



### **CAPTAIN EDWARD J KIRTON, M.B.E**

Many club members have read with sadness the news of "Eddie" Kirton's passing.

Born in Hull, he was posted to Southampton in the early 60's as Dock and Harbour Master by the then British Transport Dock Board and very soon he became an active member of the Club. He served as Club Captain in 1968.

As Dock and Harbour Master "Eddie" was always a very welcome guest at the weekly Thursday lunch hosted by the Area Marine Superintendent aboard the Union-Castle mailship when his lively conversation and humour enlivened many an occasion. For many years the host had assumed that a "can of Allsopps beer" was an adequate accompaniment to the sumptuous meal and the newly-appointed Assistant Marine Superintendent ( and the new Dock Superintendent, Cameron Smith) had little difficulty in persuading Captain Kirton to support their "revolution" to replace the cans of beer with bottles of South African wine. Although visibly shaken by the suggestion, Captain Hodson quickly agreed, and thereafter the luncheon conversations - and the meal - were even more enjoyable.

Captain Kirton died in Hull on 27th February .

He is remembered with affection by Club members and those who worked under him in the marine department at Southampton.

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