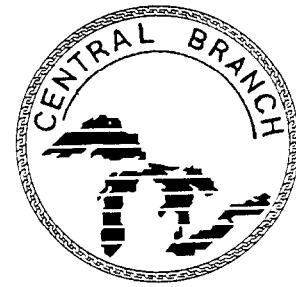


The Canadian Hydrographic Association
 Association canadienne d'hydrographie



NEWSLETTER

*** November 2001 ***

Vol. 15, No. 7

Canadian Hydrographic Association

Central Branch

2001 Executive

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Vice-President: | Andrew Leyzack | (905) 336-4538 |
| Secretary: | Tim Janzen | (905) 336-4846 |
| Treasurer: | J. "Sam" Weller | (905) 336-4732 |
| <u>Executive Members:</u> | Earl Brown | (905) 639-0012 |
| | John Dixon | (905) 336-4419 |
| | Sean Hinds | (905) 336-4835 |
| | Fred Oliff | (905) 336-4491 |
| | Brian Power | (905) 319-6928 |
| | Jim Weedon | (905) 336-4841 |

Address:
 Canadian Hydrographic Association
 P.O. Box 5050
 Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A6
 FAX: (905) 336-8916 or 336-4819

Our web page: <http://chswwww.bur.dfo.ca/dfo/chs/cha/>

Our e-mail addresses: lastnamefirstinitial@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
 (Except Earl Brown: earlbrown@cogeco.ca)

Central Branch Committees

Communications and Publicity

Newsletter: - J. Weller E. Brown F. Oliff L. Robbins
Web Site: - J. Weedon J. Dixon
Lighthouse - A. Leyzack J. Weller F. Oliff

Membership

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 W. Warrender

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library:
 T. Janzen F. Oliff B. Power
2002 Multibeam course:
 P. Davies, A. Leyzack K. McMillan,
 P. Travaglini, C. Robinson
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

Funny how people say to you, “Welcome back to reality”, after you’ve just been on vacation in paradise. “On the contrary”, I say because on our recent honeymoon to the British Virgin Islands, Jacqueline and I experienced what I’d rather call a ‘separate reality’. Here in Burlington again, I feel like we’ve just plugged back into the Matrix. Those of you who have seen the film will understand! Short of gusty winds and the odd rainsquall (which made for some exciting sailing), we were spared the effects of the hurricane, which pounded Cuba earlier in the month.

Back to the Matrix... I’d like to bring your attention to 3 items included in this newsletter:

First off, you will find a ballot for the **2002 Branch executive**. Please take the time to vote for your next executive and communicate your choice to our election officer, Fred Oliff.

Secondly, our **AGM and Dinner** is just around the corner. Talk to those who have attended in the past and you’ll find out that it’s an evening worthy of the drive to Etobicoke. This will be an evening to remember: Michael Peake is a really fine speaker with some magnificent photographs. So don’t miss this occasion of the year!

Lastly, we’ve included an information/registration form for the **Coastal Multibeam Sonar Training Course**, happening in May 2002 in Burlington. As you will see, the Branch is offering early-bird discounts on registration fees as well as discounts for CHA and THSOA members and non-member organizations sponsoring two or more participants. Manufacturers are encouraged to demonstrate their wares during the course. We will have a number of CHS platforms available and at our disposal. Exhibitors who choose to exhibit the following week at the Canadian Hydrographic Conference in Toronto will not be charged for launch usage during the course. I am pleased to announce that although we have not officially advertised the course, we’ve already received a number of inquiries from all points of the compass.

On behalf of your executive I’d like to pass along our best wishes for the holidays. Stay in touch. And I look forward to seeing you at the dinner on December 6.

- Andrew

Next meeting

Our next general meeting will be our Central Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the **Mimico Cruising Club**, on **Thursday, December 6th**. It is a beautiful location, freshly decorated for our evening.

The Elections Committee will report on the results of the elections and will present the new slate of officers for the Central Branch Executive for the year 2002.

