brian got a break from rowing by acting as cox'n.

The last event of the year was the Faire of the Forks in Chatham, September 28 to 30.



Battle of Georgian Bay



Under fire in Georgian Bay

The Surveyor is now back in Burlington for the winter and will be put in its new shelter.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library Report

2001 saw the procurement of a bookcase to house the materials for the Gerry Wade Memorial Library. The case resides in room H122, (in the downstairs hydrography area of CCIW), and is filled with various hydrography-related literature and video material, much of which was graciously donated by CHS and CHA members.

It is the intent of committee chair Tim Janzen to catalogue all this material, for sign-out purposes, as well as have a name plaque made for the library. These activities will be completed as soon as time permits. In the meantime, CHA will gladly accept any pertinent material members wish to donate, and invites interested persons to visit the library and peruse or borrow the reference material.

Tim Janzen and Andrew Leyzack have access to the key.

MEMBERS of CENTRAL BRANCH [in good standing 2 November 2001]

CCIW in-house (36)

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

Private Industry etc. (28)

James Berry	Bob Hinchley	R. Ken McMillan
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Joseph Delle Fave	Don Knudsen	Roger Robitaille
Paul Davies	Alberto Almeida Lee (Atlantic)	Ab Rogers (Life Member)
Heimo Duller	George Macdonald (Honorary Member)	John Smart (Atlantic)
Ahmed El-Rabbany	Bruce MacGowan (Atlantic)	S. James Statham
Steve Grant (Atlantic)	Robert Marshall	Dave Wells (Atlantic)
Kirsten Greenfield	George McFarlane	
John Halsall	Tom McCulloch (Life Member)	

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Ron Dreyer	Ghana	Cdr. Larry Robbins	New Zealand
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“Out of Africa”: The Adventures of a Canadian Hydrographer (Part 1)

By Ron Dreyer

Sunday, September 16, 2001

Well, we're closing in on the end of our second month on the "Dark Continent" and in our limited travels thus far it has been everything we expected, and everything we have not!

The first and perhaps most significant surprise is the weather... we arrived in Accra on the evening of July 30th. The temperature was a humid but cool 22C with a stiff chilly breeze (I'm not sure it is physically possible to get all those things at the same time but that's what it felt like!). Accra is about 4 degrees north of the equator and we were expecting hot and humid.

July is officially the end of the rainy season... August and September are historically dry but always overcast... we haven't seen the sun for more than an hour at a time and maybe only 4 or 5 times a week. As a result, the air is cool and because we're close to the Atlantic there is always a strong breeze (wind actually). Long sleeves and long pants during the day are not uncommon and a sweater in the evening would not be out of place! Ya gotta know it's gunna change eh!

Our residential compound is just outside the small village of Weta about 20 km inland from the job site. Our accommodations are "Spartan" but clean & comfortable. Our "Villa" (now there's an understatement) has a living room/dining area about 6m x 4m (12' x 20') and the bedroom is nowhere near the size advertised (i.e. you have to leave the room to change your mind). The camp manager is in the process of making new concrete blocks and thereafter they will be constructing a new kitchen for us...should make it a little more like home.

Entertainment is limited to the bar, pool, exercise room and billiards room that are part of the camp. Television is limited to 3 or 4 "satellite" channels with content ranging from a "naughty" channel to a couple of Brit news stations and a South African movie channel, so I guess you could say all the channels "suck" if you'll excuse my pun!

Because we're so remote nobody leaves the camp at night and everybody here pretty much works from 7 am 'til 6 pm (6 days a week) so it's dark by the time we get back to camp. Dinner is served promptly at 7 pm and they want you out by 8 so they can clean up for the evening... reminds me of the story where they conditioned a dog to salivate by ringing a bell. To explain, before each meal the animal trainer would ring a bell and then feed the dog... after a period of time the dog became so conditioned by the bell that he would immediately start salivating whenever he heard the bell...food or not! So, needless to say, each night at 7...

(Gee...I wonder if that system will work with the naughty channel? <evil grin>)

Anyway, we're living and working in the Volta region, which is essentially the "delta" of the Volta River. Everything is very flat and the flora and fauna are very limited. For that matter the only wildlife has been a few very colorful if not fluorescent birds, big monitor lizards and, of course, snakes! Unlike St. Lucia, the little lizards here are about 6-8 inches long.

Gisele has had the pleasure already... she heard a few gunshots in camp during the day and upon further investigation she found that the guards had shot a Puff Adder slithering through the inner security fence (which is electrified)... its carcass is now hanging on the wall in the bar. Puff Adders and their cousins the "Mambas" are quite prevalent here... officially referred to as the "Two-Steps" (i.e. if you get bit...you get about two steps before ya drop... how's that for a howdy do!). Gisele and I both actually peek out the door before going out...just in case there is one on the step (an event that has happened to others in camp three times so far).

