

## Safe boaters know charts' importance

A knowledge of nautical charts and an understanding of marine weather forecasts are essential for safe boating on the Great Lakes and other busy Ontario waterways.

To increase boater awareness of these vital aids provided by the Government of Canada, charting experts from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Hydrographic Service and weather experts

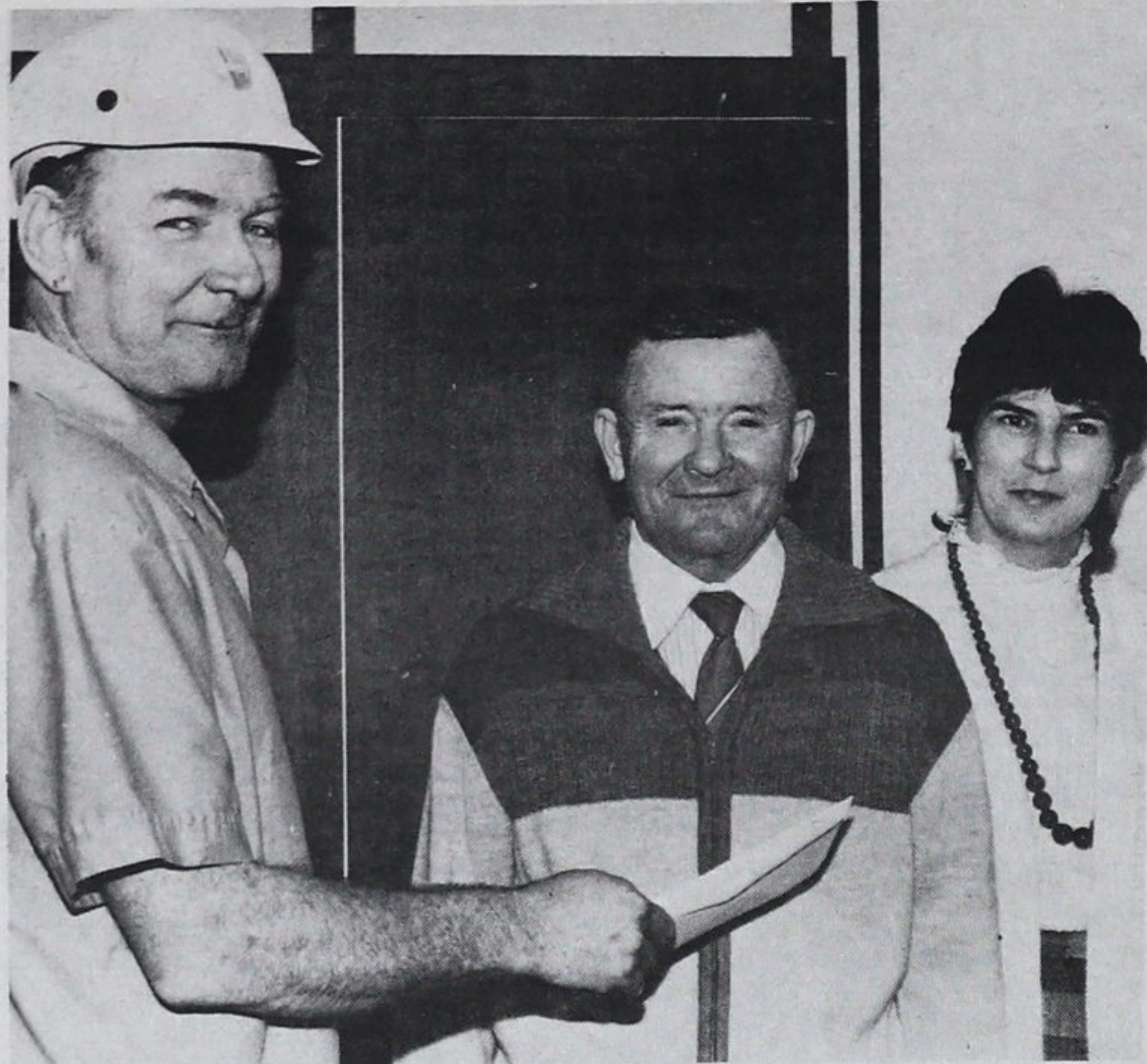
from Environment Canada's Atmospheric Environment Service will both be at the Toronto International Boat Show in January.

The show runs Jan. 11-19 at Exhibition Place. The display on charts and marine weather can be found at Booth W-13 in the Coliseum Building.

