

## Adrian John Hoogvliet

Roll No.144

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Adrian Hoogvliet was born in Holland during World War 2 and so grew up in difficult circumstances. He learnt an electrical trade and found his way onto a round the world cruise ship called the *Willem Ruys* where he worked as an electrician. Sydney and Melbourne were part of her regular run. He emigrated to Australia in 1960 and started a new life and a family in the new world and a 45 year career in the lift industry.

During the mid-70's Adrian came to join a group of volunteers who were involved in the restoration of a three-masted barquentine called the *New Endeavour*, which was originally a Baltic trader. After several years, the *New Endeavour* was made seaworthy enough to ply Sydney Harbour and the Australian Sail Training Association was formed. The *New Endeavour* then took charter cruises to help pay for ongoing restoration work as well as hosting non for profit groups such as scouts and underprivileged kids on free cruises on the harbour.

During this period Adrian also came across another couple of maritime based groups. One of those was Hermandad De La Costa, The Brotherhood of the Coast. Another was the League of Ancient Mariners.

Adrian owned several boats including one of the G series MSB workboats Goolberri which were sold off after the closure of Cockatoo Island as a working dockyard. After his retirement in 2007, Adrian spent much of his spare time helping out a mate who worked out of Halvorsen's boat shed at Putney, where he lent his electrical skills to assist in repairs and maintenance.



Adrian enjoyed many decades attending the League of Ancient Mariners functions and encouraged a group of family and friends to share these days, inviting many guests over the years.

*With thanks to Andrew Hoogvliet*