Anyway, it's getting late and I still haven't gotten over the 9:00 pm bedtime thing yet! I thought they said you need less sleep as you get older...

CIAO

Ron & Gisele

Central Branch Executive 2002 Election

Nominations for the Central Branch Executive for the year 2002 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 2002: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Executive Members. Members in good standing [Page 5] may submit nominations and are eligible for election to the executive.

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

Fred Oliff (905) 336-4491.

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 6th at the Mimico Cruising Club.

Anticipating hearing from you,

Fred Oliff, Nominations Committee

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Central Branch Summer Barbecue

By Tim Janzen

Jon and Norma Biggar hosted the 2001 CHA annual BBQ, at their home in Carlisle, on July 7. The morning sky was dubious, but clouds eventually gave way to blue skies, and graciously provided us with a fantastic afternoon.

Beverages and snacks were on hand to augment the conversation and recreational activities, which just about everyone participated in at some point. Horseshoes and croquet were the sports of choice for most of the day.

By mid-afternoon the BBQ was sparked up and the eats featured hot dogs, and handmade burgers, sculpted by Al Koudys. Later in the day nature prevailed over us and the rain clouds returned, forcing us indoors, but not until we were all stuffed and contented.

Many thanks go out to Jon and Norma for having us over and for all those who participated in making it a fun day.

[Meeting Minutes, continued.]

There is a need to re-evaluate the agreement between CHA and the Marine Heritage Association (MHA). MHA did not have a program to use the launch this past summer and she sat on her trailer neglected. MHA indicated that next year may not be much better as far as having an organized program for the launch. Andrew indicated that the MOU with MHA specifically addressed issues of insurance, maintenance and storage. The launch committee will meet to determine a course of action for the future of the launch and MHA.

Currently the role of the launch at the 2002 Canadian Hydrographic Conference will be as a historical display either on land or in the water.

Social: (Andrew Leyzack for Fred Oliff)

Annual General Meeting – The date has been confirmed for December 6th 2001 at the Mimico Cruising Club.

Other Business:

Andrew reported that Ken Richmond has retired his membership in the CHA having just retired from this work. Ken has been a central branch member for many years and has contributed to many social events during this time. Ken indicated he enjoys receiving the branch's News letter and would like to continue receiving it if this at possible. A motion to continue to send Ken Richmond issues of the branch News Letter for the next five years was put forward .

- Moved J. Dixon / H. Duller CARRIED

6) Meeting Adjourned at 9:15

Pizza and Beer were on hand and afterwards Andrew Leyzack presented a slide presentation on this year's Western Arctic Survey activities in the Beaufort Sea, aboard the CCG ship Nahidik.

CSS/CHS ACADIA

By Rod Desborough

As many folks are probably aware, the CSS/CHS Acadia is the largest exhibit at the *Maritime Museum of the Atlantic* in Halifax; during the summer months, hundreds of visitors tour the ship each day.

As a former "seaman recorder" and "student/junior hydrographer" (1960, 1962 respectively), in my retirement I decided to volunteer one day a week to help interpret the work of the Acadia as well as help conduct the below deck tours.

The volunteer work this summer has been great and very rewarding especially with the significant amount of interest shown by visitors in life aboard as well as hydrographic surveying pre GPS fixing.

The purpose of this note is to try to contact any prior Acadia crew/surveyors who have any stories or history related to life and work on the Acadia that could augment the current "stories" we tell during the tour.

What I am frequently asked is about the food and I quite honestly don't remember after 40 years except I never went hungry and it seemed to be "meat and potatoes" plain cooking.

The Staff Wardroom table has call buttons for the steward but I don't remember ever using them when I sat at the low end of this table. But they had to be in operation in the 1960's - Norman Gillis was the steward at the time - I would appreciate any comments about meals in the wardroom.

On the days the launches Redhead and Shoveller were out running lines/building stations/surveying for triangulation, the coxswains (Tommy and "Freak") cooked a noon meal on a Coleman stove - I don't remember what was cooked/served?

I remember operating a 16-mm projector to show full-length movies in the wardroom, petty officers' mess and seaman's mess or is this my imagination? I also remember a lot of smokers in the audience or is that my mind wandering again? These movies were not that great (Tarzan, old westerns, etc.). I seem to remember these movies being projected on the side of a warehouse when we were docked and the locals would watch these movies rain, fog, whatever. Or is that my imagination running wild?

Another question I'm asked is whether seaman stood watch when the ship was underway/steaming? I think they did but need confirmation.

Distribution of this note to your members would be appreciated and any responses would be fantastic.

If you can help, please contact kdesborough@ns.sympatico.ca.