



John Gerard Dalton

Gerry Dalton started work in the Marine Superintendents Dept. at the Cunard building in Liverpool on the 14th April 1930.

He was called up in 1939 and spent the war with the RAF before returning to Cunard in Oct. '46. He was then principally involved with the engagement of cadets and navigating officers. In 1952 he transferred to the General Manager's office where he worked on crew labour matters. He became Assistant Manager of the Liverpool District office in 1962, responsible for the two passenger ships as well as the cargo ships and also those of associated companies such as Port Line.

On Cunard's big move to Southampton in 1966, Gerry stayed on in Liverpool as Manager of the District office. He finally joined his colleagues in Southampton in 1967, becoming Operations Manager in charge of marine operations.

He retired in Nov. 1975, at Cunard's compulsory retirement age of 63.

Gerry joined the SMMC in 1969 and was appointed Honorary Life Member in January 2005. (pictured above)

Gerry was a regular attendee in the club room on a Friday lunchtime and, as his sight and hearing failed, would be delivered and collected by his daughter, Jean. She said that Gerry was determined to see out his 100th birthday on 8th November 2012 and, as reported in the last edition, a small party was held in the club room on 2nd November to celebrate the occasion. Small because Gerry insisted on no fuss but there were plenty of Cachalots there to share a congratulatory drink with him and Gerry stood and gave a short speech of thanks for their good wishes.

He went aloft on 13th December, just five weeks after his centenary, and a Service of Thanksgiving was held at the Chapel of St Andrew, Southampton Seafarers' Centre, which was Gerry's regular place of worship, on 3rd January 2013.