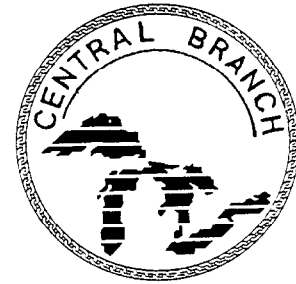


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Central Branch Committees

Communications and Publicity

Newsletter: - T. Janzen, F. Oliff,
J. Walker, L. Robbins.

Web Site: - J. Weedon.

Lighthouse: - F. Oliff - Branch Editor, A. Leyzack.

Membership

Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, G. McFarlane.

International: - T. Janzen.

Elections: - B. Power, Fred Oliff.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -

T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.

Meetings: - F. Oliff, R. Cameron G. McFarlane.

2005 Technology Course: T. Janzen - Chair
F. Oliff.

Social Events

H20: - E. Brown, J. Leyzack, B. Power.

BBQ: - TBA.

AGM: - F. Oliff, T. Janzen, J. Weedon.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

As I write this, I am experiencing butterflies the size of Andean condors. I am nervous, in anticipation of a trip to somewhere I have never been, where the food is as foreign as the language. I have some Spanish, but it is *pequito*, as in very little. I remember when I first tried to say that word, it came out as "little child"! Such is life I suppose when you go outside your own comfort zone. Life presents few challenges sometimes so we must seek them out whenever possible or how are we supposed to grow? I think without these challenges, we stagnate, and who wants that?

Peru apparently is the origin of the potato, so I am looking forward to trying some new varieties. Having said that though, cooked in the oil prevalent in Peru, they all taste the same; this remains to be seen.

Now for the boating in the Pacific, we are planning on a boat tour of three to four hours duration off of the Isla Ballestas to see the "poor mans Galapagos". I am looking forward to perhaps seeing some Humboldt penguins but not the stench of the guano which is said to be 50 metres deep in places.

After that, the plan is to see the world's second deepest canyon and then on to Puno, where we might have an opportunity to see Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. But the real reason we are going is to hike the Inka Trail to Machu Pichu.

So, we're off! -Fred.

Notice of Next Meeting:

When: Thursday May 26th at 7:00 PM

Where: Announcement to follow closer to the date.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE FOR \$50!

If you are interested in placing a business card advertisement in the Central Branch NewsLetter please contact Tim Janzen at janzent@dfm-mpo.gc.ca.

**Central Branch
Treasurer's Report**

31 Dec 2004 to 21 April 2005

Balance forward December 31, 2004:		\$21,171.12
Receipts:		
2004 Membership dues	\$120.00	
2005 Membership dues	\$2,467.00	
Conference Proceedings	\$0.00	
2004 AGM	\$100.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$0.00	
Technology Course	\$0.00	
Other income	\$121.65	
Bank interest	\$3.30	
		<u>\$2,811.95</u>
		\$23,983.07
Expenditures:		
National Membership Dues 2004	\$0.00	
National Membership Dues 2005	\$0.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter paper	\$0.00	
Seminars & meetings	\$251.43	
H ₂ O Bonspiel	-\$1,853.00	
Summer BBQ	\$0.00	
AGM and Dinner	\$0.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	
Education and Development	\$0.00	
Gerry Wade Library	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Credit Card Expenses	\$28.65	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	
Subsidy to the Launch account	\$0.00	
		<u>-\$1,572.92</u>
		<u>Working balance 21 April 2005: \$25,555.99</u>

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

Lighthouse account

Balance forward 31 December 2004:	\$12,668.49
Receipts:	
Advertising	\$0.00
Copyright	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$578.75
Sponsorship	\$0.00
	<u>\$578.75</u>
	\$13,247.24
Expenditures:	
Stationery	\$41.11
	\$5,348.9
Printing Edition 66	3
Postage	\$0.00
	<u>\$5,390.04</u>
Working balance 21 April 2005:	<u>\$7,857.20</u>

Admiralty Launch Surveyor account

Balance forward December 31, 2004:	\$1,612.93
Receipts:	
Heritage Launch Rental Fee	\$0.00
Re-enactments	\$0.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$1,612.93
Expenditures:	
Insurance Renewal *	\$0.00
Launch repairs	\$0.00
Travel expenses	\$0.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>
Working balance 21 April 2005:	\$1,612.93

* 2004 Insurance renewal was paid by CHA National as part of CHC 2004. Note that the insurance premiums have risen over 2003 and are expected to rise again for 2005.

