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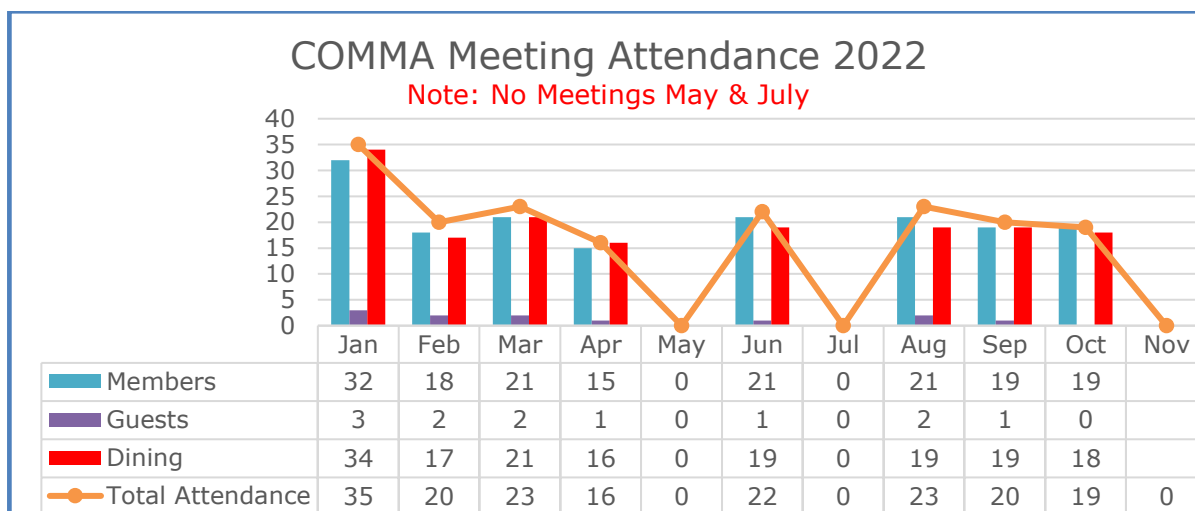
THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA - WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Branch Master’s Annual Report – March 2023.

Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I provide the Branch Masters 2022-23 Annual Report. This is my fourth year as Branch Master, I have continued to focus on maintaining vibrant branch activity with the support and efforts of my court members.

Branch Court: I am really proud of our Branch Court and thank each member for their valued support throughout 2022-23. The Court kept the membership well informed and scheduled most sessions as face-to-face meetings with only three months without sessions. A big thankyou to our WA Court members for a job well done.



Whilst it is always dangerous to mention a few in fear of missing some other noteworthy efforts, I believe that in this circumstance that risk is definitely worth it. I would like to personally thank all members of the Court that over the past years have done so much to support me, especially Steve Harris, Raul Pereira, Peter Bartlett and Mark Beal. I would also like to especially acknowledge Steve Harris for his expert counsel throughout 2022-23, without his support, friendship & guidance I would probably be struggling. A warm welcome to Mark Gooderham who took over as Deputy Branch Master in Aug 2022 as a result of past DBM Capt Simon Healy having to resign as he was moving country with his family.

To those Court members retiring I would especially like to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude. For those of you continuing, thank you for your continued service and for those newly joining the court – we welcome you.

Being my fifth year as Branch Master, ideally, I would have liked to step down and allow other younger members to take the lead running the most active CoMMA branch in Australia. It is a privilege to have served the court and the membership and I'm real proud to of my court team, that said – we now need new blood and leadership to continue the good work the past and current court team have demonstrated. During the course of the next few months, I'm happy to support the court as BM, however, would encourage the membership to sincerely consider stepping up to take a role on the court.

Last year 2022, we were very active branch even-though we were in midst of the pandemic during the first qtr. Looking at the venues where we managed our monthly sessions in 2022, we used the Navy Club, FAC Club and the Esplanade hotel.



The Navy Club (Feb 2022)



The Esplanade Hotel (Apr 2022)



The FAC Club (Aug 2022)

Below table shows the activities we managed with support from our Court members.

