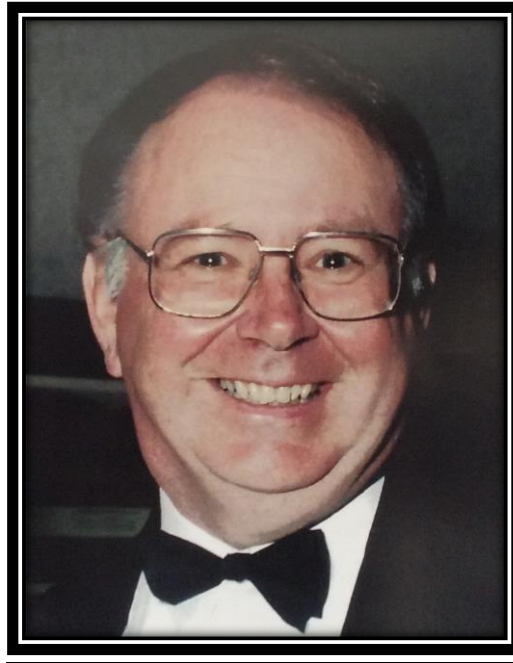


## Captain Malcolm Howard Murray

1<sup>st</sup> May 1944 – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Member of the League

Roll No.188



Malcolm was born in Prestwich a borough of Greater Manchester but mainly brought up on the Wirral Peninsular. Living in West Kirby he was very close to the river Dee and the local seaside lake. He worked in his holidays for the local boat hire company.

He was not an academic scholar but much more of practical person and H.M.S “Conway” suited him. He joined in 1958 and three years later (1961) did manage to leave with a First Class Passing-Out Certificate, was J.J.C. of the Bosun’s Store and Captain of Hockey.

He joined the Shaw Savill line in 1961 as an apprentice deck officer and remained with them until 1970 as a Chief Officer and with a Master Ticket prior to immigrating to Australia.

During his time coasting in 1969 he built himself a racing hovercraft and on arriving in Australia in 1970 went to Adelaide for a short while to be employed

by a Hovercraft Manufacturing company. He spent his weekends learning to fly light aircraft.

Being no real future in the hovercraft company he went to Sydney to be employed by Westminster Dredging where a large Hopper Suction Dredge was being built in Newcastle (Aust). He was employed at the latter part of the building of the vessel and was Master until 1979. During his leaves he studied for a Diploma in Commercial Shipping Practise.

He swallowed the anchor 1979 and joined the Commonwealth Department of Transport in Sydney as Surveyor, Examiner of Masters and Mates and a Compass Adjuster.

In 1982 he was offered a position in a private surveying company, and he was to be with that employment until he retired in 2004 at the age of 60 having sold his company.

Whilst marine surveying is a 24-hour seven day a week occupation it did not stop him partaking in other maritime activities. He was a Member of the Company of Master Mariners since 1976 and had many positions with the Company including Branch Master, Federal Treasurer, Branch Auditor and was made an Honorary Member for services rendered.

He was a member of the League of Ancient Mariners of NSW.

He was a founding member of the Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors, a founding Member of the Australian Sail Training Association, a Member of the Nautical Institute (London), President of the Navigators Group at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Justice of the Peace, and member of the Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Association.

Somehow, he was able to fit in time sailing his yacht with his family on the family on the Harbour,

During this busy time in his life, he was instrumental, with a number of other Old Conway's, to form the N.S.W. Branch and was the secretary for many years. He had placed an engraved paving stone for Old Conway's in the North Head Memorial Walk overlooking the entrance to Port Jackson.

From since childhood Malcolm was a maker of working maritime craft and these were powered by steam, electricity, petrol, or sail. The models went from a variety of shapes and sizes to the somewhat bizarre – Ekranoplan.

On retiring Malcolm became heavily involved with “Sailability” (Sailing for the disabled) for fourteen years. He also raced in the 2009 World Master’s games.

In retirement Malcolm and his wife Laurie were able to enjoy much world travel and their last venture was on the five masted fully rigged ship “Royal Clipper” sailing in the Mediterranean.

Malcolm passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 after complications from Melanoma surgery.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie, daughter, Amanda, and three grandchildren.