

Captain Peter Alfred CROFT

15/08/1940 – 11/05/2025

Roll No.70



Born on 15th August 1940 in Hay and later relocated to Sydney's North Shore. He was educated at Marist Brothers North Sydney.

His working life began as an apprentice marine diesel mechanic with Stannard Brothers in Lavender Bay. He remained with Stannard Brothers as his career progressed, moving from the engine room to the launch, ferry and tug departments.

He later joined the Maritime Services Board as a launch driver, undertaking relief work with the pilots and oil inspectors' departments, where he rose to the rank of Captain.

Among his many proud memories were his involvement in the Royal Australian Navy 75th Anniversary celebrations in 1986 and the Bicentennial year of 1988.

He retired in 1995.

Away from the water, he was a life member of the North Shore Australian Football Club. Having made his debut in first grade at 15 and going on to become an NSW State representative player.

He married Leila (dec) in 1968, and together they built a loving family, raising three daughters.

After his retirement, he maintained his harbour connections as a member of the Ancient Mariners League, where he was a familiar face at the yearly cruise luncheons, sharing stories and laughter.

Capt. Peter Croft crossed the bar on 11 May 2025 after a brave battle with cancer surrounded by his daughters.