Month	Activity	Venue / Topic
24 th Jan 2022	Combined Meeting NIWA & COMMA Keynote Speaker – Senator Ben Small	Flying Angel Club, Fremantle. Open Forum on Ben's role in Govt.
23 rd Feb 2022	Keynote Speaker – Elly Spillekom	Navy Club, Fremantle. Wooden Boat Building in WA
30 th Mar 2022	Phil Dooley (COMMA Member)	Story on ss Empire Heath FAC, Fremantle
27 th Apr 2022	Capt Sergii Gorba (Guest of BM)	Current experiences as Master at sea Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
01 st May 2022	Sea Scouts (Pelican Point)	1-day event at Pelican Point attended by Court Team and CoMMA members
25 th May 2022	<i>Cancelled due to low numbers as a result of increased COVID cases in WA/Perth.</i>	
29 th Jun 2022	Michael Edwards	'The Gascoigne Gateway - a private deep-water port at Exmouth' FAC, Fremantle
27 th Jul 2022	<i>Cancelled due low attendance of RSVP.</i>	
31 st Aug 2022	P. Bartlett / Graham Dwyer – Combined Meeting (NIWA & COMMA)	A History of the Guitar FAC, Fremantle
16 th Sep 2022	NIWA 50 th Anniversary Celebration event at the ANZAC Club	Venue – ANZAC CLUB (Confirmed)
28 th Sep 2022	Speaker – Capt Zubin Bhada (BM- COMMA-WA)	Safe Pilot Transfer Navy Club, Fremantle
26 th Oct 2022	Carol Shannon	'Behind the Scenes at Leeuwin –

	(CEO Leeuwin Foundation)	Recruiting Youth to Sail Training' Navy Club, Fremantle
29 th Oct 2022	WMD-2022 COMMA as Host alongside Fremantle Ports.	Fremantle Passenger Terminal
12 Nov 2022	<i>Combined Annual Dinner Event (Combined event with COMMA & NIWA)</i>	<i>Venue – ANZAC CLUB (Confirmed)</i> <i>Cancelled Event due to low numbers</i>
30 th Nov 2022	<i>No General Session held</i>	<i>Lunch Time General session cancelled due to low attendance</i>
Dec 2022	No session	

What a YEAR (2022-23): The year 2022, was a continuation of 2021 with the pandemic coming to an end around the 1st QTR. The court maintained our monthly sessions where ever possible at various venues.

1. We had a total of 08 general face-to-face sessions.
2. We had a total of 11 Court meeting with four (4) being online sessions.
3. We managed and participated in the Sea Scouts event on 01st May 2022.
4. We supported the NI-WA 50th Anniversary celebration event at the ANZAC club (16 Sept 2022).
5. We participated in WMD (29th Oct 2022) which was postponed since 2020.

Although we had a few events cancelled, we still managed Sea Scouts and our presence at WMD in Oct 2022. Unfortunately, our Annual Dinner although planned at the ANZAC Club was cancelled due to low numbers.

Guest Speakers: A huge thanks to Capt. Simon Healy & Capt. Mark Gooderham who managed a great flow of guest speakers for our monthly general meeting sessions. Mark, thank you for your efforts put in and please continue in the same stride for the year ahead.

Points West: It goes without saying we all enjoy to read our branch Newsletter “**Points West**” whose editor is none other than our very own member Mark Beal. Mark, we can’t thank you enough for the effort and support you have given to this branch in putting out our Monthly Points West Newsletter every single month without fail. The content and stories in them have been “excellent” and we really appreciate the hard yards you have put towards providing the membership with a first-class publication.

Annual Dinner although planned & scheduled for Oct 2022 at the ANZAC club had to be cancelled due to low numbers from both membership and industry colleagues. I encourage membership (friends and colleagues) to please participate in our annual dinner celebrations for 2023.

Looking Ahead in 2023-24: The past year with the issues around pandemic saw some of our usual events getting cancelled. This year 2023, with the pandemic almost gone, we have already seen a great turn out at the Family-day event on the STS Leeuwin on 19th Feb 2023. Special thanks to Capt Steve Harris and carol for making this event such a success.

Family day on the STS Leeuwin:

The Company of Master Mariners along with other marine industry guests hosted a family day on board the STS Leeuwin. The event has been planned in Q4/2022, and date scheduled and executed on 19 Feb 2023. Special thanks go out to Carol Shannon who supported CMMA in making this happen. The event commenced at about 15:45 hours alongside Victoria Quay,



Family day / Sunset cruise on board the STS-Leeuwin 19th Feb 2023

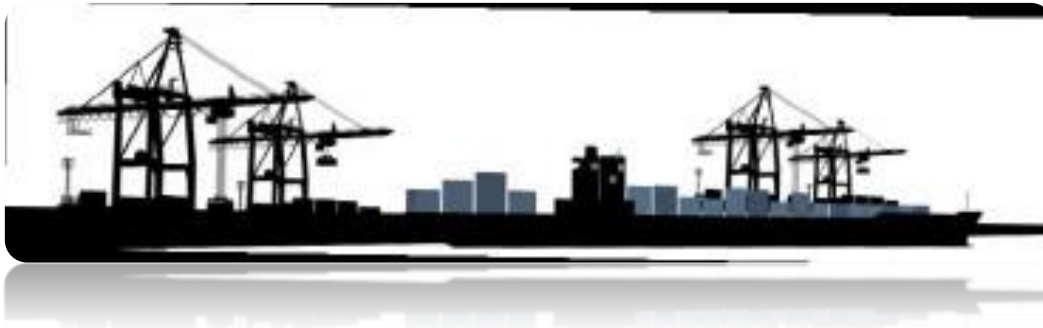
where all members, and guests assembled and lined up for check-in and boarded the Leeuwin. We had a total of 108 members & Guests who came along for the wonderful sunset cruise on board the STS Leeuwin.

