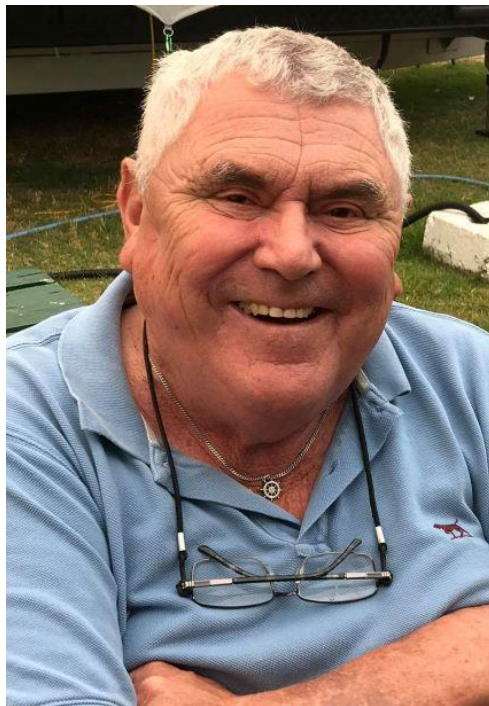


**Captain Victor B Souter**  
**Crossed the Bar 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**Member of the league**  
**Roll No. 269**



**Captain Souter** was a retired skipper on Sydney Harbour, also a former skiff sailor and model boat builder.

From Lt Cdr Robert McMahon

I met Vic Souter in 1981 when I purchased a charter boat MV Vagabond II moored at the Berry's Bay Marina at Waverton in Sydney Harbour.

Vic owned the MV Walsh Bay, moored at an adjacent berth in Berry's Bay Marina and we got to know each other quite well during this time.

Vic was a sociable and likeable person with a rough & ready sense of humour, and he was often outspoken on maritime issues in relation to charter boats issues, authority, and Sydney Harbour in general.

Vic was a very experienced boat handler and was expert at perfectly manoeuvring his vessel stern first into a very tight berth at the marina and perfectly controlling his single screw vessel at other places with limited space, often under high wind and adverse weather conditions.

Vic was a family man and he and his family ran a successful charter boat business called Walsh Bay Cruises, named after the historic maritime precinct Walsh Bay, stretching from Dawes Point under the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Millers Point adjoining the Barangaroo precinct on Sydney Harbour.

Captain Vic Souter possessed an intimate local knowledge of the lesser navigated bays and areas of Sydney Harbour and for example he could safely navigate the upper reaches of the Lane Cove River and other areas of interest for the enjoyment of his guests on board. In due course Vic sold his Charter Boat business and became a Skipper with Captain Cook Cruises.

During this time Captain Vic Souter became the Lead Skipper in the old Hegarty Ferry Service acquired by Captain Trevor Haworth covering the North Sydney and McMahons' Point service with intermediate stops at Lavender Bay, Luna Park, Jeffrey Street and Kirribilli wharves.

Vic was a strong supporter of the League of Ancient Mariners, and I was fortunate to keep up my contact with him on the annual LOAM cruises.

*Lt Cdr Robert McMahon.*