Michael Peake is our speaker. See the back page and also his web site <http://www.canoe.ca/labrador2001/hacc.html> for more 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 2000 to 8 November 2001

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Balance forward December 31, 2000: | | \$ 1,467.83 |
| <u>Receipts:</u> | | |
| Membership Dues (2000) | \$ (30.00) | |
| Membership Dues (2001) | 1,940.34 | |
| Membership Dues (2002) | 180.00 | |
| Bonspiel | 2,235.00 | |
| | | \$ 4,325.34 |
| | | \$ 5,793.17 |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | |
| Postage | \$ 638.11 | |
| Seminars & Meetings | 182.62 | |
| Bonspiel | 2,214.42 | |
| BBQ | 52.50 | |
| NewsLetter paper | 126.12 | |
| Stationery etc. | 442.71 | |
| | | \$ 3,656.48 |
| <u>Working Balance 8 November 2001:</u> | | <u>\$ 2,136.69</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 | \$ 225.23 | |
| Advertising | 3,000.00 | |
| | | \$ 3,225.23 |
| | | \$ 4,492.42 |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | |
| Postage | \$ 637.65 | |
| Envelopes | 320.85 | |
| Transfer to Lighthouse | 2,000.00 | |
| | | \$ 2,958.50 |
| <u>Working Balance 8 November 2001:</u> | | <u>\$ 1,533.92</u> |

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Balance forward December 31, 2000: | | \$ 2,616.51 |
| <u>Receipts:</u> | | |
| CHS: Canvas Shelter | \$ 620.98 | |
| | | \$ 3,237.49 |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | |
| Canvas Shelter | \$ 620.98 | |
| Maintenance | 572.83 | |
| | | \$ 1,193.81 |
| <u>Working Balance 8 November 2001:</u> | | <u>\$ 2,043.68</u> |

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 8 November 2001

1. The meeting was held at *Thirty Bench Vineyard & Winery*, 4281 Mountainview Road, Beamsville, Ontario.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff -Past V-P- Chair
Brian Power -A/ Secretary
Sam Weller Sean Hinds

Guests: Jeff Walker Austin Rodgers

Regrets: E. Brown A. Leyzack T. Janzen
P. Travaglini J. Weedon

2. Minutes of the 3 October meeting were available:

Motion to accept the minutes:

Moved B. Power / S. Hinds CARRIED

3. Treasurer's Report: Sam presented the treasurer's report for 31 December 2000 to 8 November 2001.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report:

Moved S. Weller / F. Oliff CARRIED

4. Committee Reports:

Lighthouse – F. Oliff for P. Travaglini

Fred presented a brief report Paola had prepared on the progress of Lighthouse Fall/Winter Edition 60. Layout is almost complete, and could be ready as soon as Friday to be circulated for review and then sent out for publishing. Once again submissions from Branches have been late in arriving. Commendations to Pacific Branch for forwarding their submission on time (the only Branch to do so). Light-house will, none the less, meet its November issue date.

Web Site – F. Oliff for J. Weedon

Little action since the last meeting. The latest available NewsLetter (Vol. 15 No. 5) has been posted in PDF format. Other obligations/projects mean major work on the site will not take place until at least mid-December. Jim has been looking into WebHosting sites but nothing to report at this time. Minor glitch with the PDF format of the summer NewsLetter has not been fixed yet but it is posted on the web site. Jim will be putting the CHA membership applications on the web site in PDF format. Jim plans on meeting with Earl to update the Lighthouse section. As well, the Heritage Launch and Membership sections will also be updated. Jim indicated that he intends on looking into the possibility of converting earlier issues of the NewsLetter to PDF format.

Newsletter – S. Weller

Sam reported that the last edition went out later than usual because he was waiting for committee reports. Sam repeated his plea to get reports to him in good time.

Fred took this opportunity to acknowledge the great job that Sam has done over the years and to thank him for his continued work on the NewsLetter. Sam said he loves doing the newsletter. Timely delivery of articles makes working on the NewsLetter so much easier.

Educational

Seminar (AGM) – S. Hinds

Sean said a guest speaker for the AGM has not been confirmed. A possible speaker Sean is looking into is Mike Casey. Mike has been travelling to Nepal to hike in the mountain ranges. Sean would appreciate receiving names for a guest speaker in the event Mike cannot be there.

Membership

Nominations for 2002 – F. Oliff

Fred said nominations for the 2002 Central Branch executive would close at tonight's meeting. Fred received ten e-mails nominations covering all eligible positions. Fred will contact the nominees and set up a ballot box.

Motion to close nominations:

Moved S. Weller / S. Hinds CARRIED

Sustaining Members – B. Power

Brian reported that due to an administrative error on his part Kongsberg Simrad Mesotech Ltd. did not appear as a Sustaining Member of Central Branch in the last issue of the NewsLetter. Brian immediately contacted John Gillis to apologize for the oversight and to assure John that Kongsberg Simrad Mesotech Ltd. would be recognized as a Sustaining Member in the next NewsLetter and in the next Edition of Lighthouse, to be printed later this month.

5. Admiralty Launch Surveyor: - B. Power for J. Dixon

There has been no activity with the launch since the last newsletter. The launch will be stored at the Bayfield Institute, CCIW, Burlington for the winter.

