

Capt Michael Thomas de Meaune

Capt Michael Thomas de Meaune passed away on the 29th August, 2018. He was in his late eighties and had been in a Care Home in Elizabeth Bay, Sydney for a number of years, suffering from dementia. Year of birth understood to have been 1932.

As Michael Thomas, he attended HMS Conway and joined P&O as a Deck Cadet in 1948, but in the mid 1950's he changed his name to Michael Thomas de Meaune after a distant relative.

He left P&O around 1957 and moved to Australia where he continued his seagoing career with BHP, achieving command in 1972. In the mid 1970's he left the sea and joined the Australian Department of Trade as a Surveyor and Examiner of Masters and Mates. Later, he was a Foundation Member and Director of the School of Navigation in Sydney.

He held the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve.