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Zubin Bhada

Branch Master

## **Branch Master's Report – May 2020**

On behalf of the Branch, it is with great pleasure that I (Zubin Bhada) provide the Branch Masters report for May 2020.

With the current unprecedented times we are in with COVID-19, our organisation has not been very active, however I can however confirm we have kept connected and run two court meetings as virtual sessions and have been extremely successful. It got us to have the discipline of completing the session in 45 minutes.

### **Branch Court**

We had full quorum at our court meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020, which was held as a video conference session setup by our Branch Secretary using "Zoom Meeting". The session started with a slight delay due to IT issues, however was very successful in its outcome in the end. The meeting commenced by reviewing the past Court Meeting Minutes (Apr 2020) with any follow up actions. Below items were covered in the Court meeting:

- Review of Last Minutes (Apr 2020).
- Review of Registrar's report
- Review of Secretary's report
- Review of Treasurer's Report
- Update from Social Coordinator
- Business Arising from Previous minutes.
- Any Other Business

### **BM Update**

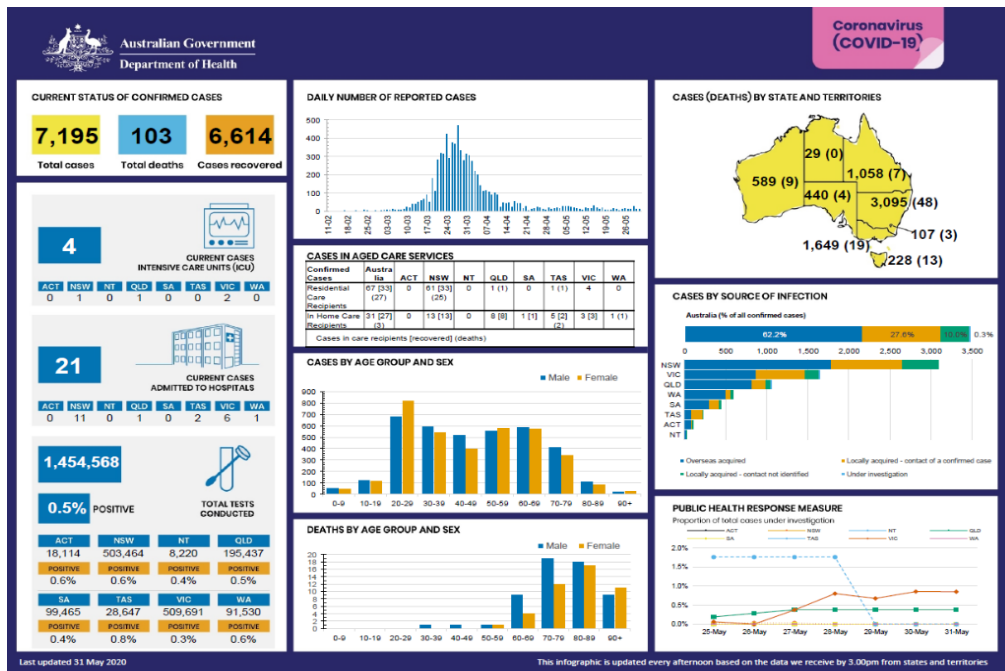
BM thanks the court for their continued support in these unprecedented times of COVID-19. The continued with special thanks to Steve Harris and Stuart Davey for keeping the membership well informed on our new way of life.

