

## **ANDREW JOHN CHALMERS**

Andy Chalmers, who died on 17<sup>th</sup> July at the age of 74, went to sea in 1949 as an apprentice with Royal Mail Lines. He subsequently served with Ropner, Union Castle and General Steam Navigation until 1961, when he came ashore for five years working in the family business. He went back to sea in 1966 as a second officer with the Post Office (later British Telecom) cable ship fleet, which from 1974 was based at 203 berth, Southampton. He gained command in 1982, commanding CS Alert and CS Iris not only for the normal cable repair work in the North Sea/Atlantic area but also major telecoms and defence projects in the Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific. He took early retirement in 1990, and soon moved with his wife Fran to Spain, although he visited the UK every year for reunions and to visit the Club.

Andy was an excellent seaman and cable officer, a calm and understanding captain, and above all a gentleman. All of us from the BT fleet, officers and crew, who sailed with him will sadly miss him.

Barry Peck