The Federal AGM has been posted for April 2023, and we look forward to that event. As I will be away, I have delegated my role as BM/rep for the federal AGM to Capt Peter Bartlett to attend the AGM session on my behalf.

In Closing: I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all our members for their efforts in supporting the various Branch events we held in 2022-23. Although we cancelled/postponed a few events, we hope conditions in 2023-24 improve and all events get planned and executed. As always, these events will only be possible because of the passion, dedication, and support of the court team that I'm privileged to have worked with for the last four years. It also goes without saying that these event and monthly sessions can only be eventful with the attendance of our members – so a huge thankyou to all. I am really proud to be the Branch Master of the most active Branch nationwide and with the highest membership in Australia. **(Currently we are 136 members strong)**

Thank you

Capt. Zubin Bhada (AFNI)
WA Branch Master
30th March 2022



News and Views

Obituary

Dr., Capt. Clive Sheard, PhD., Master Mariner

Capt Stuart Davey

Stuart Davey submitted the following obituary. In recent years, Stuart was a colleague and worked closely with Clive Sheard at ABL Group.

Though life may be brief, it is the memories that last forever. It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember.

Clive was a passionate gentleman. A soft spoken caring man who was passionate about all things maritime. Even in his last years he was devoted to find new innovative ways to improve the maritime space.

Clive was well known in the WA Maritime community and the wider international industry and will be sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

Clive was born in South Africa at East London and had an interesting maritime career. His seagoing career started with Safmarine, but he also spent time as a seaman in the South African Navy. When coming ashore he worked as a tug master and harbour pilot with Portnet in Cape Town. While living in Cape Town, Clive commenced studying maritime law. He had an analytical mind always interested to delve deeper into why things happened the way they did. He was an organised man and didn't expect that things just happen, he always wanted to put items or incidents into their right slots.

In 1995 he moved to Dubai with his family and worked as a Dockmaster at Dubai Drydocks. While living in Dubai, Clive completed his PhD, before joining Mathews Daniel at the start of his marine surveying and consultancy career. Over the last two decades he worked for various companies exploring his more analytical curiosity with Mathews Daniel, Noble Denton, London Offshore Consultants and, recently, ABL Group.

He was always looking at ways to improve the industry and even though the technology was changing quicker than he could sell his ideas he was determined to see drones utilised in piloting or at-least in pilot training.

Clive became a member of the WA Branch in April 2019. Last October he relocated to Queensland for semi-retirement. He didn't let the world know but he was struggling with his health and he was undergoing a lot of tests and treatments. His time there together with his

wife, Janine, living in close proximity to their daughter, Blair, was cut tragically short.

Clive will leave a legacy in Australia having personally convinced pilotage companies across this country to implement the ISPO quality management system and the controversial discussions he stated across Australia about the use of drones in operations.

I may have only known Clive the last five years but I never heard anyone speak anything but admiration about the bloke. He always brought laughter and happiness to a room and was positive until the very end.

Rest in Peace Clive, a fellow Master Mariners and friend.....



NEWS AND VIEWS

Update from Branch Master
(Capt. Zubin Bhada)
Mar 2023



Near-collision in Panama Canal shows 'an accident is waiting to happen'

OOCL Utah's near-collision on Sunday with a Panama Canal lock gate suggests a tragic and costly accident is waiting to happen, say experts. Video footage shows a fore-positioned 'alpha' tug almost crushed between the Hong Kong-flagged containership and the canal's Agua Clara lock gate. There was no aft-situated 'delta' tug to stop the vessel. Representatives of the Panama Canal Captains and Deck Officers Union told The Loadstar how a lack of procedures and under-resourcing by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) left pilots – paid per vessel – calling the shots.

"They [pilots] want to finish fast, because the more assignments they get, the more money they make. The fault cannot be attributed to the ship." [The pilot] was told the [stern] tug was coming from another job... but chose not wait. There are no procedures and no regulation, so [the pilot] can do whatever he wants. "This is the closest call we've had so far in a train of incidents over the past two years. In one, a tug was put aground... another put on the rocks and out for repair for three months. "They claimed pilots often try to tackle the canal at speeds in excess of what is safe for tug crews. In the case of the alpha tug on Sunday: "We can say the crew was in jeopardy because of the enclosed space and the size of the ship," they said. "If the ship strikes the tug ...it's going to go under. There are no ladders, [the tugs themselves] are deathtraps... but if you fall in the water there, you're going to get sucked under." If there had been a collision with the canal lock gate it could have put the waterway out of action for months, causing supply chain disruption approaching the scale of the Ever Given incident at Suez in March 2021.



