



# Points West

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## From the Branch Master

Welcome to the August edition of Points West. The July General Meeting took place on Wednesday 31st July.

As usual the attendance level was very high and the meeting was abuzz with 35 members and 7 of their guests.

The guest speaker was Mr Matt Verney, Oil Spill Response Coordinator – DOT WA.

Matt coordinates the implementation of marine environment protection initiatives and strategies, including prevention, response and recovery plans against marine pollution. He manages the functions and activities of the Oil Spill Response team and coordinates development activities for the Branch, Business Unit and Division.

Matt regularly consults with the Offshore Exploration and Production Industry. During the consultation process he advises companies the requirements and responsibilities expected by the DoT and the State should an incident occur during their operations

Matt represents the DoT on AMSA's National Plan committees and the WA State Emergency Services Subcommittee and working groups. Matt also chairs the WA State Executive Advisory Group for Marine Oil Pollution.

In 2009 Matt represented the State as a liaison officer in Canberra for the Montara major oil spill incident. He was deployed as part of the National Response Team as an Operations officer for the Pacific Adventurer spill in Queensland. In November 2011 Matt was requested by AMSA to assist with the New Zealand "Rena" incident as the Operations officer and in 2012 as part of the Inter-Governmental Agreement GA deployed to Christmas Island as the Incident Controller for the MV Tycoon incident.

Matt has attended AMSA's level 3 Incident Controller, level 3 operations Officer, Incident Management Team and Exercise Management as well as training in AIIMS, Shipping Industry Induction, Certificate III in Investigative Service, Module 4.04 Incident Control System, AMSA Chemical Management Course, DoT Oiled Operators Course DoT Shoreline Course and Marine Search and Rescue.

Matt's presentation included detail of the Oil response structure both nationally and within Western Australia. He outlined the details of who is responsible for what and where. His presentation included slides of equipment deployment and training exercises.

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## From the Branch Master (cont'd...)

The presentation was enhanced with description of an actual incident that he had attended in Cockburn Sound earlier in the day.

A number of interesting questions were taken and the Branch Master presented Matt with a Plaque and Tie and thanked him for his time and presentation.

Fremantle was host to four beautiful tall ships. The Company invited the masters of these sailing ships to the Branch's general meeting and Anne-Marie Archer, the CEO of Leeuwin Foundation, kindly escorted them to the meeting. I asked each of the masters to introduced themselves and briefly explain their forward plan. Captains Chris Phillips, Harko Lambarts, and Terry van Kampen are masters of Lord Nelson, Europa and Oosterschelde respectively. Unfortunately Capt. Gijs Sluik, the master of Tecla, due to operational requirements, couldn't attend.

The Dutch ships are on a world voyage and will be participating later in the year in tall ships events in the Eastern States and New Zealand.



The largest of the three at 56 metres is the three-masted bark Europa (above). Built in 1911, it was originally used as a lightship at the mouth of the Elbe River in Germany. It went to the Netherlands in 1986 and was re-built and re-fitted as a sailing ship.



The 50-metre three-masted topsail schooner Oosterschelde was launched in 1918.



The third of the Dutch visitors spending time in Fremantle will be the 38-metre Tecla which was built in 1915 as a herring drifter.

Arriving from Mauritius, the ships are on a world voyage and will be part of an international Tall Ship Fleet participating in Tall Ship Fleet festivals in Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney and Auckland.

From 3-14 August they will make a return journey from Fremantle to the Abrolhos Islands, famous for the grounding of the Batavia and the mutiny.

In Sydney (3-11 October 2013), the tall ships are taking part in the International Fleet Review to celebrate the centenary of the first entry of the Royal Australian Navy Fleet into Sydney Harbour. The Dutch ships will represent the Netherlands during these events.

In the meantime the all-abilities ship, Lord Nelson also visited Fremantle.



## From the Branch Master (Cont...)

Sadly Capt Peter Johnson, one of the Branch's previous members, passed away on 25th July 2013 as a result of a massive heart attack.

Peter was born into a local seafaring family with his Father and Grandfather both Master Mariners and all sailed with the West Australian Steam Navigation Co, Stateships, and BPC. He worked as stevedore ashore with Nichols and later as an Agent with Lynns (then became Lynn Elders and then Wilhelmsens). He was very well known with all the old timers around the waterfront in Fremantle. In his younger days he was also active in the Leeuwin sail training ship. Peter was a member of the Company of Master Mariners of Australia from 1963 till 2011 and reached the age of 83. Peter also happened to be a dear uncle to Capt Eric Baron, one of our valued members. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Lillian and family.

The world Maritime Day is fast approaching we are doing the last minute arrangements. Thanks to all our members who are prepared to give their time and have volunteered in assisting us to keep the CoMMA flag flying.

