

Captain Terence (Terry) Clyde James Mace

02/03/1936 - 05/12/2022

Joined the League 14/03/2000

Roll No. 201

Terry started his career in 1951 as a 15-year-old Deck Boy with Nicholson Bros. Balmain, who operated ferries, cargo handling vessels and launches. At the age of 18 he obtained his Coxswain & Drivers Certificate and was given his first command, the 200 passenger ferry 'Promote', which plied the route between Erskine Street wharf in the city to Balmain.

Terry went on to attain higher certificates and worked with various small tugboat operators including Harbour & Lighterage, Bailey & Jorgenson and Stannard Bros. He also had stints with Sydney Harbour Ferries as a ferry Captain. These were the days of wonderful old, graceful wooden ferries with open engine rooms, such as the Lady Class of ferries. All these jobs building towards getting the opportunity for a position as a Tug Master on the large tugs, which he did in 1974, going to work for Fenwicks, Waratah and eventually Adsteam Marine.

Terry worked in the tugboat industry through great change. When he started there were a crew of five on board, this eventually whittled down to three. He witnessed many design changes in the vessels as well, from single screw to twin screw and then steering pods. He went from handling massive steering wheels to slide levers and eventually unilever controls.

Terry also did many coastal sea tows and salvage work during his time as tug master. Some notable events such as the towing of tunnel sections from Port Kembla to Port Jackson as part of the Sydney Harbour Tunnel Project and the salvage of the tanker "Kuros" which was grounded on Wanda Beach during a massive storm. He was also passionate about maritime workers rights and active in improving wages and conditions through the union movement.

Terry had a fitting end to his career by volunteering to serve with Sydney Heritage Fleet, highlighted by his command of the steam tug "Waratah".

In Summary, Terry worked through a golden time for the industry making many great memories and friendships for himself and his family. He has left as lasting legacy.

Devoted and beloved husband of Lorenza. Loving and adored father & father-in-law to Kim & Jim, Les & Louise, Chris & Jane and Alan & Jane. Tenderly loved and adored by all his grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Thanks to Chris Mace for this tribute.