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Branch Master's Report – 2020

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

With the current unprecedented times we are in with COVID-19, our organisation has continued to progress and this month we managed to have our first face-to-face general and court meeting. Although, not attended in huge numbers, it does support the proactive preparation to moving to "Business as Usual".

Branch Court

Due to official work I was unable to attend the Court session, however same was presided by Capt. Steve Harris on my behalf. (Thankyou Steve...).

The meeting commenced by reviewing the past Court Meeting Minutes (May 2020) with any follow up actions. Below items were covered in the Court meeting:

- Review of Last Minutes
- 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

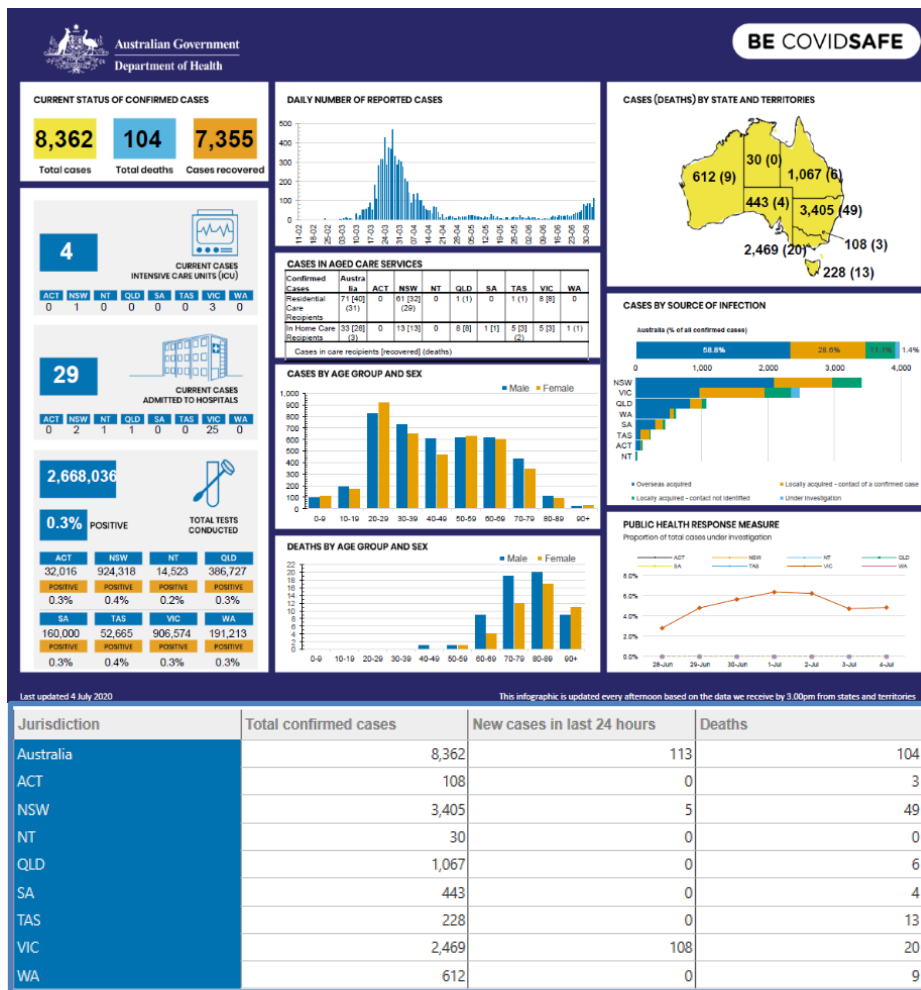
BM thanks the court for their continued support in these unprecedented times of COVID-19. Special thanks to Steve Harris and Peter Bartlett for keeping the membership well informed on our new way of life.