News and Views:

- **Govt enticing young blood into maritime workforce** – An aid package of \$5m has been made available by the Federal government to assist the nation's shipping industry to meet its future training needs.

The Transport and Logistics Centre (TALC) will administer new training incentives to bolster Australia's maritime workforce as part of the Federal government's Freight and Maritime Package.

Under this package, funding will go to new training incentives, a biennial census of the maritime workforce and the development of a demand-aggregation model to identify future training requirements, in line with the key recommendations made by the Maritime Workforce Development Forum in May, within its Australian Maritime Workforce Development Strategy.

The government has met this target with some to spare to spare, with training incentives now providing \$10,000 per trainee and \$20,000 per engineer or officer for mandatory at-sea training positions on ships."

- **ICS urges owners to adopt maritime labour convention** – Shipowners should adopt the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC) globally, even though it is unclear how flag

states will adopt a "pragmatic approach" to implementation, says the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).

When the International Labour Organisation Diplomatic Conference adopted the MLC in 2006, it also adopted a resolution agreeing port states should take a pragmatic approach to enforcement for 12 months following their entry into force worldwide. It is not clear how the flags will apply this.

Australia adapted the regime where if a vessel doesn't carry the required MLC then a details inspection/audit will be carried out to verify that the vessel substantially complies with the requirements of the MLC Convention.

An important part of port-state control enforcement would be the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, which all companies must complete themselves and for each of their ships and which should serve as prima facie evidence the ship meets MLC standards. Therefore the Shipowners are urged to take sensible precautions.

The ICS therefore recommends companies prepare, for all their ships, a DMLC Part II before August 20 to minimise potential difficulties, should their ships be subjected to port-state control enforcement under the MLC.

If members' personal details have changed from those held in CoMMA records - address / phone numbers / current occupation, etc – please advise Capt Wim van Alebeek so that he can make the necessary updates to records.

As usual biographies, articles, with photographs, are invited for submission to Points West. Please submit to the Editor or Registrar or Secretary who will then forward the items to the Editor for publishing.

Warning – Be prepared for the Editor to knock on your door for biographies.

Suggestions are welcomed from anyone wishing to talk on a nautical subject at a Branch Meeting, or with ideas for a suitable Guest Speaker. Please contact Capt David Hepplingstone, the Deputy Branch Master.

Capt Reza R. Vind  
Branch Master

# Branch Meeting Minutes

## THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH

### General Meeting – 31st July 2013

#### Introduction

Branch Master opened the meeting at 1830 and welcomed members and their guests.

#### Attendance / Apologies

As per attached Notification of Attendance List

#### Guests

The Masters of Tall ships, Lord Nelson – Capt. Chris Phillips, Oosterschelde – Capt. Terry van Kampen and Europa – Capt. Harko Lambarts attended as guests. The master of the Tecla -Capt. Gijs Sluik could not attend. Each gave a short introduction of themselves and their vessels.

#### Guest Speaker

Matt Verney – Oil Spill Response Coordinator – DOT WA was introduced by the Branch master

#### Minutes Of The Last General Meeting – Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

**Proposer – C.Dooley      Seconder – M.Gooderham**

#### Treasurer's Report – Report was presented by Capt. Pointon on behalf of treasurer.

Cash book balance 26 June 2013 - \$34,123.06

Cash book balance 30 July 2013 - \$38,685.54

Income for period – \$4,460.75

Expenditure for period - \$9,023.23

**Proposer – D.Heppingstone      Seconder – J.Abernethy**

#### Registrar's Report – Capt. Van Alebeek presented his report. The summary of membership is:

Life Member – 1

Honorary Members – 4

Ordinary Members – 102

Associate Members – 16

Retired Members – 23

**Total Members – 146**

#### Membership Applications / Ratifications

Capt. Van Alebeek reported that there was an application to be read and gave update on ratifications

Daniel Lawrence Wood – Ordinary Member for Queensland.

Zubin Bhada, Anne-Marie Archer - Ratified by Queensland and Newcastle, Melbourne to ratify:

## Branch meeting Minutes (cont'd...)

**Correspondence** – Hon Secretary reported the following correspondence:

- Letter from Scouts WA, ref Adult recognition award to CMMA
- Notification of Merchant Navy Memorial Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2013 Mosman NSW
- Signals Quarterly magazine received
- Email from federal Secretary re:- notification of transition from AUSREP to MATREP
- Email from Federal Secretary re:- External consultation on draft Marine Order 11

**Federal Business**

- Email notification was received re: - Change of Federal Treasurer
- Email notification was received re: - Composition and contact details of Federal Court

**General / New Business**

**World Maritime Day** – This is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2013. The Branch Master indicated that the roster would be produced shortly from the list of volunteers. Those volunteering are invited to the evening cocktail party with their partners free of charge. Other members are invited at a cost of \$50 per head

**Outstanding membership fees** - The status of un-financial members was discussed and the consensus was that a number of members had simply forgotten to pay. A number present indicated this was the case and would be paying outstanding fees forthwith. The remainder would be followed up by Court members.

