

**Pierre Oribert**  
**05 January 1937- 16 July 2024**  
**Roll No. 231**  
**Member of the League**



Pierre completed his Baccaulaureate in September 1955 prior to joining St Servans Sea School to attend a special preparatory class named “Hydro” preparing for the entrance examination to the National Merchant Marine School.

During the summer holidays of 1956 {July-August} Pierre had the opportunity to embark on the passenger/cargo vessel **MS Ile Maurice** of Nouvelle Compagnie Havraise Peninsulaire {NCHP} as a “pilotin” (apprentice), for a round trip to Malagasy and the islands.

In September 1956 Pierre sat for the entrance exam to the Merchant Marine School and was admitted to the Marseilles School for the two-year course to become a Cadet Officer.

In the 1957 summer holidays joined another NCHP vessel **MS Ville de Tananarive** for another voyage. From 1958 to 1960 did various voyages with NCHP.

In August 1960 Pierre joined Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes commonly named MM. He then entered the French Navy in March 1961 for his compulsory Military Service at the Toulon Naval Base. In September 1962 to January 1963 worked at MM Head Office in Paris, before doing an internship at MM agencies in London and the French ports of Marseille, La Havre and Dunkirk with a North European voyage on **MS Gange**.

Pierre was appointed Assistant Manager in charge of cargo ship operations and commercial at MM Singapore Agency from July 1964 to July 1968. In December 1968 he was transferred to Bombay {now Mumbai} as Assistant to the General Representative for India, Burma {Myanmar} and Sri Lanka Area which was following a few months holiday before returning to Head Office Paris working in marketing in the Pacific Division.

In July 1972 Pierre commenced his Sydney assignment, first as Assistant to the General Representative for the Pacific Area, then as Manager for a subsidiary called Union Maritime du Pacifique Sud {UMPS}.

In May 1983 Pierre was appointed to Jakarta as Shipowner Representative in Indonesia for MM and then CGM. In February 1986 he returned to Sydney as Manager of the MM Branch and Director on the Board of Seabridge Australia Pty Ltd until November 1988 when he became Manager MM/CGM Branch in Noumea New Caledonia. In February 1990 Pierre returned to Sydney as Manager Australia, New Zealand and PNG for CGM and Director on the Board of Seabridge Pty Ltd.

In December 1993 Pierre took early retirement and settled in Sydney with his wife Marie-Laurence. Annually they returned to Quiberon France during the Australian winter, where unfortunately Pierre suffered a debilitating stroke.

Pierre was a long time member of the League having joined in 1998.