Euronav to work with United Nations in rescue operation for stricken FSO Safer

Euronav NV (EURN or Euronav) (NYSE EURN & Euronext EURN) announced earlier today it has signed an agreement with the UN to sell a VLCC as part of a wider salvage operation for the FSO Safer located in Yemen. Euronav will provide a suitable vessel that will go to drydock for necessary modifications and regular maintenance before sailing to the FSO Safer moored about 8 km off Yemen's Ras Isa peninsula, for the operation to remove and store the oil.

The vessel will replace the FSO Safer and will stay there. Euronav will help operate the vessel including after the transfer of the oil for several months afterwards. The entire team of Euronav is very excited to be able to participate to such project and do their utmost to help preventing a possible environmental disaster.

The damaged vessel, the FSO Safer (1976 – 406,639 dwt) is one of the largest vessels ever built and for more than thirty years has been positioned off the Yemeni coast. However, since 2015 it has been abandoned without power or maintenance. It has become a real danger.



NAVY AND AMSA JOIN TO ENHANCE MARITIME OPERATIONS

Royal Australian Navy and Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) have strengthened the relationship between military and civilian maritime jurisdictions to support safety at sea and delivery of naval capability.

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM, RAN and Chief Executive Officer AMSA, Mr Mick Kinley, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which provides the process to move vessels from Australia's civilian regulation authority (known as Flag administration) to operate under a Defence Flag administration.

Vice Admiral Hammond said the MOU provided greater agility for Defence and partner agencies to quickly respond to a variety of needs and contingencies in the maritime environment. "Australia is a three-ocean island trading nation. Our seaborne supply chains and undersea infrastructure are the lifeblood of our economy—this underpins our way of life as a maritime nation. "This MOU is important, as it allows Australia to better harness its resources in advancing the national interest in our maritime region. "The agreement will support both Defence and AMSA to uphold Australia's international obligations for vessel Flag administration, while enhancing Defence's maritime response options in times of national necessity or crisis."

Mr Kinley said the MOU was another great example of Australian Government organisations partnering for the benefit of the nation.

"We have a close and strong working relationship with Defence and this MOU will enable us to strengthen our maritime responses and operations across a range of situations," Mr Kinley said. "The MOU helps the civilian and military regulators to have a mutual understanding of the safety, seaworthiness and environmental compliance of ships with changing jurisdictions to ensure none of these issues are compromised."



Brisbane River's 98yo tugboat Forceful to be dismantled, recycled as maintenance costs bite

Queensland's last coal-fired steam tugboat will be scrapped in two months as the cost of renting land to store it and maintenance costs reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

KEY POINTS :

1. The tug launched in 1925 and was operational until 2006, largely on the Brisbane River
2. After several years on display in the Brisbane River, it has now been kept in at a shipyard
3. The Queensland Maritime Museum Association can't afford to store the ship anymore

Earlier this year the Queensland Maritime Museum Association (QMMA) board determined it could no longer afford the maintenance and fees for keeping the boat, named Forceful, at The Yard in Murarrie. The association said it had approached landowners about storing the Forceful while it could find alternative options but had been unsuccessful. While the association is still hoping to find another solution, it has approached a company to dismantle and recycle the ship in April or May 2023.

The historical significance of the Forceful began 98 years ago when the steam tugboat was built by Alexander Stephen & Sons Ltd in Glasgow and launched in late 1925. The vessel arrived in Brisbane in March 1926 and operated for the most part in the Brisbane River for four decades.