### COVID-19 Statistics - as of 01 June 2020:

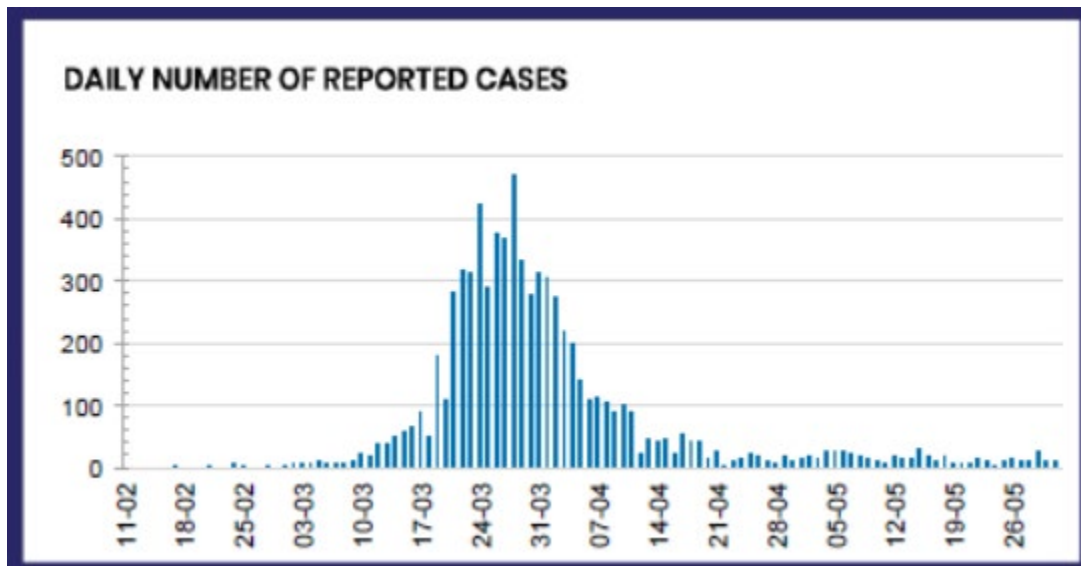
<p>Coronavirus Cases: <b>6,263,911</b> <small><a href="#">view by country</a></small></p> <p>Deaths: <b>373,899</b></p> <p>Recovered: <b>2,846,713</b></p>	<p> Australia</p> <p>Coronavirus Cases: <b>7,202</b></p> <p>Deaths: <b>103</b></p> <p>Recovered: <b>6,618</b></p>	<p> New Zealand</p> <p>Coronavirus Cases: <b>1,504</b></p> <p>Deaths: <b>22</b></p> <p>Recovered: <b>1,481</b></p>
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#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	6,263,911	+4,662	373,899	+202	2,846,713	3,043,299	53,407	804	48.0			
1	<a href="#">USA</a>	1,837,170		106,195		599,867	1,131,108	17,075	5,553	321	17,672,567	53,417	330,843,477
2	<a href="#">Brazil</a>	514,992	+143	29,341	+27	206,555	279,096	8,318	2,424	138	930,013	4,378	212,434,518
3	<a href="#">Russia</a>	405,843		4,693		171,883	229,267	2,300	2,781	32	10,643,124	72,933	145,929,507
4	<a href="#">Spain</a>	286,509		27,127		196,958	62,424	617	6,128	580	4,063,843	86,921	46,753,345
5	<a href="#">UK</a>	274,762		38,489		N/A	N/A	1,559	4,049	567	4,285,738	63,158	67,856,881
6	<a href="#">Italy</a>	232,997		33,415		157,507	42,075	435	3,853	553	3,878,739	64,144	60,468,778
7	<a href="#">India</a>	190,609		5,408		91,852	93,349	8,944	138	4	3,737,027	2,710	1,378,863,296
8	<a href="#">France</a>	188,882		28,802		68,355	91,725	1,319	2,894	441	1,384,633	21,217	65,261,942
9	<a href="#">Germany</a>	183,494		8,605		165,200	9,689	702	2,191	103	3,952,971	47,193	83,762,346
10	<a href="#">Peru</a>	164,476		4,506		67,208	92,762	988	4,994	137	1,058,874	32,153	32,932,217
11	<a href="#">Turkey</a>	163,942		4,540		127,973	31,429	648	1,946	54	2,039,194	24,201	84,262,291
12	<a href="#">Iran</a>	151,466		7,797		118,848	24,821	2,527	1,805	93	935,894	11,155	83,900,826
13	<a href="#">Chile</a>	99,688		1,054		42,727	55,907	1,383	5,219	55	582,440	30,490	19,102,509
14	<a href="#">Canada</a>	90,947		7,295		48,879	34,773	1,641	2,411	193	1,665,831	44,169	37,714,510
15	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	90,664	+3,152	9,930	+151	64,326	16,408	378	704	77	270,992	2,104	128,818,338
16	<a href="#">Saudi Arabia</a>	85,261		503		62,442	22,316	384	2,452	14	822,769	23,666	34,766,601
17	<a href="#">Pakistan</a>	69,496		1,483		25,271	42,742	111	315	7	547,030	2,481	220,509,385
18	<a href="#">Belgium</a>	58,381		9,467		15,887	33,027	168	5,039	817	866,497	74,791	11,585,527
19	<a href="#">Qatar</a>	56,910		38		30,290	26,582	232	19,783	13	222,069	77,194	2,876,776

*Information statistics on World COVID-19 from  
([WWW.worldometers.info/coronavirus](http://WWW.worldometers.info/coronavirus))*



The Australian COVID-19 statistics show a **good progress with the daily number of reported cases falling**. This is a welcome sign to the Australian community and supports the slow progression in opening up the restrictions. Here in WA the government and WA Police have done an excellent job in curtailing and controlling the numbers down to ZERO in the last few days. This change in the coming weeks will see change in life-style, work environment and more importantly a welcomed change in “Health and Wellbeing” of all.