**Vale Capt. Peter Johnson** – The meeting was informed of Capt. Johnson's passing and that condolences have been sent to the family by representatives of the Company. It was announced that the funeral would be a private family event.

**Annual Dinner** – The meeting was given an update on the work of Capt. Jeff Knight, Capt. Small and Social Warden Capt. Moran to secure a venue. The number and availability of venues is limited due to the lead up to Christmas. There was a discussion by members present and it was agreed that continuing the Dinner was desirable; but that the format would benefit from a change and that the date didn't necessarily have to be in the spring. Members with specific suggestions or ideas were requested to contact Capts. Knight, Small and Moran with their ideas

**Points West** - Editor Capt. Gooderham requested members to submit articles for publication. Suggestions include: - New Member's Profile / 'My First Trip to Sea' / 'My First Command'. He indicated that he would accept articles of any length but reserved the right of editorial freedom to précis articles / edit inappropriate remarks.

The formal element of the meeting was closed at 1930 hrs.

**News and Views**

The Branch Master introduced an interesting and informative session, which included:

- Notification that Marine Order 3 was open for public consultation
- Govt enticing young blood into maritime workforce
- ICS urges owners to adopt maritime labour convention
- European Commission gives green light to DNV / Germanischer tie-up
- Jensen's to abandon its WA coastal service
- RightShip bolsters its vetting procedures
- Future Ships – Challenge for today's Masters and seafarers (ships made of plastic)
- Pilot Ladders and Pilots safety
- MOL Comfort breaks its back and sinks off Yemen
- Pirate attack statistics
- An article about GPS "spoofing"

# Be part of the action at Maritime Day, Victoria Quay



Over the past four years, tens of thousands of people have come to the annual Maritime Day celebrations on Fremantle Ports' Victoria Quay.

Booths for this year's event on 31 August are available now for just \$400, including two tickets to the official cocktail reception.

The free Maritime Day expo celebrates the maritime industry in the working Port of Fremantle, and provides information about maritime education and careers. It also offers visitors the opportunity to talk to representatives from companies involved in the maritime industry.

There will be up to 40 information booths in B Shed, naval craft and tugs for visitors to explore, free harbour rides, free entertainment and great food.

To be a part of this vibrant, successful expo, contact Jane Edwards on 9430 3373 or email: [Jane.Edwards@fremantleports.com.au](mailto:Jane.Edwards@fremantleports.com.au)



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## BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVES?

The Royal Navy is proud to announce its new fleet of Type 45 destroyers.

Having initially named the first two ships HMS Daring and HMS Dauntless, the Naming Committee has, after intensive pressure from Brussels, renamed them HMS Cautious and HMS Prudence. The next five ships are to be HMS Empathy, HMS Circumspect, HMS Nervous, HMS Timorous and HMS Apologist. Costing £850 million each, they comply with the very latest employment, equality, health & safety and human rights laws. The Royal Navy fully expects any future enemy to be jolly decent and to comply with the same high standards of behavior. The new user-friendly crew's nest has excellent wheelchair access. Live ammunition has been replaced with paintballs to reduce the risk of anyone getting hurt and to cut down on the number of compensation claims.

Stress counsellors and lawyers will be on board, as will a full sympathetic industrial tribunal. The crew will be 50/50 men and women, and will contain the correct balance of race, gender, sexuality, and disability. Sailors will only work a maximum of 37hrs per week as per Brussels Rules on Working Hours, even in wartime. All the vessels are equipped with a maternity ward, a crèche, and a gay disco. Tobacco will be banned throughout the ship, but recreational cannabis will be allowed in wardrooms and messes.



The Royal Navy is eager to shed its traditional reputation for; "Rum, sodomy, and the lash"; so out has gone the rum ration, replaced by sparkling water. Sodomy remains, now extended to include all ratings under 18. The lash will still be available on request. Saluting of officers is now considered elitist and has been replaced by "Hello Sailor".

All information on notice boards will be in 37 different languages and Braille. Crew members will now no longer have to ask permission to grow beards and/or moustaches. This applies equally to female crew.

