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From the Branch Master

Welcome to the July edition of Points West. The June General Meeting took place on Wednesday 26th June and was chaired by Immediate Past Branch Master, Capt. Steve Harris as I was away on business.

As usual there were a good number of the membership attended the meeting.

The guest speaker was Dr Graeme Hubbert, Oceanographer and Meteorologist, and the topic of his presentation was: Global Environmental Modeling Systems (GEMS). Dr. Hubbert has spent most of his working life in oceanographic research and is internationally recognized for his atmospheric and ocean modelling work. In 1984 he was the first person in Australia to develop and use a 3 dimensional ocean model for coastal studies. In 1985 he was the first oceanographer employed by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology where he developed marine forecast models for Australia. In 1993, Dr. Hubbert left the Government research world to establish Global Environmental Modelling Systems (GEMS) with the aim of applying state-of-the-art numerical modelling to the many atmospheric and marine environmental problems faced worldwide by Governments and industry.

Dr Hubbert spoke about his work in relation to tidal and coastal flood modelling which has been part of most of the major storm surge risk assessment and particularly its application for Australia's coast line in the North West.

The Federal Secretary advised the meeting that the amendment of the Constitution has been completed and a copy was submitted to ASIC. Under the amended constitution the joining members don't have to be affiliated by a branch and can be signed up as member of CoMMA.

The members were also advised that the Melbourne Branch has taken over the Master Mariner Journal editing and publishing.

Seafarer Sunday was held on Sunday 14th July. The ceremony commenced at 15:00 in St John's Church, Queen Street, at Fremantle followed by food and beverages courtesy of Flying Angel Club, Fremantle.

A full report is included in this edition

I'm pleased to note that our branch donated \$200.00.

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

Information on the Norton Rose, Sail the World Challenge, was provided with the news about the Tall Ships visiting Fremantle between 17th July and 20th August.

The Norton Rose Sail the World Challenge will visit more than 30 countries in all 7 continents, cross the Equator 4 times and cover 50,000 miles in a series of stages. This is the first time that an accessible tall ship has undertaken such a journey.

The proceeds from the voyages will go to the Jubilee Sailing Trust which is a charity that promotes the integration of people of all physical abilities, through the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing aboard two very special ships, Lord Nelson and Tenacious.

It is interesting to note that the Trust was founded in 1978 and since then some 37000 people have been taken to sea of which 14000 people were disabled. Of the 14000 disabled 5000 were wheelchair users.

Mental Health of Seafarers has taken a top seat in recent times with so many seafarers succumbing to this truly ugly and cruel sickness. There are some 1.3 million seafarers worldwide serving 68000 large trading ships. The rate of suicide, among the seafarers, is four times that of Australia and five times that of UK. Of the 4487 deaths 590 were due to suicide which represents 13.1%. This staggering figure is way too high in anybody's language.

I think we have a moral responsibility and obligations to do our best to tackle this issue head on. Every little bit will help.

WA branch will make a \$500 donation towards printing booklets and leaflets on the Mental Health of Seafarers by Robert Iversen of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South.

For the members information Fremantle Seafarers Welfare committee is active and meets every 3 months in the AMSA office in Fremantle. I urge the members, whenever they can, to attend and contribute to the working of this committee. Interested members should contact me or Father Dennis Claughton in Flying Angel Club.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority is holding a Seafarers' Welfare Forum at the Four Points by Sheraton, Darling Harbour Sydney on 15 August 2013.

This free forum is intended for those involved in delivering welfare services to seafarers, ship-owners and managers and those representing seafarer interests.

The purpose of the forum is to acknowledge the importance of seafarer health and welfare and provide an opportunity for delegates to recognise what mental health

is and how we can deal with the issues we are faced with as an industry.

Members interested are encouraged to register their interest by email to

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As I noted in the last report, the World Maritime Day with the theme of "Sustainable Development: IMO contribution beyond Rio+20" is getting closer and we are advised that all the stands are taken up.

I thanks for the members who has volunteered so far to assist and look forward for anyone else who may be able to do so, to come forward.

The search for an appropriate speaker for the Boulton Lecture continues. It is possible that the date for the lecture may be pushed back to September/October as we get closer to the end of August as it may not possible to held the event in timely manner.

On the News and Views front the following were discussed:

- **Offshore injuries down but fatalities up** – According to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), last year saw the lowest number of injuries recorded since 2005. However 2012 proved to be the highest for fatalities for the same period. Two workers were killed during drilling operation on a MODU in the Bass Strait.
- **Japan export orders doubles** – Orders for new build ships from Japanese ship yards doubled on-year in April. 35 ships were orders for the year compared to a total last year of just 10. Most of the new orders are for new bulk carriers. All these vessels will be fuel efficient and build to reduce the ozone depleting gases in mind.
- **Insurance Scheme for Seafarers** – With the abandonment of seafarers on the rise, there are a lot of pressure on ILO to take the initiative and perhaps introduce a mandatory requirement for ship operators to insure their seafarers against abandonment. There are 12 entries with abandonment since 1 Jan 2012 often the notification for abandonment coming much later. There has been recent encouraging progress towards developing an insurance instrument that would cover seafarers in the event of abandonment.