PRESS RELEASE - Monday, 11 April

New Zealander receives an Exceptional Award

Last Friday, the Chairman of the New Zealand branch of the Australasian Hydrographic Society, Kevin Smith conferred the award, Membership Emeritus on Larry Robbins, OBE, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Maritime Museum. The ceremony was held at the Museum.

Membership Emeritus is the Australasian Hydrographic Society's highest award. Larry Robbins is the first New Zealander to receive it. In congratulating Larry, Kevin Smith said "this is a great honour for both Larry and New Zealand. This award is rarely conferred. It is granted for the most significant and prolonged service to the Society, and for the promotion of Hydrography and related sciences. This award deservedly acknowledges Larry's work across Australasia and the International community".

Mr. Robbins served for 26 years in the Hydrographic Surveying Service of the Royal New Zealand Navy before joining the New Zealand National Maritime Museum in 2000. Mr. Robbins rose to command the Navy's survey ship HMNZS MONOWAI and at his retirement was Hydrographer of the RNZN. He was instrumental in establishing the Hydrographic Society and has represented the Society internationally.

At the award ceremony he said "that to receive such recognition from one's peers and former colleagues is humbling in the extreme".

Although "now on the sidelines" he maintains a keen interest in the profession and contributes an occasional column to Hydro International, an international journal of hydrography. "Hydrography", he said is a most absorbing, but not easy profession - a little like running a Maritime Museum".

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Larry Robbins receiving award from Kevin Smith

Minutes of General Meeting of Central BRANCH held on 21st April 2005

The meeting was at Better Bitters, on Drury Lane in Burlington. Fred thanked the owner John Romano for allowing us to congregate there, and the meeting was called to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff - VP
J. Walker - Treasurer
B. Power K. Dexel M. Crutchlow
C. Robinson S. Weller T. Janzen
J. Medendorp

Regrets: G. McFarlane, D. Dexel, R. Cameron, A. Leyzack

1) Minutes of 17th March meeting were circulated.
Motion to accept the minutes:
The wording of Budget was changed to Treasurer's Report.
Brian contacted the Corporate Member about the cheque which was submitted for an unknown purpose.
Brian sent out a renewal reminder and has had some response.
- Moved: S. Weller / J. Medendorp CARRIED.

2) Treasurer's Report: (J. Walker) Jeff recapped the report. The negative expenditure for the H₂O bonspiel is temporary, as we are still trying to get an exact amount for the catering cost; therefore Jeff has not changed it.
- Moved: B. Power/J. Medendorp CARRIED.

3) Correspondence: (F. Oliff for R. Cameron) Fred has inherited some material from Sam, who will soon be retiring. There have been some emails from Andrew Leyzack pertaining to membership in the IFHS. International Member Kevin Smith sent Tim an article regarding an award to Larry Robbins (also an International Member), for his work with the Australasian Hydrographic Society. [*Thanks Kevin for submitting the article! - Ed*] Sam also noted that Larry is a Fellow of the Nautical Institute. Sam has been in contact with Gerry Wade's family regarding the dedication of a CHS survey launch and the CHA CB Library to his memory, and they are delighted.

4) Committee Reports

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) There is no real news. The Launch and crew has been requested for one event on June 12th; aboriginal days on the Grand River (Pauline Johnson's house). As yet, no work party has been called and the trailer still needs to be certified.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: (T. Janzen) Some new material has come in and needs to be catalogued.

Meetings: (F. Oliff) Jeff submitted a video to Fred about students from Waterloo rafting up the Mackenzie River, and thinks it may be worthwhile having that group talk to us at a future meeting.

