

Capt Mark Walsh

31 October 1933 – 17 May 2018

An enigma perhaps but a damn fine Ship's Captain Captain Edmond Mark Walsh passed away 17th May 2018 after a battle with kidney disease. Born in India in 1933, schooled in Sydney at St Joseph's College Hunter's Hill where a service was held on Wednesday 23rd May to celebrate his life.

Both Mark's father and grandfather's were Merchant Mariner's and Harbour Master's. The only son in the family, Mark followed in his father's footsteps serving his time with the famous British India Company. He ultimately joined Howard Smith Industries where he rose to Commodore Captain a position he held for some 20 years. A very loyal Company man he obtained exemptions for ports throughout Australia with an outstanding unblemished record.

He ran a tight ship, which drew respect from his crew. There were never Industrial issues that he could not manage himself. The word enigma is used with respect because he was known to be someone that kept his own Council, never looking for praise Mark gained an interest in computers in their infancy and encouraged their use when most of us saw them as a creation of the devil.

He took over the Secretaryship of the Ancient Mariners when Sid Cheseman retired and started up our website. Unfortunately his health was deteriorating making it short term.

He was a good man.

From Captain Alan Tait OAM Past President of the League.