

THE HYDROGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA HOUSTON CHAPTER

Mark Your Calendar:

AGM Meeting Notice

Tuesday, January 15th

Elections for the Executive Committee of the Chapter will be held the AGM (Annual General Meeting)

STANDING COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2008:

Past Chair - Eric Pieters

Treasurer - Wendy Post

Technical Chair - Jim Nash

Fund Raising & Social Events - Rick Hagen

OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2008:

Chairperson

Secretary

Memberships & Student Liaison

The meeting will cover the following:

1. the AGM
2. the call for nominations for open positions
3. the date on which we are to have the AGM.
4. the present committee membership, terms, and continued support

Please join us at one of the most important meetings of the year. We look forward to all comments, input, ideas etc from all members of the Houston Chapter as we move into 2008!

****Please Note Date Of Meeting!****

January Meeting

Place : The Black Lab
4100 Montrose
Phone: 713-529-1199

Date: Tuesday, January 15th, 2007

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presentation

Directions:

From west and SW Houston, take 59 downtown, exit for Richmond. After taking exit, stay on right and go down ramp to lights on Richmond. Turn left at lights; continue along Richmond to lights at Montrose, right turn (north).

The Black Labrador is at 4100 Montrose. Car parking at the front is very limited but there is a parking garage at the back. To access this, after turning on to Montrose, turn left in Colquitt St. and then first right into Yoakum Blvd. and then right into the garage. Take a ticket and have this validated when in the Black Labrador (no charge).

When leaving, to access 59, go back the same way and enter 59 (South/Victoria) at the same intersection, as there is no other local access to the west until Shepherd.

Thank you to the following companies for sponsoring our Holiday Party:

Diamond: Ashtead Technology Rentals

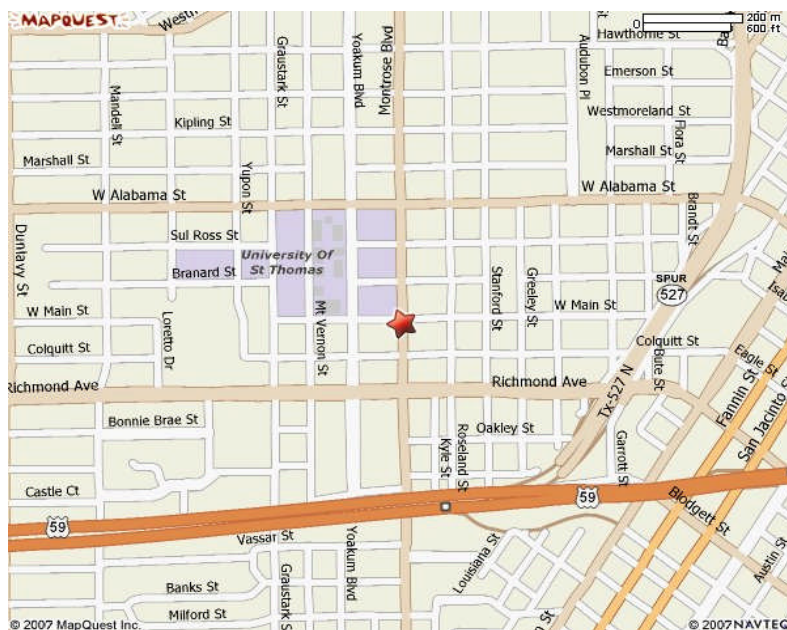
Platinum: Fugro / Harvey Lynch, inc. / GeoCentury / UTEC Survey, Inc.

Gold: C & C Technologies / Sonardyne

Silver: Cain & Barnes, LP / Jon Stigant

Bronze: Derek Salvage / Terrasond

Door Prizes: Zupt, LLC



The Hydrographic Society Holiday Party Saturday, December 8th



Christina Pondell
Degree in Marine Sciences

A word from Christina: "Currently, I am working on a senior thesis project where I am analyzing Alaskan sediments for changes in organic matter. The sediments were taken from a pristine environment, and I am looking for a changes from a marine source of organic matter to a terrigenous source during earthquake events. Previously, I have done a comparative study of grain size data obtained from the Malvern Mastersizer and the data collected from pipette analysis to determine the compatibility of the data."