COVID-19 Statistics - as of 01 July 2020:



#	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
1	World	11,378,918	+6,929	533,384	+523	6,433,942	4,411,592	58,530	1,460	68.4			
1	USA	2,935,770		132,318		1,260,405	1,643,047	16,017	8,889	400	36,950,633	111,634	331,023,450
2	Brazil	1,578,376		64,365		978,615	635,396	8,318	7,425	303	3,330,562	16,668	212,674,666
3	Russia	674,515		10,027		446,879	217,609	2,300	6,822	69	20,451,110	140,138	145,935,301
4	India	673,904		19,279		409,062	245,563	8,944	488	14	9,540,132	6,913	1,380,122,667
5	Peru	289,080		10,412		189,621	99,047	1,210	9,070	316	1,761,910	53,402	32,974,896
6	Spain	287,625		28,385		N/A	N/A	617	6,366	607	5,448,984	116,543	46,755,021
7	Chile	281,847		6,192		257,445	28,210	2,077	15,266	324	1,163,880	60,880	18,117,735
8	UK	284,900		44,198		N/A	N/A	231	4,196	651	10,340,511	152,313	67,889,941
9	Mexico	282,165	+6,914	30,366	+493	147,205	74,584	378	1,956	235	634,991	4,925	128,944,098
10	Italy	241,419		34,854		191,944	14,621	71	3,993	576	5,600,826	92,636	60,460,552
11	Iran	237,878		11,408		198,949	27,521	3,106	2,832	136	1,744,958	20,773	84,000,693
12	Pakistan	225,283		4,619		125,094	95,570	2,460	1,020	21	1,372,825	6,214	220,908,487
13	Saudi Arabia	205,929		1,858		143,256	60,815	2,295	5,915	53	1,823,763	92,381	34,817,001
14	Turkey	204,610		5,206		179,492	19,912	1,093	2,426	62	3,584,066	42,492	84,346,550
15	Germany	187,418		9,081		181,200	7,037	318	2,356	108	5,873,563	70,101	83,787,168
16	South Africa	187,977		3,026		91,227	93,724	539	3,169	51	1,792,078	30,213	59,314,150
17	France	166,960		29,893		77,060	60,007	560	2,558	458	1,384,633	21,212	65,275,320
18	Bangladesh	159,679		1,997		70,721	86,961	1	969	12	835,074	5,070	164,703,878

Information statistics on World COVID-19 from (WWW.worldometers.info/coronavirus)



Information statistics on Australian COVID-19 from (<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts>)

The Australian COVID-19 statistics show a **rise with the daily number of reported cases increasing in Victoria**. This is having a negative effect on opening borders. 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 weeks. 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.

General Meeting

As a result of the current unprecedented times and challenges imposed by COVID-19, we still managed to hold a general meeting at the FAC on 24th June 2020. Although low numbers (15) Capt Steve Harris presided over the session and even managed a QUIZ for the members.

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 10th July 2020 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

June Registrars Report

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal	0			
Resigned to Friend	0			
Resigned from COMMA	0			
Membership Cancelled	2	Richard Chettiar / Ajith Nair (see comments)		
Deceased	0			
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	78	78	78	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
Total Members	132			
Federal Levy Payable		117		
Fee Paying Members			114	
Pending Members (Read)	0			Application received / awaiting ratification
Total Members	132			

WA Membership Applications Pending		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Nil		

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

Comments	
Richard Chettiar:	Terminated / stated verbally he wishes to resign but did not submit a written resignation as requested.
Ajith Nair:	Terminated / un-contactable by phone – has not paid 2020 sub or responded to emails.