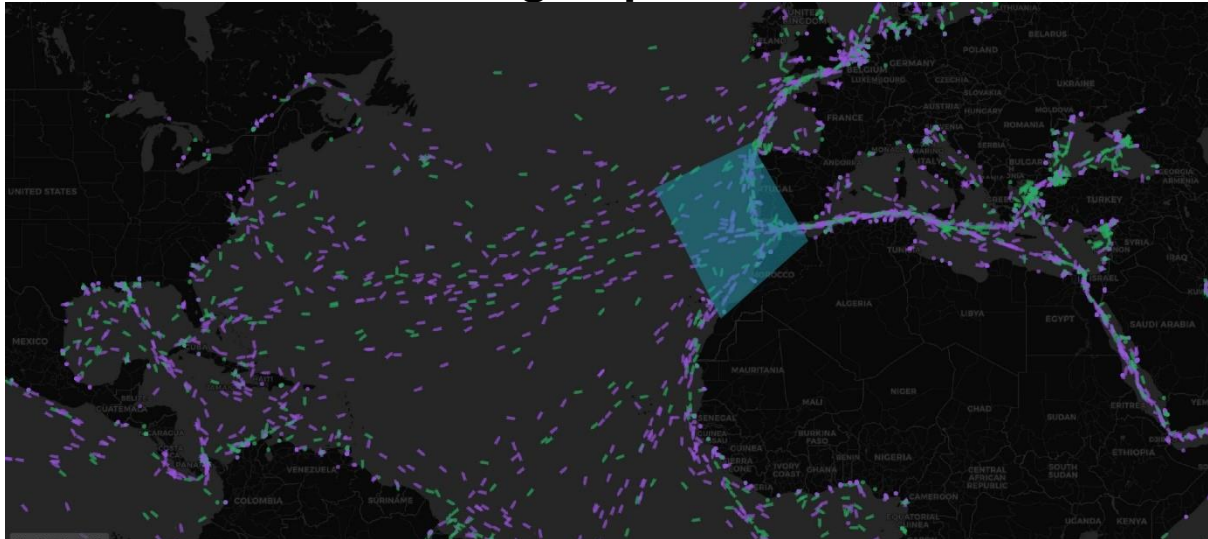


NOTE OF THANKS

Feb 2023

How Geofencing Can Elevate Your Commercial Maritime Operations

Use Cases and Benefits for Veson's Geofencing and Alerting Capabilities



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We have recently announced a new service for creating and monitoring geofences to receive alerts based on entry and exit events for vessels of interest. This exciting tool opens new possibilities for maritime organizations to glean valuable, timely information with much greater ease. **In this blog post, we'll explore how bulk shipping and commodity trading companies can benefit from geofence alerts.**

What is geofencing?

A [geofence](#) is a virtual geographic boundary mapped around a physical location that enables software to trigger a response when a position from a GPS or RFID, for example, enters or leaves a particular area. In the maritime industry, geofencing is enabled by Automatic Identification System (AIS) data from vessels as this dataset maps the positions of vessels.

To get the most out of geofence alerts enabled by AIS data from vessels, it's important to follow some best practices. To set up effective geofences for your organization, you will want to ensure that they are tailored to your specific needs. This means considering +factors such as the size and shape of the geofenced area, the type of vessels being monitored, and the desired frequency of alerts. Let us explore some use cases for geofence alerts and how they can help companies improve operational efficiency and supply chain visibility.

Use cases for geofence alerts for bulk shipping companies

Bulk shipping companies can use geofence alerts to monitor vessel movements and improve operational efficiency. For example, a bulk shipping company could create a geofence around a port and receive an alert when a vessel enters or exits the port. This information can be used to optimize vessel schedules and reduce turnaround times. Geofence alerts can also be used to monitor cargo movements and ensure that bulk goods, such as tanker or dry bulk products, are loaded or discharged on time. By using geofence alerts, bulk shipping companies can automatize monitoring of a particular area for a predefined fleet or by specific vessels. This frees up continuous and tedious monitoring of maps and vessel positions.