Gardeners study seed catalogs at this time of year, while many boaters plot the path of summer voyages. That's why the Canadian Hydrographic Service exhibit will feature a section titled "Cruise the Sheltered Route," showing the charts and scenic highlights of protected passages leading all the way from Sault Ste. Marie to the St. Lawrence River.

The chartmakers will also display a five-metre (17-foot) launch and the electronic gear used to collect data for new charts such as those just published for the harbours at Oshawa, Whitby, Port Hope and Cobourg on Lake Ontario.

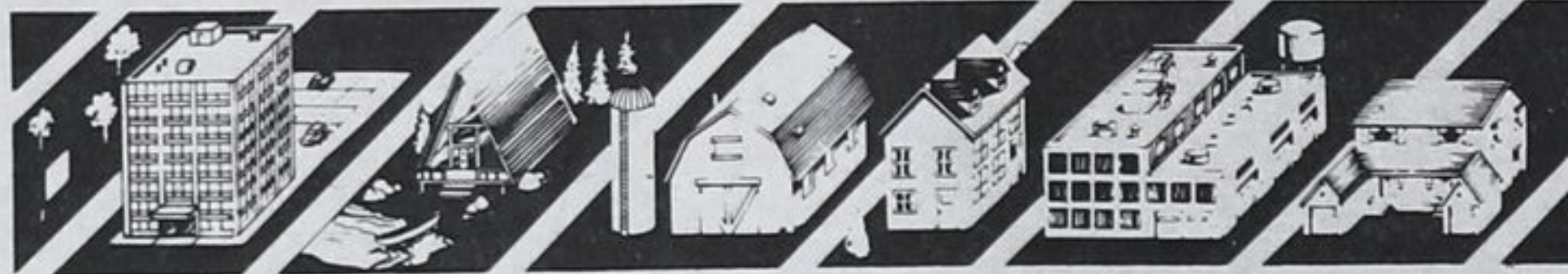
The weather service will show how radar, satellites and other modern tools help warn pleasure boaters and commercial vessels of approaching storms.



### This retiree's all smiles

After over 13 years as a mixer operator with the Midland Division of Pillsbury Canada Ltd., Charles Hopkins (centre) retired last Thursday, just in time for Christmas.

While Plant Accountant Linda Bouillon (right) looked on, he was presented with a special retirement gift from Union President Don Maldeis (left) of AFGM local 388.



## WANT TO APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT?

You still have time to appeal your 1985 assessment if you feel your home or business property has been improperly assessed.

Your assessment is important because the amount of property tax you pay depends on it, in that the assessed value of your property is multiplied by your municipal and school mill rate to determine your 1986 property taxes.

Notices of Assessment have been mailed to property owners and tenants whose assessments have changed since last year. Open houses have been held in your area to answer questions and amend assessment information if necessary. Open house dates and locations were announced in a previous advertisement.

The Assessment Roll has now been delivered to your municipality for the purposes of calculating the amount of taxes you must pay on your property in 1986. For information on your assessment, the Assessment Roll is now available for review at your Municipal Office during regular business hours. If you feel your property has been improperly assessed, and you have not yet made your appeal known, you still have until January 7, 1986 to deliver or mail an appeal to the Assessment Review Board. **And remember, even if you did not receive a Notice of Assessment, you still have the right to appeal.**

### Appeal deadline—January 7, 1986

The Assessment Review Board is an impartial body reporting to the Attorney General of Ontario, which provides you with an additional opportunity to have your assessment reviewed if, in your opinion, it is not fair and equitable with similar properties in your area. The Review Board is more informal and relaxed than a regular court of law. You may present your own case, retain a lawyer or ask a relative or friend to speak as your agent.

To help you in filing your appeal, Notice of Appeal forms are available from the Assessment Review Board, your Regional Assessment Office or your Municipal Office. As well, you can use the reverse side of a Notice of Assessment or write a letter stating the property address and roll number, together with your reasons for appealing. Appeals should be forwarded to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board listed below.



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Regional Registrar  
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD  
MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Suite 303, 713 Davis Drive  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 2R3



### The ultimate 'snowman'

When he was a boy in Labrador City, Newfoundland, building snow sculptures like this icy angel was a regular winter activity for Dr. Bob Archer of Edmund St., Midland. The seven foot tall figure, flood-lit at night, was built over Christmas and Boxing Day in about 10 hours. Well done, Dr. Archer.

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