We are still working on a venue and date for the summer BBQ; Brad Tinney should be approached. The next meeting is on May 26th and we still need a venue and speaker.

Action: Fred to contact Brad about the BBQ.
Action: Fred to secure a venue and speaker for the next meeting.

Membership: (B. Power/T. Janzen) A few have paid up since the last meeting, and our membership now stands at: 17 In-house, 20 Out-house, 9 International, 4 Life, 1 Honourary, and 9 Corporate. The Canadian Centre for Marine Communications has moved their Corporate Membership to the Atlantic Branch. We are still having problems processing one Corporate Member's credit card payment. Mike Crutchlow asked what the rule was about which Branch a Corporate Member joins and he was answered that it is the Member's choice.

Web site: (J. Weedon) No report, as Jim was not present.

NewsLetter: (T. Janzen) All is well, but the NewsLetter would like to see more columns or news of interest come in from Out-house and International Members.

5) With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 20:15.
- Moved J. Walker / B. Power CARRIED.

After the business part of the meeting, we took pleasure in sampling some of Better Bitters' newest product line – beer! (...more specifically, a light beer, a lager, and an ale) Owner John Romano then gave us a guided tour of the new facility, explaining the making process and components as we went. We hope to be able to brew some up in preparation for the CHA BBQ. Thank you very much for your time, tour, and hosting John, it was greatly appreciated.

Corporate Members of the Canadian Hydrographic Association Central Branch

Corporate Membership allows companies closely linked with the hydrographic field to become more involved with the activities of the CHA and to maintain closer contact with users of their products. Through *Lighthouse*, these Corporate Members are also able to reach a world-wide hydrographic audience. The Canadian Hydrographic Association appreciates the support of these organizations:

- ASI Group, St. Catharines ON, Canada
- C&C Technologies, Lafayette LA, USA.
- Fugro Jacques Geosurveys Inc., St. John's NL, Canada
- Hydroservice AS, Egersund Norway
- Interactive Visualization Systems, Fredericton NB, Canada
- iXSea, Burlington MA USA
- L-3 Klein Associates Inc., Salem NH, USA
- Knudsen Engineering Ltd., Perth ON, Canada
- Kongsberg Maritime, Dartmouth NS, Canada
- McQuest Marine Sciences Ltd., Burlington ON, Canada
- NetSurvey Ltd., Banbury, Oxon, United Kingdom
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Upcoming Events

The 98th Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics



*Canadian Institute of Geomatics
2005 Conference*

"Geomatics: Powering the Future" - ONLY ONE MONTH TO GO!!!



June 13 - 15, 2005, Westin Hotel, Ottawa.
The 98th Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG),
Geomatics: Powering the Future is just around the corner and it promises to be an exciting event for the geomatics community.

You will now find the Preliminary Program on the Conference Website.
<http://www.cig-acsg.ca/cig2005/english/home.htm>

If you have not reserved your hotel room yet, you may want to as the time is getting near...

For Conference rate, please mention the name of the conference.

ACLS

Join us at Canada's only National Surveyors' Conference!



The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors is proud to announce the 21st Annual General Meeting to be held in Cardigan PEI, in conjunction with the AGM of the Association of Prince Edward Island Land Surveyors on the following dates: June 21-24 2005.

On June 22nd there will be a day-long series of presentations on offshore issues.

We wish to extend an invitation to you to join us for what we are certain will prove to be a unique opportunity for you. Relax and enjoy the hospitality of Cardigan, PEI while participating in a very interesting and exciting week of activities at the Rodd Brundenell

River Hotel.

Please visit our website at <http://www.acls-aatc.ca> and follow the National Conference link for more information. We look forward to seeing you in June!

For those of you who get a hard copy of this NewsLetter, you will be receiving a conference pamphlet.

Item of Note

It is now even easier to keep up on current events in the The Hydrographic Society of America! THSOA is now releasing The Seahorse in a digital format by email – in a very nice and sleek format.

For back issues of The Seahorse, visit their web site at <http://www.thsoa.org>.

THSOA is also celebrating its 25th year, in 2005. Happy Silver Anniversary!