Use cases for geofence alerts for commodity traders

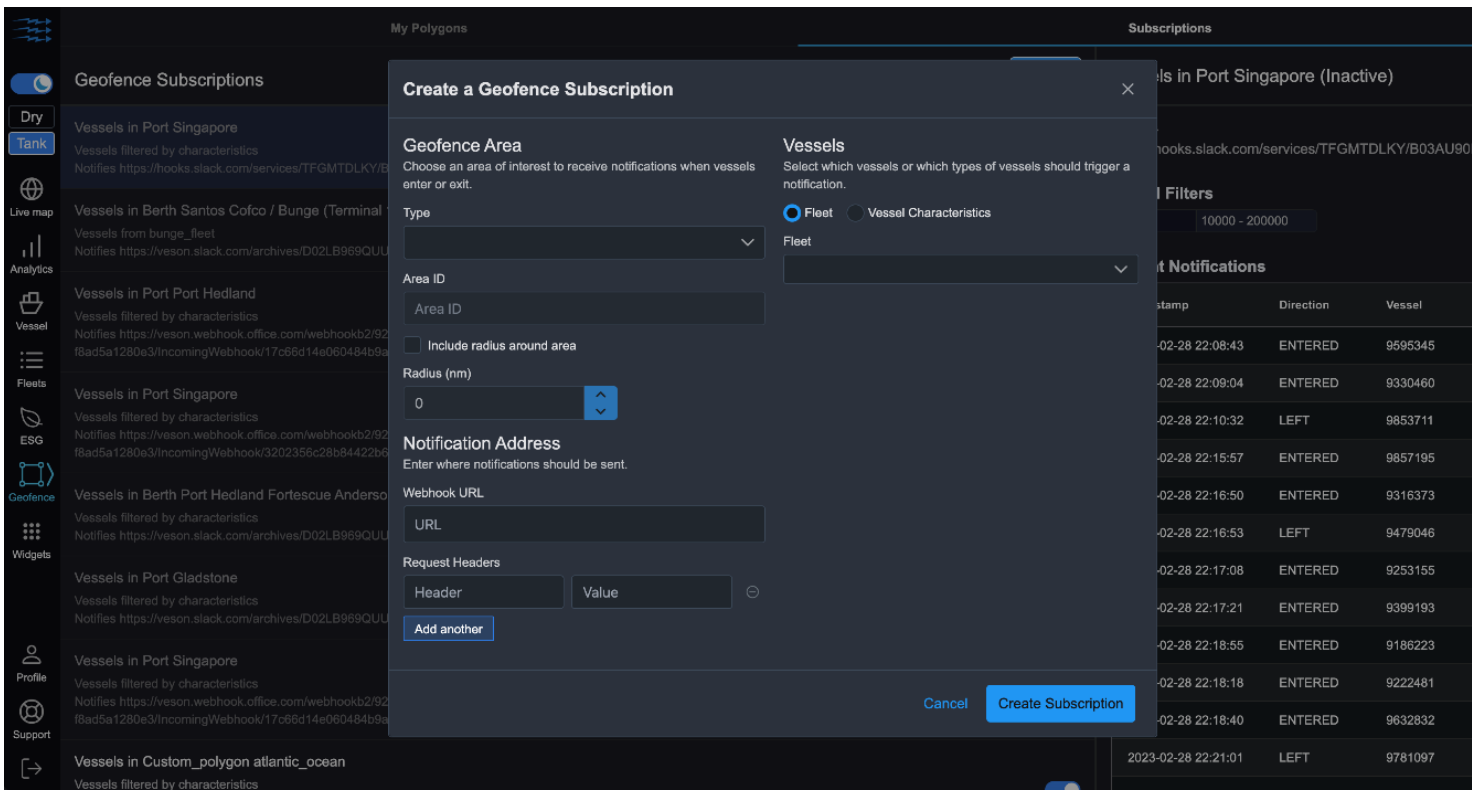
Commodity traders can also benefit from geofence alerts that are enabled by AIS data from vessels. Geofence alerts can be used to monitor the movements of commodities and improve supply chain visibility. For example, a commodity trader could create a geofence around a port or a terminal and receive an alert when a bulk cargo arrives or leaves the location. This information can be used to optimize inventory levels and ensure that goods are delivered on time. Geofence alerts can also be used to monitor the movements of commodities in transit and provide real-time visibility into the supply chain. By using geofence alerts, commodity traders can improve their supply chain visibility and reduce the risk of supply chain disruptions.

The Veson Geofence Service

With its 2021 acquisition of [Oceanbolt](#), Veson is uniquely positioned to deliver best-in-class geofence alerting by leveraging Oceanbolt's AIS processing engine.

Veson's Geofencing Service allows users to create geofences, or leverage Oceanbolt's global geofence collection of ports, anchorages, terminals, and shipyards, to generate events for a specific fleet or a selection of vessel characteristics.

Geofence alerts can be seamlessly managed from a modern frontend, as seen below.



Screenshot of Geofence Subscriptions Management

The geofence alerts can be delivered to any incoming webhook framework, such as Microsoft Teams or Slack, where clients can tailor specifically which team member will receive which alerts.

Port of Dampier Receives its First Cruise Ship Visit

April 21, 2023 by Industry Contributor



Pictured: a tug escorts the Caledonian Sky, the first-ever visit of a cruise ship to the Port of Dampier. Photo credit: Pilbara Ports Authority

The first ever cruise vessel arrived at the Port of Dampier in the Pilbara late last week, with approximately 80 passengers disembarking to visit local tourist attractions.

Pilbara Ports Authority (PPA) facilitated the vessel arrival on Thursday 13 April at the operational port, which is primarily used for the export of iron ore, LNG and salt. PPA Chief Executive Officer Roger Johnston said it was fantastic to support the region by facilitating the visit.

“We recognise the economic and social benefits of increasing tourism to the region, and as part of our commitment to supporting Pilbara communities we are proud to welcome cruise vessels to our ports,” Mr Johnston said.

“We hope to see the industry grow in future years, which will be supported by the proposed construction of the multi-user Dampier Bulk Handling Facility that will provide additional capacity for cruise vessels at the Port of Dampier.”

Passengers visited the Murujuga Cultural Landscape, which was recently submitted for World Heritage List nomination, and the Red Dog Memorial Statue.

The vessel is expected to visit other regional locations on Western Australia’s coast, including Broome, Geraldton, and Shark Bay.

“We look forward to welcoming back the MS Caledonian Sky to Dampier in the coming weeks, as part of its program of Western Australian coastline expeditions,” Mr Johnston added.

The cruise industry contributed an estimated \$261.9 million to the WA economy in 2018-19 and supported more than 930 jobs.

** Note: Shipping Australia has made some minor additions for the purposes of house style.*



Company of Master Mariners of Australia

West Australian Branch Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Held on 29th March 2023

at The FAC Club Fremantle.