Daily Number STATISTICS for COVID-19 cases in Australia



*Marine Pilotage in Asian Countries (Pilots in White PPE suits)*

### **General Meeting**

As a result of the current unprecedented times and challenges imposed by COVID-19, there was no General Meeting held.

### **Points West**

Many thanks to Mark Beal and his wife Gina (our editors of Points West) who continue to prepare and publish our great newsletter. Please do send in articles and/or stories that we can share with our membership.

### **Federal Court**

The Federal court next session to be held by virtual session on 10<sup>th</sup> Jul y2020 organised by Fed Secretary.

In closing, I would like to thank all members for their continued effort and support in keeping our branch live and active throughout 2020. Please stay safe in these challenging times of COVID-19 and do reach out to me and/or any court member if you require any support during these times.

Capt. Zubin Bhada (AFNI)  
Branch Master

**End of Report**



## The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Western Australia Branch

### Registrars Report – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal	0			
Resigned to Friend	1	Llew Withers – <b>Associate Member</b> application amended to <b>Friend</b>		
Resigned from COMMA	1	David Fleay (advised he notified of resignation when paying 2019 subs)		
Membership Cancelled	0			
Deceased	1	Capt Ajay Tandon – 11 <sup>th</sup> May (notified by his wife Carol, 25 <sup>th</sup> May)		
Transferred to Retired	0			
Transferred Branch	0			
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
Federal Life Members	2			Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends	12			Over 80 years old / No voting rights / No levy / No fees
Ex-Officio Members	1			No voting rights / No levy / No fees
WA Honorary Members	3	3		Voting rights / Federal Levy Payable / No fees
Ordinary Members	80	80	80	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members	14	14	14	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	22	22	22	+ 65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>134</b>			
<b>Federal Levy Payable</b>		<b>119</b>		
<b>Fee Paying Members</b>			<b>116</b>	
Pending Members (Read)	0			Application received / awaiting ratification
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>134</b>			

WA Membership Applications Pending		
Name	Type	Comment
Nil		

Membership Application - Read 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020		
Name	Branch	Comment
Nil		

## WAYPOINTS

### Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of June 2020. Ages are withheld to "protect the innocent"...

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Graham Davey
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	John Prince
6 <sup>th</sup> June	John Abernethy
10 <sup>th</sup> June	David Gardiner
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Christopher Galton-Fenzi
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Michael Dunham
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Jeff Knight
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Zubin Bhada
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Steve Harris / Richard Purkiss

### Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

The following Membership Anniversaries occur in the period until the end of June 2020.

6 years	Mark Beal
21 years	Allan Gray
28 years	Michael Dunham
29 years	Mike Dawes
48 years	Richard Ireland
53 years	Peter Shoebridge

## Long-Serving Members

The Branch Court wishes to acknowledge and thank the following members who have achieved significant periods of COMMA membership


