



### **Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald G.C.B.**

Sir Julian Oswald was appointed a “Stowaway” member of the Club in 1993 and was a frequent, and very welcome, guest at many Sea Pie Suppers before and after that time.

Born in Invergordon in 1933, he entered the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth in 1947 and subsequently served in the training cruiser “Devonshire” before joining the battleship “Vanguard” and later saw service in a frigate, aircraft carrier and a cruiser.

He was appointed to command of the minesweeper “Yarnton” in 1962 and promoted to Captain in 1973 when serving with the Ministry of Defence.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral in 1982 he served on the Defence Staff before being appointed Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Striking Fleet, the most senior sea-going appointment in the Royal Navy at that time. Appointments as Commander in Chief Fleet and NATO C-in-C Eastern Atlantic followed in 1987. In 1989, he was knighted and in 1991 Sir Julian was the “inspirational” First Sea Lord during the Gulf War.

In retirement he was the first Admiral to become chairman of a FTSE 100 company and devoted much of his time to the support of Service charities. His favourite recreation was gliding and as a qualified instructor he was credited with teaching some 1500 young people to fly.

A man of great charm and modesty with a deep religious conviction, Sir Julian died on July 19th. 2011 aged 77 and to Lady Oswald, their two sons and three daughters, the membership of the Southampton Master Mariners’ Club sends its sincere condolences.

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