Delegation of Chair

The Branch Master, Capt Zubin Bhada, is unavailable due to offshore work commitments and hence absent from the AGM. In his absence the Branch Master delegated the Branch Registrar, Capt Stephen Harris, to chair the AGM – March 2023 (meeting/session). The DBM opened the meeting at 1840hrs handing conduct of the AGM to the Hon. Registrar

Apologies & Guests

The names of guests and members sending apologies were captured on the List of Attendance and Apologies distributed before the meeting. The Branch Master and 13 others sent apologies for missing the 2023 AGM. There were an additional 4 last-minute apologies received.

The meeting was attended by a total of 12 Members, 2 Friends and 2 Applicant Guest.

Notice of AGM

The Branch Registrar gave notice of the 2023 Branch AGM by broadcast email to members on 19th. March and again on 25th. March 2022. The Notice of the AGM advised that all positions on the Branch Court would be vacated and were open to nominations from all financial members of the WA Branch.

Quorum

For the purposes of the 2023 AGM, the Branch Master, Deputy Branch Master, Branch Secretary, Capt Peter Bartlett, & Branch Registrar conferred by email prior to the meeting to establish a quorum in accordance with Clause 90b of the Constitution. The Quorum for the 2023 AGM was established as a minimum of five (5) financial members.

Branch Master's Annual Report

In the absence of the Branch Master, and on his behalf, the Hon. Registrar read the Branch Master's Annual Report for 2022 to the meeting.

Registrars Report

The Hon. Registrar Capt. Steve Harris read a statement of membership and member status including resignations, new members and unfinancial members to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Hon Branch Treasurer, Capt Raul Pereira, read a statement of the Branch financial accounts to members attending. In addition, the Treasurer noted that the accounts had been reviewed and found to be in order by the Federal Treasurer.

The Hon Treasurer proposed that the statement of accounts be accepted.

Proposed: Capt. Raul Pereira

Seconded: Capt. Frank Kaleveld

Nomination and Election of Branch Court Members

Following the reading of the Branch Master's Annual Report, the Registrars Report & the Treasurer's Financial Statement, the 2022-23 Branch Court stood down formally.

The Chairman advised members that nominations for the Branch Court are open to all financial Ordinary and Associate members. The Constitution (clause 82c) requires that the Branch Master must be an Ordinary Member. By extension, it is considered that the Deputy Branch Master will also be an Ordinary Member in the expectation of understudying and taking over the role of Branch Master.

The Chairman advised that the members listed as follows have nominated to stand for the 2023-24 Branch Court in the following positions:

Branch Master	Zubin Bhada <i>(fifth year standing as there were no volunteers)</i>
Deputy Branch Master	Mark Gooderham
Immediate Past Branch Master	Steven Wenban
Secretary	Peter Bartlett
Treasurer	Raul Pereira
Registrar	Eric Barron
Editor, Points West	Mark Beal
FPA Liaison Officer	David Heppingstone
Branch Librarian	Stephen Harris
Branch Social Coordinator	Steve Harris

The Chairman advised that no other nominations for Branch Court positions had been received and asked if there were nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the Branch Court for 2023-24 was elected unopposed.

Proposed: Capt. Frank Kaleveld Seconded: Capt. Bill Prinn

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1910hrs.

Peter Bartlett

Capt Steve Harris Hon Branch Registrar (Chair)

Capt Peter Bartlett Hon Branch Secretary

Addendum

Branch Masters 2023 Annual Report

Branch Registrars Report 2023 AGM

Branch Treasurers Report for March 2023

REGISTRARS REPORT

Membership Movements during the 2022-23 Branch Year				
Ratified by Federal	2	Ryan EASTHER / Aaron LEWIS		
Resigned to Friend	3	Mike KIELY / Bob LEGGAT / John FIGGESS		
Transferred to Retired	3	Eric BARRON / Fred De ROOIJ / Ian HARROD		
Resigned from COMMA	4	Clive SHEARD / Vincente AMICONE / David JONES / Christopher GALTON-FENZY		
Rejoined	1	Ash KARKHANIS		
Un-financial Members		<i>See row below</i>		
Membership Terminated	6	<i>Known to Branch Court – those who were un-financial at 30th June 2022</i>		
Deceased	2	Peter DUDDING / Michael FURLONG		
Transferred Branch	1	Shane PHILLIPS (transferred to WA Branch Roll from closed Federal Roll)		
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
	2022	2023	Change	
Federal Life Members	2	2	Nil	Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends	15	17	+2	Over 80 years old / No voting rights / No levy / No fees
Ex-Officio Members	1	1	Nil	No voting rights / No levy / No fees
WA Honorary Members	4	4	Nil	Voting rights / Federal Levy Payable / No fees
Ordinary Members	80	72	-8	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members	14	13	-1	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	21	21	Nil	+65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
Total Members	137	130	-7	
Federal Levy Payable	119	110	-9	
Fee Paying Members	115	106	-9	
Contributing Members	94	85	-9	Revenue-generating members paying full fee
Pending (Read)	2	4	+2	Application received / awaiting ratification
Total incl "Read"	139	134	-5	