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

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

2 nd July	John Mangini
5 th July	Dylan Smith
8 th July	Michael Birchall / Simon Healy / John Hoogerwaard
9 th July	Francis Galarce
14 th July	Joshua Gonsalves
16 th July	Michael Furlong
19 th July	Royce Spencer
21 st July	Warren Sharpe
29 th July	Ash Karkhanis

Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

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

4 years	Tony Allen / Neville Amaria
8 years	Greg Dunn / Rod Silvester
9 years	Mark Gooderham / David Oliver
20 years	David Heppingstone / David Jones
31 years	Lindsay Copeman
37 years	Michael Furlong
41 years	Alan Keane
46 years	Michael Kiely

Long-Serving Members

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


Period	Name / Membership	Ratification Date	Years
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Retired	1 st Jan 1957	63
50+ years	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	56
	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th May 1967	53
	Capt Corney Durham / Retired	15 th May 1967	52
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19 th Jun 1967	53
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	50
	Capt “Dai” Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	50
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Retired	19 th Jun 1972	48
	Capt Mike Kiely / Retired	18 th Jul 1974	46
	Capt Paddy Evelegh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	44
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	43
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	43
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	41
	Capt Roger Pettman / Ordinary	10 th Sep 1979	40
30+ years	Capt David Harrod / Ordinary	9 th Oct 1980	39
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	39
	Capt David Gardiner / Ordinary	8 th April 1981	39
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Dec 1981	38
	Capt Michael Furlong / Friend	14 th Jul 1983	37
	Capt David Notman / Friend	28 th Sep 1983	36
	Capt Bill Prins / Ordinary	6 th Dec 1983	36
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Dec 1985	34
	Capt Eric Barron / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	34
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	34
	Capt Ajay Tandon / Ordinary	22 nd Apr 1986	34
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Jan 1987	33
	Capt Ian Harrod / Ordinary	14 th Dec 1987	32
	Capt Alfred De Rooy / Ordinary	12 th Sep 1988	31
	Capt Richard Gordon / Ordinary	14 th Nov 1988	31
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	31
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	30
	Capt Richard Court /	11 th 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 / 0412 928 275

Treasurers Report

				
COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA Western Australia Branch				
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 27th MAY 2020 to 24th JUNE 2020				
BANKS			WESTPAC	TOTAL
CASH BOOK BALANCE as at 27th MAY 2020			\$ 24,781.00	\$ 24,781.00
INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP FEES			\$ 1,859.96	
RAFFLE			\$ -	
INTEREST WESTPAC CHQ ACC (May)			\$ 1.92	
TOTAL INCOME WESTPAC			\$ 1,861.88	
				\$ 1,861.88
EXPENSES				
RAFFLE			\$ -	
FLYING ANGEL CLUB -			\$ -	
REFUND MEMBERSHIP FEE			\$ -	
PRINTING & POSTAGE POINTS WEST			\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES WESTPAC			\$ -	
				\$ -
			Westpac	
CASH BOOK BALANCES as at 24TH JUNE 2020			\$ 26,642.88	\$ 26,642.88
RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 27th MAY 2020				\$ 50,512.90
INTEREST EARNED ON RESERVE ACCOUNT (May)				\$ 2.00
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENTS 24th JUNE 2020				\$ 50,514.90
Plus Cheques/Cash on hand				\$ -
Adjusted Cash Balance as at 24th JUNE 2020			\$ 26,642.88	\$ 77,157.78
MEMBERSHIP.				
	PAID	DUE	RESIGNED	TOTAL
RETIRED	22	0		22
ORDINARY	77	0		77
ASSOCIATE	14	0		14
LIFE				2
HONORARY				3
FRIENDS				12
EX OFFICIO				1
TOTAL	113	0		131

General / New Business

There was no new business items 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

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Position	Name	COMMA Address	Mobile Number
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Hon Secretary	Peter BARTLETT	secretary@comma-wa.org.au	0448 879 176
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Branch Librarian	Steve HARRIS	librarian@comma-wa.org.au	0412 928 275
Branch Court (Group Address)	Copies to all above	branch.court@comma-wa.org.au	n/a

Capt. Zubin Bhada
Branch Master

Peter Bartlett
Branch Secretary



News and Views

Captain of the APL England cargo ship charged over container spill

In rough weather, early in the morning of 24 May, about 40 containers were lost overboard from the Singapore-flagged container ship APL ENGLAND.

