Captain Alistair Campbell-Cant

Alistair was born in Glasgow on the 31st October 1931, the son of a master mariner. He attended a Glasgow grammar school, and decided to follow in his father's footsteps and was apprenticed to Lyle Shipping. He worked for several shipping companies finishing with the Cunard Line. He served on several Cunard ships of which the Caronia was his favourite. When he left the sea he was the navigating officer of the Queen Mary. With the advent of the Boeing 707, he realised that the days of the Ocean Liners regularly sailing across the North Atlantic were coming to an end. He was offered and accepted the position of Cunard's deputy cargo Superintendent and after a year was promoted to Cargo Superintendent. He eventually decided to leave Cunard and formed his own successful Marine surveying company, from which he retired nine years ago. He enjoyed living in his adoptive City of Southampton and his retreat, "Bosun's Cottage", in Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight. Alistair was an avid runner and walker. He liked listening to classical music, especially Mahler. He was a great authority on malt whiskies and I enjoyed many a dram with him. He was a member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners.

Alistair was a great friend to have, and will be sadly missed by myself and other friends. We offer condolences to Meg and his daughter Gillian. Rest in Peace old friend.

Barry Eagles