

Captain Keith David William Edwards

Keith was born in Nottinghamshire and after school joined P&O, attending the University of Plymouth for all his certificates of competency. As a deck officer he served with P&O Ferries then Thoreson Car Ferries before achieving his Master's Certificate of Competency in 1986. In the same year he joined Channel Island Ship Management as Master and in 1997 made the move ashore, initially as Ship Superintendent (Nautical) for Wightlink Ltd. After five years he moved on to Bluewater Marine Management Ltd as Operations Director for two years, then Meridian Marine Management Ltd as Fleet Operations Manager for two and a half years. In 2006 he joined Red Funnel Ferries Ltd as their Group Technical & Quality Director and in 2010 moved to Gosport Ferries Ltd as Director & General Manager until he retired shortly before he passed away.

Keith was a keen sportsman and supported and played with the cricket section of the Cachalot's, played golf. He also watched and supported his favourite football teams.

In October 2013 Keith was diagnosed with cancer of the throat and despite various surgery and medication which put him in remission, he was diagnosed with secondary cancer in October '14. Keith was taken ill again in late October 2015 and admitted to hospital but sadly passed away just after his 60th birthday. He sent me a text on his birthday to say he had made it!

Keith and Sharon, his second wife enjoyed a large extended family. They enjoyed regular holidays with all the family in Greece and the Greek islands.

The numbers of family, friends and fellow Cachalot's who attended his funeral at Colbury Church bear testament to Keith as a true family man, friend to many and professional colleague to those that had the privilege to work with him.

He is sadly missed.

Captain Robin Plumley MBE