<i><b>Period</b></i>	<i><b>Name / Membership</b></i>	<i><b>Ratification Date</b></i>	<i><b>Years</b></i>
<b>60+ years</b>	Capt <b>Robert Leggat</b> / Retired	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1957	63
<b>50+ years</b>	Capt <b>David Clarke</b> / Friend	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1964	56
	Capt <b>Alexander Small</b> / Friend	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1967	53
	Capt <b>Corney Durham</b> / Retired	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1967	52
	Capt <b>Peter Shoebridge</b> / Friend	19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1967	53
	Capt <b>Mike Gusterson</b> / Retired	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1969	50
	Capt <b>“Dai” Davies</b> / Friend	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1969	50
<b>40+ years</b>	Capt <b>Richard Ireland</b> / Retired	19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1972	48
	Capt <b>Mike Kiely</b> / Retired	18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1974	45
	Capt <b>Paddy Evelegh</b> / WA Honorary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 1976	44
	Capt <b>John Abernethy</b> / Friend	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1976	43
	Capt <b>David Aslett</b> / Retired	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1976	43
	Capt <b>Alan Keane</b> / Friend	18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1979	40
	Capt <b>Roger Pettman</b> / Ordinary	10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1979	40
<b>30+ years</b>	Capt <b>David Harrod</b> / Ordinary	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1980	39
	Capt <b>Chris Grubba</b> / Ordinary	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1981	39
	Capt <b>David Gardiner</b> / Ordinary	8 <sup>th</sup> April 1981	39
	Capt <b>Patrick Tebbutt</b> / Friend	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1981	38
	Capt <b>Michael Furlong</b> / Friend	14 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1983	36
	Capt <b>David Notman</b> / Friend	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1983	36
	Capt <b>Bill Prins</b> / Ordinary	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1983	36
	Capt <b>Wim Van Alebeek</b> / WA Honorary	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1985	34
	Capt <b>Eric Barron</b> / Ordinary	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1986	34
	Capt <b>James Tunmore</b> / Ordinary	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1986	34
	Capt <b>Ajay Tandon</b> / Ordinary	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 1986	34
	Capt <b>Richard Purkiss</b> / WA Honorary	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1987	33
	Capt <b>Ian Harrod</b> / Ordinary	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1987	32
	Capt <b>Alfred De Rooy</b> / Ordinary	12 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1988	31
	Capt <b>Richard Gordon</b> / Ordinary	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1988	31
	Capt <b>Lindsay Copeman</b> / Ordinary	28 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1989	30
	Capt <b>Frank Kaleveld</b> / Life	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1989	30
	Capt <b>Richard Court</b> /	11 <sup>th</sup> May 1990	30

## Updating Contact Details

Members are asked to please update the Registrar with changes of residential address, email address, or phone numbers when they occur. Contact details follow: -

Steve Harris / [registrar@comma-wa.org.au](mailto:registrar@comma-wa.org.au) / 0412 928 275

## Treasurers Report

 <b>COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA</b> Western Australia Branch MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 30th APRIL 2020 to 27th MAY 2020				
<b>BANKS</b>			<b>WESTPAC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
CASH BOOK BALANCE as at 30th APRIL 2020			\$ 24,014.79	\$ 24,014.79
<b>INCOME</b>				
MEMBERSHIP FEES			\$ 614.25	
RAFFLE			\$ -	
INTEREST WESTPAC CHQ ACC (April)			\$ 1.96	
REFUND FROM CMMA FEDERAL L. WITHERS APPLICATION			\$ 150.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME WESTPAC</b>			<b>\$ 766.21</b>	
				<b>\$ 766.21</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
RAFFLE			\$ -	
FLYING ANGEL CLUB -			\$ -	
REFUND MEMBERSHIP FEE			\$ -	
PRINTING & POSTAGE POINTS WEST			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES WESTPAC</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	
				<b>\$ -</b>
			Westpac	
<b>CASH BOOK BALANCES as at 27th MAY 2020</b>			<b>\$ 24,781.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,781.00</b>
RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 30th APRIL 2020				\$ 50,510.83
INTEREST EARNED ON RESERVE ACCOUNT (April)				\$ 2.07
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENTS 27th MAY 2020				<b>\$ 50,512.90</b>
Plus Cheques/Cash on hand				\$ -
<b>Adjusted Cash Balance as at 27th MAY 2020</b>			<b>\$ 24,781.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,293.90</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP.</b>				
	<b>PAID</b>	<b>DUE</b>	<b>RESIGNED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
RETIREED	21	1		22
ORDINARY	67	13		80
ASSOCIATE	13	1		14
LIFE				2
HONORARY				3
FRIENDS				11
EX OFFICIO				1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>133</b>

**General / New Business**

There was no new business items were discussed at the last Branch Court Meeting in this section

A. Updated Branch Court contact details updated below:

**Company of Master Mariners of Australia – WA Branch**

**Branch Court Contact Details**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>COMMA Address</b>	<b>Mobile Number</b>
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Immediate Past Branch Master	Steve WENBAN	<a href="mailto:past.bm@comma-wa.org.au">past.bm@comma-wa.org.au</a>	0457 562 622
Hon Treasurer	John FIGGESS	<a href="mailto:treasurer@comma-wa.org.au">treasurer@comma-wa.org.au</a>	0434 803 525
Hon Secretary	Peter BARTLETT	<a href="mailto:secretary@comma-wa.org.au">secretary@comma-wa.org.au</a>	0448 879 176
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Capt. Zubin Bhada  
Branch Master

Peter Bartlett  
Branch Secretary



## News and Views

### Obituary Capt Ajay Tandon

It is with sadness that I advise that Capt Ajay Tandon crossed the bar on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Ajay had been suffering with cancer for some time apparently, which was unknown to members of the Court until after his death.