From the Branch Master (Cont...)

MV Tycoon Foundered at Christmas Island – Tycoon foundered on January 8, 2012 during rough sea conditions when one of the permanent mooring lines came free from its anchor. This was because the shackle which connected the port's mooring line to its anchor chain failed. Tycoon had a crew of 15 Myanmar nationals, all of whom were appropriately qualified to hold their positions, on board the ship.

The ATSB investigation revealed the significant factors contributing to the foundering

- The pilot considered that the forecast deterioration in the weather and sea conditions would occur during the evening of January 8. Consequently, when the change oc-



curred in the early hours of January 8, both the shore authorities and the ship's crew were caught unprepared.

- The pin in the shackle joining the cantilever line to its anchor cable worked its way out and the line subsequently came free. As a result, the ship moved forward in the inner moorings and more weight came onto the two starboard stern lines, resulting in one of them parting and all the ship's weight being carried by the other.
- The available evidence indicates that the ship's master did not tell anyone ashore of his concerns about the safety of the ship when the weather started to deteriorate and the cantilever line came free. He also did not effectively attempt to use the ship's main engine or mooring lines to keep the ship in position at the inner moorings.
- The ship's crew, thinking they would head out to sea, cut the two remaining stern lines. However, they did not ask for the master's permission to do so nor did they inform him that they had cut the lines.
- The port operator had not implemented an effective planned inspection and maintenance program for the

mooring system in Flying Fish Cove. Consequently, it had been 18 months since the underwater components of the cantilever line had been inspected.

- The port operator was aware that the type of locking pin arrangement on the cantilever line joining shackle was not effective in preventing the shackle's pin from working its way free. However, the operator had not implemented a program of replacing the shackles in the entire mooring system in Flying Fish Cove with new shackles that had a more robust locking pin arrangement.
- A risk assessment for mooring a ship at the inner moorings had never been undertaken. As a result, the risks associated with leaving a ship at the inner moorings overnight during the swell season were not properly identified and strategies to minimise those risks were not implemented.
- While the pilot provided limited advice to masters of ships visiting Christmas Island, the port operator did not provide the master of ships intending to berth using the buoys in Flying Fish Cove with any written or verbal guidance regarding berthing and unberthing arrangements and emergency contingencies.

As usual, if any member has an idea for social events, or business they'd like to bring up, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time rather than waiting specifically for the monthly meeting.

If members' personal details have changed from those held in CMMA 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.

Branch Meeting Minutes

WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26th June 2013

The meeting was opened by the IPBM Capt. Steve Harris at 1830hrs

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bartlett, Chester, Clarke, Court, Harris, Hay, Hinnrichsen, Huang, Kaleveld, Keane, Kenny, Kiely, Knight, McGillivray, Payne, Rai, Singh, Small, van Alebeek, Wenban and White B.

GUESTS: Dr Graeme Hubbert (guest speaker), Commander Paul Bartlett, Gordon Smith (guests of Peter Bartlett), Andrew Hogan, Jeff Holden, Fuji D'Souza, Romi Kaushal (guests of Mark Small).

APOLOGIES:

Abernethy, Barron, Best, Bozoky, Copeman, Davies, Dooley C, Dudding, Eveleigh, Gooderham, Heppings, Hill, Hoogendoorn, Ireland, Keys, Lewisson, Malik, McKenzie, Moran, Pointon, Purkiss, Schlack, Silvester, Spencer, Telfer, Underhill, Vind and Young.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING: Circulated in Points West.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: (28th May – 26th June 2013)

Opening Cash Balance \$38,458.04

Income \$266.50 - Annual Subscriptions and Raffle (May)

Expenditure \$39.00 - Monthly Account fees

Closing Cash Balance and Reconciled Balance \$ 38,685.54 (as at 26th June)

Investment Account \$18,395.57 (4.40% over 6 months)

Total unfinancial members: 28 (as at 26th June)

Proposed: Wenban / Seconded: Singh

REGISTRARS REPORT: (26th June 2013)

Life & Hon	5
Ordinary	102
Associate	16
Retired	23
Total	146

APPLICATIONS:

Pending applications (read): Capt Zubin Bhada (Ord WA) and Ms Anne-Marie Archer (Assoc)

New Members Ratified: Nil

New applications read this meeting: Nil

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Branch meeting Minutes (cont'd...)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Legacy Newsletter Winter 2013

“Bridge Watch” Society of Master Mariners of South Africa newsletter.

Copy of amended CMMA constitution from Federal Secretary.

Copy of letter from Capt David Shennan (Melbourne Branch Master) written to him by Robert Iversen about donation towards printing booklets and leaflets on the Mental Health of Seafarers by Rotary Club of Melbourne South.

AMSA Brochure for Seafarer’s Welfare forum to be held in Sydney on 15th August received from Branch Master Reza Vind.

Email from Federal Secretary on invitation to make submission in the Senate Committee on Inquiry into the Migration Amendment Bill (Offshore Recourses Activity) 2013.

Email from Federal Secretary on the Norton Rose Sail the World Challenge.

