

Captain Neil Aiton

February 21, 1938 – April 7, 2019

Born in Giffnock, Scotland, Neil Aiton at age 16 went to pre-sea college. At 17 he joined Blue Funnel Line.

He subsequently gained his Master's and Extra Master's, and later qualified as a Licensed Compass Adjuster.

He met Rae who was to become his wife who was a passenger on a Blue Funnel Ship and married in Sydney in September 1962. They settled in Glasgow for two years before relocating to Australia.

In Sydney, Captain Aiton first worked as a lecturer in maritime studies at Sydney Technical College. He then joined the firm of Gibson & Minto, surveyors, a firm which later became Gibson, Minto & Aiton.

Family life with Rae and sons Scott and Stuart centred around living by the sea at Cronulla. Retiring in 2007, Captain Aiton kept up his interest in the goings-on of the firm and all maritime affairs and in playing golf.

Captain Aiton is distinguished as Number 2 on the Member Roll of the League.

With thanks to Neil's son Scott, also a member of Gibson, Minto and Aiton.