Ajay was well known in WA shipping circles as a marine surveyor and, ultimately, the principal of C R Cox & Associates.

Ajay was a long-standing member of the WA Branch having joined in April 1986. However, he hadn't been an active attendee at COMMA meetings in recent years owing to a clash with his main leisure interest. Ajay's heart and passion lay with the Manning Tennis Club where he was a Life Member and former Club President.

Ajay is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Nayan & Nishan, and grandchildren Leila, Adelyn and Priya.

I have passed on condolences to Ajay's wife Carol on behalf of the WA Branch.

*Capt Steve Harris*

*Hon Registrar*

## Captain Michael Gusterson, OAM

It's with pleasure that the Branch Court advises Capt Michael Gusterson, Retired Member, was honoured in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List with the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). The award was made on 7<sup>th</sup> June 'For service to marine seismic surveying'.

Mike Gusterson was born in the UK in Ealing, West London in January 1937. At the age of 15 he was enrolled at *HMS Worcester*, the Thames Nautical Training College. Following 2 years at *HMS Worcester*, and attaining a First Class Leaving Certificate, he was accepted as a midshipman by Alfred Holt & Co. (the Blue Funnel Line). Mike served on the cadet training ship, *m.v. Diomed* before rising through officer ranks to attain a Master Foreign-Going Certificate in 1964.

*HMS Worcester*



*MV Diomed*



In 1965 Mike, together with his Australian wife Michele and their young son migrated to Perth to start a new life together in the city of her birth.

On arriving in Perth Mike joined the State Shipping Service of WA rising to the rank of Chief Officer over a four-year period. He was then offered the position of Master of the *MV Clevedon*, a Baltic coaster converted to carry bulk cement from Fremantle to North West ports for the development of infrastructure for the developing iron ore and offshore industries.

In 1969 Mike was offered the position of Master of *Eugene McDermott*, a new purpose-built seismic survey vessel built by Carringtons, Newcastle. The ship was equipped to survey and map Australia's subsea geology. The precision and quality of the data collected was the responsibility of the crew, but principally the deck officers led by the Master. Many of the offshore oil and gas discoveries in Australia resulted from data gathered by the *Eugene McDermott*. Mike remained with *Eugene McDermott* until 1987 when the ship was sold overseas to the Fiji Government.



*Eugene McDermott*

After his service on *Eugene McDermott*, Mike joined AMSA and served as Master of *Cape Don*, the ship being then employed in converting coastal and offshore light structures from gas to solar power.

*Cape Don*



Mike then transferred to the federal government research vessel *Rig Seismic* that was carrying out work for the Australian Geophysical Service Organisation (AGSO). The ship was employed on surveying operations to establish parameters for national economic and political boundaries together with marine resources. The *Rig Seismic* worked far into the Southern Ocean, south from Macquarie Island and Kerguelen Island and close to the Antarctic ice. Other voyages included providing Australian aid abroad in the Philippines Archipelago and Sea of Japan.



### ***Rig Seismic***

In 1998 a decision was made to sell the *Rig Seismic*. After 47 years at sea and with command time of nearly 30 years Mike decided to “swallow the anchor” and retire.

In addition to his service at sea, and the contribution Mike has made to the country’s growth, he has been a member of the WA Branch of COMMA since September 1969.

On behalf of the Branch members we congratulate **Captain Michael Gusterson, OAM**, for the award of this honour. We wish him many more years of happy retirement and continued COMMA membership.

For members who may be unaware, it is worth noting that Mike is the second current WA Branch member to be honoured in this way, the other being **Captain “Dai” Davies, OAM**. Capt Dai Davies was awarded an OAM in the 2012 Queen’s Birthday Honours List ‘**For service to youth, particularly through the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation**’.

*Capt Steve Harris*  
*Registrar*



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**Media Release**  
**2020 Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition**

The Mission to Seafarers Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is an international competition that has been hosted at the heritage-listed Mission building in Melbourne's Docklands for eighteen years and is returning once again in 2020.

