



**Richard E.A.Bayley**

**12.1.1929 - 23.4.2010**

Captain R.E.A.Bayley, the Club's Senior Past Captain died on April 23rd. 2010.

Richard commenced his pre-sea training at the School of Navigation, Swaythling (subsequently Warsash Nautical College) in January 1945 and went to sea with Shell Tankers as a Cadet. Thereafter he joined Blue Star Line and returned to the college for his various Certificates of Competency. On obtaining his Masters Certificate he joined the Southampton Master Mariners' Club in 1957 and was appointed Club Captain in 1963 at the age of 34 - the youngest Captain in our history.

Shortly after qualifying as Master, Richard came ashore and became a Director of J.Kirkaldy & Son , a supplier of marine paints in Southampton and he was always a welcome visitor in the offices of the numerous Marine Superintendents throughout the port city.

A keen golfer he was a long standing member, and onetime President (1994), of the Southampton Shipping Golf Society and a member of several other clubs in Hampshire.

Richard played an active part in the life of his local community and this was reflected in the huge turnout at his funeral in Romsey Abbey on May 11th. 2010.

Richard's first wife, Barbara, died suddenly in 2005 and Richard subsequently married Joyce. To her, his daughter Wendy and other family members we send our sincere condolences.