



### **Captain Peter Joseph Stead**

Past Captain Peter Stead, who was Captain of the Club in 1995 and is pictured above on the bridge of his ship on his last trip up the Solent prior to his retirement in 1992, went aloft on the 9th April.

Peter went to Warsash in 1948 and joined P&O as a cadet the following year. In 1953 he joined Union Castle as a junior officer and in '57 moved to Elders & Fyffe's. He joined Texaco in 1961 and spent the rest of his career with them, serving twenty years as Master. He represented the company in the Gulf, being appointed Vice President and General Manager of Texaco Arabia from 1984 - 87.

As well as being a Cachalot, he was a Liveryman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, and was granted the Freedom of the City of London in 1988. He was also Younger Brother of Trinity House and a Fellow of the Nautical Institute. He was a life-long Freemason and a staunch supporter of the Sea Cadets.

He lived with his wife Jill and their family in Romsey and at Romsey Abbey on the 23rd April 2013 Peter kept his last watch, from 1000 - 1400, his coffin draped with the Club Ensign and topped with his uniform cap and a floral anchor. The moving Service of Thanksgiving that followed was well attended by Cachalots and their spouses, twenty in all, including eight Past Captains. There were family tributes from both his daughters and readings of his favourite poems, including a poignant rendition of Kipling's 'If' from two of his grand-children.

Following a private family burial at Woodley Cemetary, the family joined members of the congregation at a nearby Romsey Hotel to remember a fine man, seaman and shipmate.

Our condolences to Jill, his daughters Joanne and Wendy and his grand children, Alastair, Rachel and Andrew.