Email from Newcastle Branch Master informing the passing of secretary Vale Arie Van Andel.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Federal Court Business by Federal Secretary Frank Kaleveld –

Constitutional change: applicants may join the CMMA without being a member of a particular Branch.

Melbourne Branch has taken over the Master Mariner Journal editing and publishing.

Seafarer Sunday Service on 14th July at 1500 hrs needs 4-5 representatives’ volunteers for carrying the ensign, wreath, sextant/GPS; Mark Small and Jeff Knight volunteered.

The Victoria Park Brass is confirmed for Band/Bugler during the Seafarer Sunday Service and the CMMA WA branch would make a \$200 donation.

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CMMA WA branch to contribute \$500 donation towards printing booklets and leaflets on the Mental Health of Seafarers by Robert Iversen of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South.

News and views from Branch Master Reza Vind –

NOPSEMA info on offshore injuries down but fatalities was up.

Japan export doubling but import becoming less.

Insurance scheme for seafarer abandonment.

Annual dinner planning for members and their partners in progress by Social Warden Simon Moran and Treasurer Jeff Knight.

Volunteers were called for the CMMA stall at World Maritime Day event on 31st August.

Winner of the crossword in last edition of Points West was Barbara O’Dowd.

Nautical Trivia: Q. What is “Ironbound Coast” A. Rugged, rocky coast.
 Winner: None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1910 hours

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Branch Master

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Hon. Secretary

Guest Speaker: Dr Graeme Hubbert, an Oceanographer at GEMS (Global Environmental Modelling Systems) gave a presentation on tidal concept and applying state-of-the-art numerical modelling to the many atmospheric and marine environmental problems faced worldwide by Governments and industry.

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



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SEA SUNDAY 2013

The Annual Seafarers Service was again a well attended memorial service held in St John's Church, Fremantle. Organised by our Chaplin, Rev Fr Dennis Cloughton and his team with the assistance of our Hon Secretary Mark Pointon. The 'Town of Victoria Park Brass', Bugler Karen Moorman, Organist Graham Devenish and Soloist Derek Sloan, provided a magnificent contribution to this beautiful service.



The Town of Victoria Brass Band

Our Branch Master, Capt Reza Vind laid the wreath at the altar in honour of seafarers who have lost their lives at sea during war and peace. The symbols of the Nautical Profession were presented by Mark Small (sextant) and Capt John Abernethy (GPS). The colour party was formed by the Sea Scouts with Capt Richard Purkiss carrying the red ensign. Rev Fr Dennis Cloughton gave a power-point presentation of the International Awards ceremony held in London on 28 November 2012. Fr Dennis won the Welfare Personality of the Year Award at the International Committee on Seafarer's Welfare (ICSW) in recognition of the work in providing support to seafarers. This power-point presentation covered also the presentation of the Lloyds List's Annual Maritime Award conferred to Rev Dennis Cloughton and Captain Alan Tait of the Australian Mariners Welfare Society. Michael Kitafuna of the Flying Angel Club received this award in absence of Rev Dennis on the same day Rev Dennis received his award in London.

During this moving service of prayer and song we commemorated our friends and colleagues who passed away from this life to the next. We also recalled the life and service of late Capt John Ivor Jones who was the organiser/coordinator of this Seafarers Service for more than a decade. The Annual Flying Angel Club Volunteer of the Year Award (sponsored by Capt Ajay Tandon) was posthumously awarded to late Capt John Ivor Jones for meritorious service to the seafaring community in Fremantle. This honour was conferred by the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend Roger Herft AM at the Annual General Meeting of The Flying Club in May 2013.



Rev Dennis Cloughton conducting the service

Capt. Wim van Alebeek

Points West Editor's Quiz No. 4

M	A	O	L	E	N	I	N	G	R	A	D
O	A	R	I	H	F	G	H	N	A	B	O
N	O	N	M	A	W	A	O	I	T	A	O
A	X	D	A	R	C	C	A	H	G	N	R
S	S	U	Y	K	G	H	R	S	I	G	Y
T	P	Q	D	L	A	T	E	U	L	K	L
I	O	S	L	O	Z	R	D	L	T	O	O
R	A	I	J	W	O	E	A	F	S	K	H
A	F	R	O	Y	C	P	S	O	U	E	R
E	N	A	B	S	I	R	B	S	M	I	A
B	E	P	D	I	K	U	U	L	G	J	A
P	E	R	O	M	I	T	L	A	B	K	R

A bit different this month. The grid above has the names of at least 15 ports (there are more). All the ports are single words, they may go forwards or backwards, up or down, and diagonally and they may overlap. Spellings are those used in Norries. Good luck

The first person to provide the most number of ports will have a bottle of wine presented to them at the next master mariner's meeting.

"At the time of going to press nobody had come forward to claim the say that they had completed the crossword from the June edition. Maybe there will be a winner at the meeting?"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

31st July	Branch Meeting at the Flying Angel Club. Drinks and nibbles courtesy of IFAP from 1730. Guest Speaker. Matt Verney, Oil Spill Response in WA.
15th August	Seafarers Welfare Forum in Sydney. Contact AMSA for further details

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