The event is a major fundraising initiative of the Mission to Seafarers. Australia relies on shipping and seafarers to connect to the world and to bring goods to our homes for the economy to thrive, and for the health of our island nation. The Mission to Seafarers provides welfare services to support the tireless work, isolation and hardships faced by those seafarers. The generosity of our sponsors who provide the prize money and other in-kind contributions, and the artists who pay an entrance fee and a commission on all works that are sold, ensures the continued success and wide popularity of the Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition and in turn, supports those seafarers.

Artists are invited to respond to the theme '*The Relationship of Humanity to the Sea*'. Last year the exhibition featured 90 finalists whose work was selected from over 250 entries and who came from as far afield as Germany, Spain, Bangladesh, Pakistan, USA and New Zealand. Entrants compete in five categories – Maritime Art Award, Best Traditional, Runner-Up, Emerging Artist and People's Choice Award. Amongst the traditional beauty of oil paintings and watercolours of maritime subjects in the exhibition, artists have demonstrated a move to include more contemporary works in recent years.

\$10,000	Maritime Art Award
\$5,000	Best in Traditional Maritime Art Award
\$1,000	Emerging Artist Award
\$2,000	People's Choice Award
\$2,000	Runner-Up Award

This year's Judges are:

*Mr Graeme H. Williams OAM*; art collector, Board Member of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2020 and past curator of Melbourne Savage Club Art Prize

With others to be confirmed.

Media Release 2020 Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition



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**Media Release (contd.)**  
**2020 Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition**

The Mission to Seafarers building is an enchanting and iconic building in Docklands. Recently renovated, it is open daily to the public and is well worth a visit any time of the year, and particularly to see the Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition which is displayed throughout the public areas of the building, including the Norla Dome.

**Dates:**

Call for Entries: 1st May to 31st August

Exhibition Opening Night and Awards Ceremony (invitation only): Thursday 1st October 6pm

Exhibition Friday 2nd to Sunday 18th October 10am-8pm

**Contact** the team at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria for assistance with:

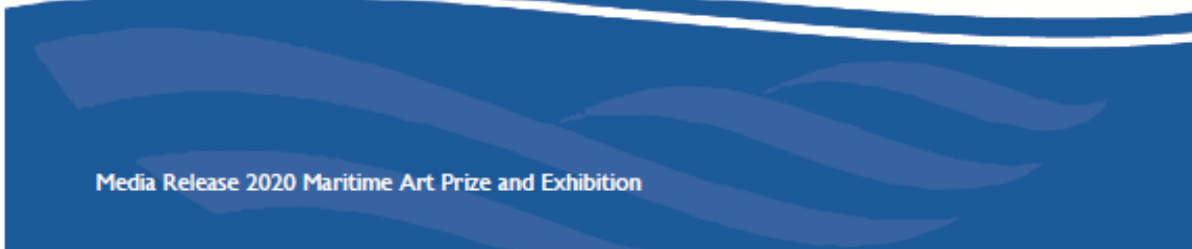

- Site visits for journalists, photographers and camera crews
- Information about artists and the Maritime Art Prize.
- Interview and photo opportunities with artists and MtSV staff
- Copyright-cleared images

Chief Manager: Sue Dight

Events Manager: Daria Wray

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Media Release 2020 Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition

## CHAIN LOCKER CLUB

MASTER MARINERS MEETING Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the Flying Angel Club

Large meeting room has been arranged with tables & seating, socially distanced, within the current government regulations as at 12 June 2020.

- Tables are spaciouly arranged for 25 persons, and an extra 3 if required.
- In accordance with COVID-19 Requirements the following apply:
- On arrival at the Venue entry is only at the Front Door of the building (no rear door entry)
- All persons will be checked in and moved to the large meeting room at the Chain Locker bar.
- There is ample space to move around the meeting room.

The bar will be open but no longer serving tap beer, and similarly there will be no post-mix softdrink.