2008 Scholarship Winners:

A word from Alan: "Currently I am pursuing an undergraduate research thesis; comparing two side-scan sonar processing software packages in resolution and accuracy. It is my goal to have this completed by early spring. After graduation it is my plan to enter the geophysical survey industry. Previously, I went to Alaska where we took numerous box and piston cores in a bay off of Prince William Sound. Over the course of the past year I have continued to aid in the processing of these cores for water content and grain size, including attaining x-ray images of each core to inspect for minute changes in sediment layering."



Alan Thompson
Degree in Marine Sciences

Annual Houston Chapter Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off



Get ready for the Chili Cook-off!!!



Super Bowl XLII will take place in Arizona on February 3, 2008

each year the we hold an industry Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off at Danny's Sports Bar on Westheimer. This event has a great turn out, lots of crock-pots of chili, awards, food etc. We hope you and your colleagues will join us in February.

2007 Committee Members

Chairman Eric Pieters - *U-TEC Survey, Inc.*
Technical Chair Jim Nash – *Terrasond, Ltd*
Past Chair Phil Howells - *Harvey-Lynch, Inc*
Treasurer Wendy Post - *Ashtead Technology*
Secretary / Newsletter Melissa Wood - *C&C Technologies*
 Andria Munsch - *ZUPT, LLC*
Fund Raising/Social Events Rick Hagen - *U-TEC Survey, Inc.*
Memberships/Student Liaison Miriam Thomas – *TBA*
Technical Chair - Assisting Roles:
 Tim Griffin - *Fugro Chance*
 Jon Stigant - *Devon Energy*
 Keith Vickery - *ZUPT, LLC*
 Dick New - *Fugro Chance*
 Jonathan Davis - *BP America*
 Morten Lamoey - *GeoGraf US*

Upcoming 2008 Conferences

January 29–31 **Underwater Intervention 2008**, New Orleans, Louisiana
 Information: Web site www.underwaterintervention.com/

January 29–February 1 **Pacific 2008**, Sydney, Australia
 Information: Web site: www.pacific2008.com.au

February 12–February 14 **Deep Offshore Technology International**, Houston, Texas
 Information: Web site: www.dot08.events.pennet.com

March 3–5 **Subsea Tieback 2008**, Galveston, Texas
 Information: Web site: www.subseatiebackforum.com

March 8 **MTS Houston Sporting Clays**, Houston, Texas
 Information: Web site: www.mtshouston.org

March 11–13 **Oceanology International**, London, England
 Information: Web site www.oceanologyinternational.com

June 1–5 **21st Annual Pacific Conference on Marine Science and Tech (PACON) 2008**, Honolulu, Hawaii
 Information: Web site: www.hawaii.edu/pacon

July 7–11 **11th International Coral Reef Symposium**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Information: Web site: www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs

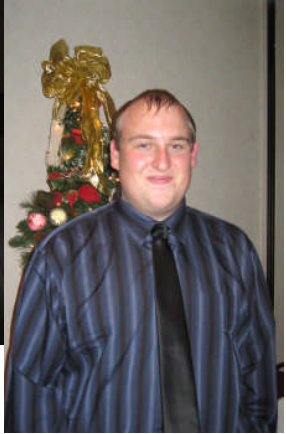
Don't forget to visit our website at:

www.thsoa.org/houston.htm

Presentations and previous newsletters are now available for download.

UPCOMING HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS:

Month / Date	Speaker / Company	Topic
January 15 th	AGM Meeting	Committee Position Elections
February 3 rd	Chili Cook-Off	Time and Place To Be Announced
March 11 th	TBA	TBA
April 8 th	TBA	TBA



This year's Annual Christmas Party was the best ever with right at 100 in attendance. We truly wish to thank our Sponsors of the event..... without your constant support of the Houston Chapter, we would not have had yet another successful year.



A BIG Thank you for committee members Rick Hagen and Wendy Post for all the arrangements, wonderful food, an awesome venue and decorations AND the excellent door prizes!!

Thank you to Eric for your leadership and Melissa Wood for your work with this year's Student Scholarship Recipients.

Hope to hear all had a nice time. Happy Holidays!