Charges have been laid against the master of the **APL ENGLAND**, which lost about 40 containers overboard off Sydney. The offenses relate to pollution and/or damage of the Australian marine environment as a result of poor cargo loading.

AMSA General Manager Operations Allan Schwartz said laying charges against the ship's Master was not undertaken lightly. "This and other incidents remind us of the important role the ship's Master has in ensuring the ships that ply our waters are operated safely and do not damage our marine environment. "Today's actions should not detract from the responsibility of the ship owner APL Singapore, insurer Steamship Mutual, and operator ANL who remain accountable for remediation of any impacts of this incident. "We welcome ANL taking responsibility by engaging contractors to undertake shoreline clean-up and retrieve some of the floating containers this week, but the impacts of this incident could take months, if not years to remediate and we expect these efforts to be sustained for however long it takes." Mr Schwartz said the ship remained under detention in the Port of Brisbane and would not be released until its serious deficiencies have been rectified. "As of today, AMSA has placed an additional requirement on the owner of the ship under the Protection of the Seas Act which must be met before the ship will be released from detention. "This action seeks financial security from the insurers in the order of \$22 million. This provides a commitment that they will remediate all impacts of this incident. That \$22 million covers estimated costs including that of a clean-up." AMSA's investigation is ongoing. **Source: The Maritime Post**

Latest News of STS Leeuwin II

The end of Leeuwin Ocean Adventure's 2019-20 sailing season was abrupt. Like businesses everywhere, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure had no option but to close its doors. Nine voyages, four day sails and planned alongside events were systematically cancelled as the threat of Covid-19 engulfed Australia and countries across the world.

In different circumstances, this could have been a perfect time to plan STS Leeuwin II's biennial dry-docking and AMSA Survey. But with a significant loss of income, the threat of losing mostly all our crew and staff and the costs associated with dry-docking looming large, the future of Leeuwin looked grim.

However, we are here to tell the tale. And that tale can only be told because of the amazing support we have received from so many quarters. With thanks to the Federal Government's JobKeeper initiative, the State Government's waiving of fees at the Australian Marine Complex (AMC), a grant from Lotterywest and the contribution of free and discounted goods and services from 25 local businesses, our maintenance period and AMSA survey are well underway. This is the story of Leeuwin II's first visit to the AMC floating dock, in fact the first visit of a tall ship to the dock, and the smallest ship to ever dock at the Common User Facility (CUF).

Wild weather sends STS Leeuwin II to C-berth and then Northport.



The intention had been to park up at B-Berth until the ship was ready to leave, but storm conditions saw the Port's fender break-away and fall to the bottom of the harbour. Our safe haven at B-Berth was gone. Our thanks to Capt Greg Tonnison from Fremantle Pilots, tugs from Svitzer and TAMS, Capt David Heppingstone from Fremantle Ports and to Northport Marine for putting us up for weeks! *(Photo courtesy FPA)*

Leeuwin II's first visit to a floating dock

Leeuwin II underwent preparation at Northport for several weeks as the plans for docking at the Australian Marine Complex (AMC) were finalised. The usual work of de-rigging, removing the sails and a large proportion of the running rigging, decommissioning, and cleaning the sewerage treatment plant and other tank systems got her ready.

Preparation with the Australian Marine Complex Henderson

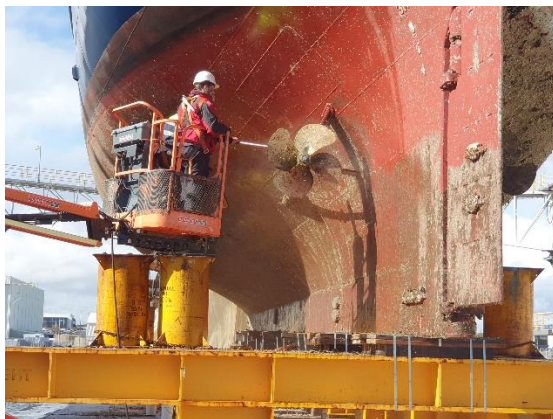
STS Leeuwin has traditionally docked at BAE. This year, needing to be parked up for an extended period, BAE couldn't accommodate us. AMC could, and they have been a delight to work with. The berthing in the floating dock and hands-on management of the refit was however, a totally new experience for the Captain and Operations Manager. With commercial matters concluded it was all hands to prepare for her arrival. Step one: using original as-constructed drawings, information on the ship's hull was provided to the AMC floating dock team to build the cradle for the ship lift.