- ❖ 330ml bottles Becks 4.0% Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330ml bottles Corona 4.5% Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330ml bottles Carlton Dry 4.6 Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330ml bottles Stella Artois 4.8 Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330ml bottles Heineken 5.0% Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330ml bottles Peroni 5.1%Alc/Vol
- ❖ Glass size wine 187ml red and white 12%Alc/Vol
- ❖ 330 ml Somersby Apple Cider 4.5% Alc/Vol
- ❖ 350ml Mercury Apple Cider 5.2%Alc/Vol
- ❖ Soft drink bottles Regular or Sugar-free

Our staff will present the meal, plated, for each person with 3 courses:

1. Starters/appetizers
2. Hot dish
3. Sweet cake

- The balcony adjacent to the meeting room has necessarily become a non-smoking area, in accordance with the legal requirements.
- Any smokers are required to be outside the building in the undercroft.
- On the evening, there will be no other groups meeting, and no seafarers in the area (as there is still no shore leave).
- There is ample room for social distancing for all who attend this meeting.
- The building is COVID-19 Clear and no seafarers have been in the building unless they have had a medical clearance certificate.
- The building has been in lockdown since the end of March and most of our staff and volunteers are still absent.
- The building has been cleaned daily with anti-bacterial wipes as well as hand sanitizers which are available for all personnel on arrival and throughout the building.

The Chain Locker Club is offering the best possible service in this historical time and appreciates the relationship we have had with the Master Mariners over many decades.

**Dennis Claughton**

CEO

12 June 2020

**Ship news; May, 2020.**

**Singapore's first drone delivery service takes flight By : Lester Wong**

Singapore's first drone delivery service has started, with the first parcel containing 2kg of vitamins dropped onto a ship anchored off the island on April 19. The 2.7km, seven-minute flight took place off Marina South Pier, under a one-year deal inked between shipping giant Eastern Pacific Shipping (EPS) and local start-up F-drones. Each drone can take up to 5kg of supplies and travel up to 5km offshore each way. F-drones is the first company to receive authorisation from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) for such deliveries. Trips take less than 15 minutes on average, offering a greener and faster way of transferring supplies in busy ports. Diesel-powered launch boats are currently used for such deliveries, of which there can be more than 100 a day in Singapore. It can take more than two hours for the boats to make trips of a similar distance, including going through the logistical processes. Choppy seas can also cause delays. While these vessels can carry up to two tonnes of cargo, around 15 per cent to 20 per cent of deliveries in ports around the world are for payloads of under 100kg. This explains the appeal of drone deliveries, said F-drones. And while the adoption of drone deliveries over land has been slowed by various obstacles globally, few of these factors affect deliveries over sea to ships, said the firm's co-founder and chief executive Nicolas Ang. "People in cities may not like drones flying over their heads because of the noise, for example, but that's not an issue when flying over water." Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, delivery drones can also reduce unnecessary human contact, he added. F-drones drew interest from multiple shipping firms when it launched last year, but Singapore-headquartered EPS was the only one willing to commit to a partnership before any trials were conducted. Maximum weight in kg of supplies the drone can carry and also the maximum distance in km that it can travel offshore each way. The deal signed between the two companies is for an initial one-year contract of 200 deliveries. EPS head of open innovation Gil Ofer said he was convinced by F-drones' plans to build a bigger drone that will eventually be able to carry bulkier items such as drill bits and 40-litre gas tanks over longer distances. "Another company we spoke to said the maximum it could (carry) was 2.5kg... but once we realised F-drones was building a much more powerful drone, that's when things got interesting," said Mr Ofer, who spearheaded EPS' launch of a maritime tech start-up accelerator here last November that F-drones is a participant of. While F-drones' current drone was purchased, it has developed its own drone which can carry up to 5kg of supplies over a distance of up to 50km - enough to cover most of Singapore's waters, as well as some stretches that are off port limits. Commercial operations with this prototype are slated to begin at the end of this year. F-drones' final product will be able to carry a load of up to 100kg over 100km, but this model is expected to be ready only by the second half of next year. A further 18 to 24 months will be needed to complete the certification process required by the CAAS for drones heavier than 25kg, said Mr Ang. F-drones' current drones are below that weight. Mr Ofer said the initial drone flights have already been greeted favourably by EPS' seafaring employees. "They've been doing the same monotonous jobs for many years, and to see them get so excited at this futuristic technology landing on the vessel... it makes us very proud." **source: straitstimes**