<p>THE HOUSTON CHAPTER of THSOA</p> <h1>2008 Membership APPLICATION</h1>
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TITLE (Mr./Mrs./Ms/Dr/etc)	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME
ADDRESS (for mailing and correspondence)			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
COMPANY:		POSITION:	
Tel:		Fax:	
Email:			
YEAR (From which membership is to be effective): 200...			

ANNUAL DUES (Please check the appropriate box)

INDIVIDUAL (\$35) THSOA/HOUSTON (The above dues include \$10 extra for Houston Chapter membership.)

STUDENT (\$10) THSOA/HOUSTON
 Full-time undergraduate or graduate (not fully employed). Name of Institution _____

RETIRED (\$15) THSOA/HOUSTON (and no longer employed in the profession of sea surveying)

CORPORATE (\$125) THSOA/HOUSTON

STATEMENT: I wish to apply for membership in the Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA). I agree to further THSOA's mission of promoting education in offshore survey, positioning and mapping, including hydrography and related earth sciences.

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Name as it appears on the card:

Billing address: (if different than above)

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: (mm/yy)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return with PAYMENT to: The Hydrographic Society c/o Wendy Post - **TREASURER**
 Ashtead Technology, Inc. - 19407 Park Row, Suite 170, Houston, Texas 77084

THE HYDROGRAPHIC SOCIETY: MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Membership in The Hydrographic Society is open to any individual or organization with an interest in surveying afloat. No formal qualifications are required. The membership period is from January 1 through December 31.

The Hydrographic Society United States (HSUS) is the former US Branch of The Hydrographic Society (THS) that was founded in 1972 at the Northeast London Polytechnic in London, England. Effective December 31, 2002, THS devolved into five autonomous "National Societies" under the "Federation of Hydrographic Societies". Dues in HSUS are currently set at \$20 which includes four issues of The Hydrographic Journal, the annual Diary and the reduced admission to the annual "Hydro Conference" (not to be confused with "US Hydro"). There is no formal relationship between HSUS and THSOA, although several members are officers in both. For further information contact the Secretary/Treasurer, Karl Kieninger at Hydromarine@compuserve.com.

The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA) serves as the focal point for activities in the Americas. Members of THSOA receive the *Seahorse* Newsletter (3 issues per year) and a subscription to Hydro International Magazine (10 issues per year), which includes the annual Sourcebook. Members are eligible for membership in local chapters, and receive a discount on registration at THSOA sponsored events. There are local chapters in Houston (TX), Pacific Northwest (Portland and Seattle), and Bay St. Louis (MS).

The Houston Chapter of The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOAHC) serves Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas; providing local meetings on a regular monthly basis, a *THSOA, Houston Chapter Newsletter* on events of local interest, and social activities for its members and the members of the Student Chapter of THSOA at Texas A&M Galveston AND Corpus Christi.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (THSOA) \$125 provides members with a free link to their company web page, free recruitment notices on the web site and membership in the local Houston Chapter. Each THSOA corporate member is able to list two, and only two, 'Corporate Member Representatives' who are deemed nominated members of THSOA and the Houston Chapter with the same benefits as Individual Membership without Individual Membership registration. These THSOA memberships include no direct THS (international) benefits or memberships.

THSOA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS, including reduced RETIRED & STUDENT Rates: these THSOA members receive the *Seahorse* Newsletter (3 issues per year), a subscription to Hydro International Magazine (10 issues per year), which includes the annual Sourcebook, and discounted registration at THSOA - sponsored events and seminars. **Membership in THSOA (not through Houston Chapter) for Individual Members does not automatically include local chapter membership, – separate local dues of \$15 are required. Retired & Student THSOA rates include gratis Houston Chapter membership.**

HOUSTON CHAPTER (THSOA-HC) MEMBERSHIP: Members of the Houston chapter of THSOA are invited to attend local monthly meetings, receive a copy of the *THSOA, Houston Chapter Newsletter*, and are invited to attend social events of the Houston Chapter. While non-members are encouraged to visit the Houston Chapter meetings, persons attending on a regular basis are encouraged to join THSOA in support of the chapter's efforts on behalf of the local hydrographic community. **There is no longer a local Houston chapter only membership level, since Houston Chapter members are required to be members of THSOA.** Local chapter membership is included in THSOA membership rates shown on the other page of this form.

Please pay all your Hydrographic Society dues (THSOA, Houston) via your local Houston chapter.