The dock master had called for our arrival at 08:00. Pausing briefly outside the heads to launch the rescue boat again for tug activities together with help of a second vessel provided by Chivers Marine. At 08:06 Leeuwin II edged slowly into the dock. The dock providing 11.4m of water, 12 lines were sent to the floating dock, some as brest lines on travellers used to locate the ship centrally in the dock and longitudinally above the cradle. All precision work was managed on windlasses on the floating dock. Once the ship was in position the dock commenced de ballasting and lines were progressively let go. All crew and volunteers left the ship via the pilot ladder and rescue boats. The Captain dutifully leaving the ship last.

The diving team arrived with their kit - three divers, a dive master and a trailer load of equipment. It was fascinating to watch the divers working underwater on an HD monitor with voice communications. The divers carefully check contact with the chocks, guiding the ship millimetre by millimetre so the load is taken equally on all pedestals.



Works completed on the Floating Dock Facility - Initial Clean and Antifouling



By the time crew and volunteers had access to the ship in the early afternoon, the weather had closed in. But tasks needed to be done to meet the tight deadlines to move off the floating dock and onto the hardstand. Firstly, block up all the freeing ports on the floating dock base to ensure no loss of containment of marine growth on the hull returning to the ocean. This involved taping up holes and laying Bidim matting under the ship. Also, inventive rigging of old sails from

the gunwale to the floating dock floor was used to encapsulate the hull while pressure blasting. An initial scrape of the hull was followed by pressure washing and vapour blasting. This was followed by a complete wash down of the floating dock resulting in 20,000L of water captured and disposed of by RMD Industrial Services.



Movement to the hardstand

Leeuwin II needed to be moved from the floating dock to the hardstand to make way for the next lift - a Collins Class submarine. This movement, using SPMT's, really demonstrates the flexibility of this excellent resource – the Australian Marine Complex, Common User Facility.



This task involved a review of the ship's line drawings and identification of frames and points where contact is to be avoided. Then followed the elaborate craftsmanship with steel frames mounted with cans (sponsored by Global Hire; Tutt Bryant sponsored the supply of the Self Propelled Modular Transporters or SPMT's).



On top, a timber structure is crafted to fit the ship's hull. The design needed to be flexible as we all know a 34-year old ship may not be absolutely true to the construction drawings. Once constructed the cradle is then moved to the floating dock "Yargan" (Nyoongar name for Tortoise). A mighty monster compared to Leeuwin II.

Notes on Yargan - the floating Dock

LOA 102.3 m

Beam Overall 53 m

Lifting capacity 12,000 tonne

Pumping time to raise maximum load 2 hours

Controlled by 3 dock masters and 10 additional linesmen operating winches.

Movement Day – 10 June 2020

Arriving at the ship, she was well up on her marks with the preparation activities and looking like she wanted to get out of the water - close to a light ship condition. Stability intact, Leeuwin II has a GM of 1.4 m.