### **COVID-19: ABS Launches Guidance Aimed At Sanitizing Marine And Offshore Assets**

ABS has launched comprehensive guidance on sanitizing and decontaminating marine and offshore assets exposed to COVID-19. Response Measures to COVID-19 for the Marine and Offshore Industries provides best practice guidelines for sanitizing assets exposed to COVID-19 and helps maritime leadership address the many challenges the virus brings. The best practices document helps to answer a range of practical, urgent questions including how to prevent an asset from getting contaminated, how to maintain an asset in a sanitized state, how to decontaminate an asset when there is an onboard COVID-19 case and considerations for the choice, use and disposal of cleaning and disinfecting products. Produced from a maritime public health perspective, the best practices are applicable to commercial and naval vessels, as well as drilling units, production installations and other offshore units. "Marine and offshore operators face the same challenge globally today. Determining how to protect crews while continuing operations in complex environments with unique requirements, where decontamination is considerably more challenging than for assets on land. For instance, improper application of detergents and disinfectants can degrade structural materials or weaken coatings designed to protect structures," said Christopher J. Wiernicki, ABS Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This guidance builds on ABS' industry safety leadership to give operators confidence they are doing everything possible to protect their crews and assets. It is yet another example of ABS innovating to find new ways to support the industry during these challenging times." Rear Admiral Joyce Johnson DO MA U.S. Public Health Service (Ret), a physician with a 35-year career of senior public health leadership in civilian and U.S. military sectors, said: "ABS has compiled a useful, best practices publication for mitigating the SARS-CoV-19 virus threat aboard marine and offshore platforms. The sanitization guidance provided will potentially save lives for people who must live and work at sea." Response Measures to COVID-19 for the Marine and Offshore Industries is built from a range of independent governmental and commercial sources and is intended to be a consolidation of the best available information at the time of publication. This guidance reinforces ABS' commitment to safety and the continuity of vital industry operations. Through innovations involving remote surveys and a strengthened focus on shipowner needs, ABS continues its industry support. The guidance follows last week's announcement by ABS subsidiary ABS Group Consulting of a Restart Risk Model TM designed to help commercial and public organizations get workers safely back on site following the COVID-19 stay-at-home directives. The easy-to-follow risk-based framework will aid ship owners to maintain their operations with enhanced working practices that address the 'new normal' business environment. Download a copy of Response Measures to COVID-19 for the Marine and Offshore Industries [\*\*\(Click\) here.\*\*](#) **Reference: eagle.or**



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## Joining the Company of Master Mariners of Australia

### The Company of Master Mariners of Australia

is an independent association established to promote the interests and status of the Merchant Navy generally and of Master Mariners in particular.

The Company was founded in 1938 by Capt. A. N. Boulton, MBE, VRD, B.Com, Ex-C and became an incorporated body in 1988.

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited is a not-for-profit professional association that is limited by guarantee.

The Company has FIVE (5) Branches based in Adelaide, Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne and Sydney.

### Ordinary Membership

A person may be admitted as an **Ordinary** ("full") **Member** if he or she holds:

- an AMSA Master over 3000 grr Certificate of Competency ("Class 1"); or
- an AMSA Master under 3000 grr Certificate of Competency for Unlimited Trading ("Class2"); or
- an overseas equivalent Certificate of Competency recognised by AMSA; or
- is an RAN Officer of Lieutenant Commander (Executive Branch) rank or above.

### Associate Membership

A person may be admitted as an **Associate Member** if he or she is not otherwise eligible for Ordinary membership but wishes to be associated with the activities of the Company and is seen as having qualifications or expertise conducive to furthering the objectives of the Company.

*Examples of this membership could be someone who holds:*

1. *Deck Watchkeeper Certificate;*
2. *Master <24m <35m <80m*
3. *Marine Engineer qualifications*
4. *Naval Architect qualifications*

### Objectives

The principal aims, among other things, are to:

- provide in Australia a unified body of Master Mariners capable of collective representation on all occasions and in all matters affecting their interests or the status of the Merchant Navy and its Officers;
- carry on its activities to maintain an apolitical and non-industrial emphasis;
- create and sustain a social organization of privileges within which members, either alone or in association with others, can be afforded facilities, and occasion, to discuss matters of mutual interest connected with the Merchant Navy or any related aspect of maritime concern;
- establish scholarship grants for young seamen at ~~sea~~ and ashore

### Why Join the Company of Master Mariners of Australia?

The Company works to educate and advocate on issues that are important to the MARITIME INDUSTRY. We organise and attend events that recognize achievements as a Master Mariner.

#### Socialising and networking – Branch Membership

Equally important is the social and networking advantages of meeting our fellow Master Mariners.

#### Real Benefits

- Opportunity to hear and meet monthly Guest Speakers – on Fantastic Marine Related TOPICS.
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- Participation in supporting Sea Scouts.
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- Participation in World Maritime Day.
- Provide feedback to industry via consult process for Marine Legislation.
- Avail the benefits of International Federation of Shipmasters' Association (IFMSA).