The MoD is inviting suggestions for a "non-specific" flag because the White Ensign may offend minorities. The Union Jack must never be seen. The newly re-named HMS Cautious will be commissioned shortly by Captain Hook from the Finsbury Park Mosque who will break a petrol bomb over the hull. She will gently slide into the sea as the Royal Marines Band plays "In the Navy" by the Village People.

Her first deployment will be to escort boatloads of illegal immigrants to ports on England's south coast. The Prime Minister said, "Our ships reflect the very latest in modern thinking and they will always be able to comply with any new legislation from Brussels." His final words were,

## BRITANNIA WAIVES THE RULES!



*Thanks to IPBM Captain Harris for this thoughtful and comprehensive take on the way things have changed since he was at sea.*

## Q&A with Mark Small

**Mark you recently completed 10 years with IFAP, tell us some of the highlights for you during that time?**

I have really enjoyed developing the business and providing safety solutions for our members and clients.

I really like the challenge of providing training solutions that are not main stream. One example was the development and delivery of a course to teach offshore workers how to climb a pilot ladder onto a jack up barge using a three phase fall arrest system. The safety management system of the client required that their contractors use fall arrest equipment whilst climbing a pilot ladder. This was considered working at heights. The contractors had not had this requirement placed on them before. Helping develop a safety solution for them was very enjoyable and rewarding. Both the contractor and client were pleased with the outcome.

**Would you like to summarise your career so far for the readers?**

My career has been in the boat side of the industry. I started off as a skipper on Dive Charter boats in Exmouth and then in Perth. This led to an opportunity to be involved in a seismic project around barrow island in the late 90's. During the 90's I also taught at the Swan Maritime Institute as it was then known teaching the Coxswains and Master five courses.

I was very fortunate to have worked for Fremantle Ports for a number of years. First on the Pilot boats and the Ports Emergency Response vessel. My time on the boats with the Port was mainly involved in the work boat activities. This included hydrographical surveying, Buoy and Beacon Maintenance and Sweep Bar activities.

I left the Port for a while and joined the Customs National Marine Unit as a Senior Watch Keeper. This was a terrific role and very different to harbour work. The nature of the work meant that the boats were constantly on the move. I had the opportunity to visit places I would never have had the opportunity to go before.

I later returned to Fremantle Ports. I first went back to the pilot boats and then I was provided with the opportunity to move into Safety. The added bonus was that the safety branch was a part of the Business Improvement branch. The experience of working with the team in Business Improvement had a significant effect on where my career was about to head. I still keep a picture in my office of the people I used to work with. The Port is a special place and I will be forever grateful for the time I spent there.

During this period I also worked for an International Consultancy as an independent consultant.. This gave me the opportunity to be involved in seismic projects in different countries as an advisor, trainer and auditor. I really loved conducting vessel audits, especially on new ships.

In 2008 I moved to IFAP to take up the role of Training Coordinator. Over the years I progressed into my current role as General Manager for Offshore and Maritime.

**What is the best part of your job?**

Business development and working with my clients. I receive an enormous amount of enjoyment from growing and improving IFAP's business and helping our members and clients do the same for their business.

**And the worst?**

Emails. Just when you think you have gotten to the bottom of the list there are always new ones appearing at the top.

### How do you relax away from work?

I have a young family. I love to spend time with them on the weekends. My daughter is a talented dancer and my son loves all things a ten year boy does. At this time of the year my weekends usually start with my sons football game whilst my wife takes my daughter to dancing. Sundays are the best. The morning starts with a sleep in followed by a hot breakfast and plenty of good coffee. The day is spent with my wife and children doing something together such as going on a picnic.

### And finally let us know one little known fact about you?

It is interesting how people give you an identity based on a time in your life when they knew you. For a long time I was heavily involved in Surf Life Saving. During my early twenties I worked on the beaches of Perth as a Beach Inspector. Looking at me now you wouldn't think I could swim.

### Condolences for Chris Payne

After a courageous battle for years, Chris' wife, Maureen, succumbed to cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and his family. We hope you will find the strength, Chris, to get through this difficult time. May you and your three sons find support in the wonderful memories of Maureen.

Please accept our condolences.

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28th August	Branch Meeting at the Flying Angel Club. Drinks and nibbles courtesy of IFAP from 1730. Guest Speaker. TBA
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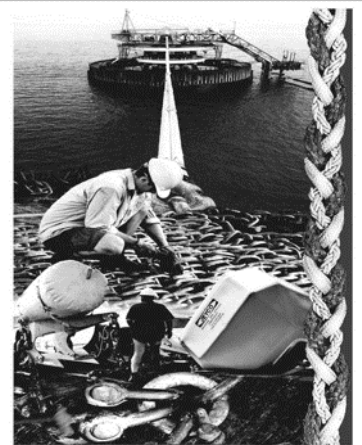


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