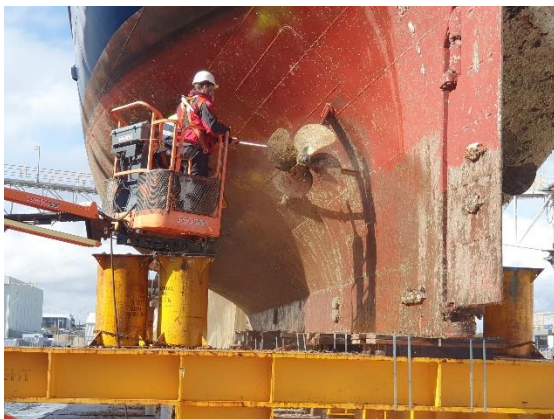
04:00hrs Muster commenced on a cool crisp morning with clear sky overhead. The passage briefing was conducted on the Poop Deck with five crew, the office team, new and past cadets and a small number of Leeuwin's faithful volunteers - and Captain Angela Lewis's Father. The Captain gave a brief on the movement and assigned crew to various tasks. The early muster was justified with several commercial movements in the S&P Channel. Away from the berth a little early, Leeuwin's rescue boat was launched as a tug if needed for the tight passage through the Rous Head Channel. Once clear of the harbour the rescue boat was recovered giving the crew an early morning work out on the falls. Fremantle Port Control advised the planned traffic in the S&P had been delayed and STS Leeuwin II was granted passage using the virtual channel through Success Bank and entering at the northern end of the Parmelia Channel. Clearing the channel at 05:57hrs, the Captain laid off to the west to keep clear of shipping movements. There was some cloud build up over the Darling Scarp which treated all on board to a beautiful sunrise. Watching a south bound commercial movement and once she had cleared the channel, STS Leeuwin was able to shape a course for the northern approach through Woodman's Channel and into the AMC Henderson facility.

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Please follow the link below to watch a short time-lapse film prepared for us, free of charge, by local film production company, Sunburnt Films (1m20sec), showing STS Leeuwin's arrival, operation of the floating dock and later move to the hardstand by SPMT.

<https://sailleeuwin.com/news-stories/watch-leeuwin-dry-dock/>

Information on the AMC facility can be found at:

<https://www.australianmarinecomplex.com.au/>

6 Things Seafarers Should Learn From The COVID-19 Crisis

COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world we use to live in.

Talking specially about the seafarers, well, a lot has changed for us too.

All the plans made by a seafarer are mostly based on their "sign on" and "sign off". But with the onset of this extraordinary crisis, all plans have gone for a toss.

The seafarers onboard are desperate to come back to their homes, as they are over-worked and exhausted, both mentally and physically.

While the seafarers at home are anxiously waiting to join back, as slowly they are heading towards a financial crisis, they are now finding it hard to support their families. Well, it's not our mistake that this pandemic took place and gave rise to a crisis.

The question is, were we, the seafarers prepared for it? Did we have a contingency plan for it? The answer is NO!

We always thought, life will go on normally, we will join the ship, earn money, comply with our financial commitments, come back home, spend time with the family, and again the cycle will repeat, isn't it? This crisis has taught us that things can go horribly and unexpectedly wrong at times. So, what lessons can we, the seafarers can learn from this COVID-19 Pandemic? I can think of 6 things we should start working on right away:

1. Never blindly trust any union or organization claiming to work for the welfare of seafarers. In the end, it all boils down on you. In times of crisis, you must manage everything on your own.
2. Plan your finances in a good way. Build an emergency fund. Invest wisely.
3. Keep learning something new, keep enhancing your skills. You never know what might help in times of crisis.
4. Do not completely rely only on your income from your primary occupation, i.e. sailing. Try to build a parallel occupation for yourself, a side job, or a small business maybe.
5. Do not waste your hard-earned money on the things which you don't need. If you don't need or want it, don't buy it.
6. If possible, avoid extending your contracts onboard. Once you finish your contract, go back to your loved ones. Spend time with your family.

Written By A Seafarer, one amongst you.

CHAIN LOCKER CLUB

MASTER MARINERS MEETING Wednesday 24th 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 soft drink.

- 🍷 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



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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~~.

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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.
- Meeting & Socialising with Senior & Prominent Master Mariners who are either in active service and/or retired.
- Participation in supporting Sea Scouts.
- Participating in Memorial Services like ANZAC Day, Merchant Navy Memorial, etc.
- 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).

