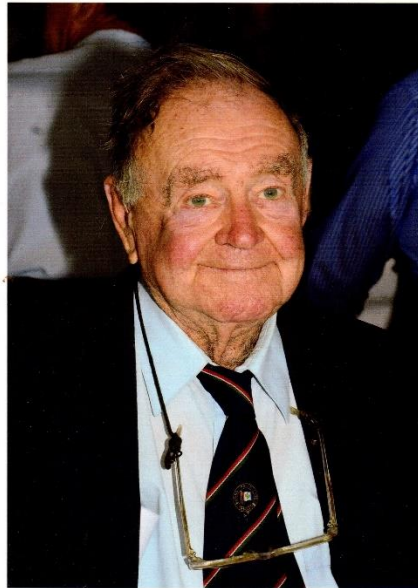


Captain John “Snow” Ealey

16-Sep-1928 – 18-Aug-2022

Roll. No. 98

Member of the League



Captain Snow Ealey was born in Sydney Australia and attended Barker College. He left school in 1945 without finishing his leaving certificate to go to sea as a cadet on the Burns Philp ship, *Marella*. He sailed on many Burns Philp ships and met his future wife Pat (deceased) on the *Malaita*. He completed his ocean going master's certificate and was given his first command by Burns Philp becoming master of cargo / passenger ships including the *Bulolo* and *Tulagi*.

After serving with other shipping lines, Captain Ealey came ashore in 1971 and joined the *Sydney and Botany Bay Pilot Service* which included relieving stints in Port Kembla and Newcastle. He retired as senior pilot in 1988 after piloting the lead ship, *Soren Larsen*, into Sydney Harbour for the Australia Day bicentenary First Fleet re-enactment.

In retirement Captain Ealey now had a lot of time to spend on his sailboat which included sailing his Clansman solo to Lord Howe Island (14 times), Noumea (4 times), Vanuatu once as well as numerous coastal trips. He was a proud member of the League of Ancient Mariners and enjoyed attending the annual Burns Philp reunions and the Barbound lunches. His greatest joy came from being a Grandpa to his son, Hugh's three children, Cameron, Sean and Hannah which included babysitting, days on the boat and many family dinners.

Having been a resident at the RSL Lifecare 'War Vets' Retirement Village for 15 years, Captain Ealey passed away at Northern Beaches Hospital after a short illness just shy of his 94th birthday.