6. Other business: Brian said Ian Morgan has retired from his job with McQuest Marine to follow his passion as historian and painter. Ian will be retiring to the Midland area and hopes to become involved with Discovery Harbour as an interpreter and resident historian. Ian Morgan first approached the Central Branch membership at the AGM in 1990 with the idea of building a small historical boat to commemorate the role of hydrography in developing Upper and Lower Canada. The rest is history and you all will be reading about the exploits of *Surveyor* for many years to come. A farewell dinner in Ian's honour was held at a local restaurant in Burlington and Brian was on hand to present Ian with a poster depicting the construction and sailing exploits of the launch. Thanks to Jim Weedon for the poster design and layout.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed pizza and comparing a selection of Thirty Bench's fine wines. Many thanks to Frank Zeritsch for being such a great host. Many enjoyable hours were spent tasting their award-winning wines and touring the depths of the winery. The microclimate of Thirty-Mile Bench was discussed and we all learned a lot about the grapes that grow in this area. Their web site: www.thirtybench.com

The International Column

Rum Galore

By Guest Columnist Rear Admiral Steve Ritchie RN (Ret'd)

My most recent visit to Canada was to participate in the 5th Northern Peninsula Heritage Conference at Plum Point in Newfoundland in September 2001.

Before the Conference, the chief organizer, Selma Huxley Barkham, led fellow participants Lieut. Commander Andrew David, Andrew Cook and myself across the Strait of Belle Isle by ferry to Labrador and then northwards by road to Red Bay to visit the Museum depicting the Basque whaling operations of the 16th Century with which she has been closely associated.

On the way north we called in to meet Cecil and Rita Davis at their Lighthouse Cove Bed and Breakfast establishment at L'Anse Amour. It was here that the pride of the Royal Navy's Atlantic Fleet HMS *Raleigh*, a 12,000-ton cruiser built in 1919, came to her end in August 1922.

Having narrowly missed an iceberg in thick fog as his vessel entered Forteau Bay, nevertheless Captain Bromley steamed on at 6 knots towards his planned anchorage, so keen was he, it has been said, to fish for salmon in the Forteau River. About 16:00 the great ship took the ground and could not be arrested until she came to rest straddled across two reefs of rock with deeper water between them.

The first attempt to get a line ashore by cutter ended in the boat capsizing with the loss of eleven men, although the sea was said to be calm. A line was eventually carried to the shore, along which 400 men hauled themselves to safety by 19:00.

The small Grenfell Mission and the entire population of L'Anse Amour took in and gave succour to the ship-wrecked officers and men until the Canadian Pacific liner *Montrose* arrived to carry them away.

The local people had been so generous in their welcome for this large body of men that no official attempts were made to prevent fittings and furniture being removed from the stranded vessel. Best of all, perhaps, was the blind eye turned upon the landing of casks of navy rum, which greatly enlivened Christmas 1922 in and around L'Anse Amour.

The Davis' Bed and Breakfast is on a parcel of land given to Cecil's father and his three brothers by the Admiralty in return for their assistance to the shipwrecked crew. The wardroom piano, beautifully polished and still playable, stands in the Davis' sitting room.

Some years before, in 1899, another captain had run his ship HMS *Lily* aground on the same reef whilst hastening to fish the Forteau River. The Lords of the Admiralty were heartily sick of piscatorial captains and sent contractors in 1923 to blow up and destroy every trace of *Raleigh* still appearing above low water. No one on this occasion blamed the charts!



... as Captain Thomas Hurd RN, the first Hydrographer of the Navy.
("Captain Hurd was a rather thin man..." so perhaps
not quite in character, reports Steve Ritchie)

About the AGM Speaker

By Fred Oliff

Michael Peake is, first and foremost, a great guy. Having said that, he is also Editor of *Che-Mun*, the Journal on Canadian wilderness canoeing, and Governor of the Hide-Away Canoe Club, named after the family cottage on Lake Rosseau, and a husband and father.

He and his two brothers, Sean and Geoffrey, have taken a keen interest in the role the canoe has played in the development of the Canadian culture and landscape. They do their utmost to follow an historical canoe route every year whenever possible. I first met him when he gave a talk in Etobicoke about travelling north into The Barrens to name a river after Eric Morse, an honour never before bestowed on anyone during their lifetime.

A second very entertaining show about the Coppermine River, entitled *Lands Forlorn* (after the book) and the trip George Douglas took in 1911, captured my imagination so much that I read the book, only after I was able to find it in the University of Waterloo library. It is a rare book now, fetching upwards of \$500 in antique bookstores.