

CAPTAIN PETER WATKIN ROBERTS SMITH

Peter, who died on November 19th, was born in Chester in 1926 and educated in North Wales. He joined the Merchant Navy with the British India Steam Navigation Company as a cadet in 1943 and served during the war on convoys out of Liverpool. He gained his first command in 1963 as Captain of the oil tanker *Ellora* and transferred to the newly formed Trident Tankers. He joined shore staff in 1965 and went on to lead PanOcean Shipping and Terminals Ltd, a joint venture between P&O and Ocean to run chemical carriers. He formed PAL Shipping Services Ltd in 1982 and retired in 1985.

During his life ashore Peter contributed greatly to programmes, such as Sealife, to improve ship manning and seamen's conditions for which he was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal in 1977 (one of only 40 in the UK shipping industry) and the OBE in 1984. Peter was admitted to the Honourable Company of Master Mariners 1970.

He frequently visited the Southampton Club room with his brother, James Wilson Smith, in the seventies and eighties and hugely enjoyed many Sea Pie Suppers during those years.

He will be remembered as a charming gentleman and is sadly missed.

Condolences to his wife Brenda, children Jill and Nigel and all his family.