WA Membership Applications Pending Ratification		
Name	Type	Comment
James McAULIFFE	WA (Ord)	Read 30-Mar-22 – pending ratification
Stephen FANT	WA (Ord)	Read 29-Jun-22 – pending ratification
Amandeep	WA (Assoc)	Read 31-Aug-22 – pending ratification
Rachel GREEN	WA (Assoc)	Read 22-Feb-23 – pending ratification

WA Branch Membership Applications to be Read 29 th March 2023		
Name	Type	Comment
Stephen JAMES	Ordinary	Marine Pilot / Load Master – Shell Prelude FLNG (3)
Samuel HUTCHINSON	Associate	Marine Superintendent – OSM Maritime, Perth (3)

Comments
(1) Pending applicants were not ratified at the December 2022 Federal Court Meeting as the applications had not been "Read" to all Branches.
(2) Overall loss of membership = 5 since last AGM.
(3) Applicants to be "read" after AGM = +2 / total net loss 3.

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of April 2023. Ages are withheld to “protect the innocent”...

3 rd April	Trevor BOZOKY / Ryan EASTHER /
8 th April	Andre WINKLER
16 th April	Anthony ALLEN /
18 th April	Roger PETTMAN
19 th April	Denis SANGO
22 nd April	Richard GORDON

Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

The following Membership Anniversaries occur in the period until the end of March 2023.

1 year	Ryan EASTHER / Aaron LEWIS
2 years	Tim GOURLAY
8 years	Gemma CAPONE / Stuart DAVEY
10 years	Burjis WADIA
12 years	Steven WENBAN
42 years	David Gardiner

Long-Serving Members

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

Period	Name / Membership	Ratification Date	Years
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Friend	1 st Feb 1957	66
50+ years	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	59
	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th Mar 1967	56
	Capt Corney Durham / Retired	15 th May 1967	55
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19 th Jun 1967	55
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	53
	Capt " Dai " Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	52
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Retired	19 th Jun 1972	50
	Capt Mike Kiely / Retired	18 th Jul 1974	48
	Capt Paddy Eveleigh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	47
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	45
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	45
	Capt James Major / Retired	12 th Jul 1977	45
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	43
	Capt Roger Pettman / Ordinary	10 th Sep 1979	43
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Feb 1981	42
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	42
	Capt David Gardiner / Ordinary	8th April 1981	42
30+ years	Capt Bill Prins / Ordinary	6 th Feb 1983	40
	Capt David Notman / Friend	28 th Sep 1983	39
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1985	38
	Capt Eric Barron / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	37
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	37
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1987	36
	Capt Ian Harrod / Ordinary	14 th Feb 1987	36
	Capt Alfred De Rooij / Ordinary	12 th Sep 1988	34
	Capt Richard Gordon / Ordinary	14 th Nov 1988	34
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	33
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	33
	Capt Robin Chester / Retired	8 th Feb 1990	33
	Capt Richard Court / Ordinary	11 th Mar 1990	33
	Capt Mike Dawes / Retired	3 rd June 1991	31
	Capt Phil Griffin / Ordinary	12 th August 1991	31
	Capt David Best / Ordinary	8 th February 1993	30

Updating Contact Details

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT 2022

After a disruptive couple of years by COVID, In 2022 was a near normal year with only a few monthly meeting cancelled due to COVID.

The Membership was sorted out by the efforts of the Registrar and, Total Membership fees received \$11,153.41 . Federal Levy of was reduced for 2021 & 2022 and total sum paid was \$9770.00, leaving the sum of \$1383.41 as working capital.

Last year WMD was a big success as an event and also financially. Total Income received was \$47,000.00 from Sponsorships and sale of Stalls and Expense for WMD 2022 was \$33,184.43, resulting in a surplus of \$13815.57

COMMA Annual Dinner function was cancelled due to close proximity with NI Golden Jubilee Dinner function that was attended by many COMMA members.

Another significant expense was the procurement of CoMMA Polo Shirts was \$1819.20

The Branch did not make any donations in 2021 or 2022.

After expenses were deducted for 2022 the Branch ended the year with a surplus of some \$11,118.28.

Forecasted expenses 2023:

Federal Levy - \$8250.00

Leeuwin Family day Cruise Annual Dinner - \$772.505

Annual Dinner - \$6380.00

WMD 2023 - \$35,000.00

Total Expense - \$57,322.50

Anticipated Income: - \$58,500.00

The 2023 year budget is for a Surplus of some \$1150.00



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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 grrt Certificate of Competency ("Class 1"); or
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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~~ and ashore

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- 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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- Provide feedback to industry via consult process for Marine Legislation.
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Cheque – make payable to 'The Nautical Institute' (we can accept a cheque drawn on a UK bank account or a banker's draft)

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