

Captain Stephen Thomas Samuel Household

Universally known in the seafaring world as Sam, Captain Household went aloft peacefully at home on Monday 11th January 2016, aged 82.

Born and raised in Harrow, he began his training on the TS Mercury on the Hamble at the age of 12. He joined the Strick Line in March 1950 as Cadet and rose through the ranks. He passed his Master (FG) in April 1961 and immediately went Chief Officer, being promoted to Master in March 1971 at the age of 37, and remained in command when Strick Line was absorbed into the P&O General Cargo Division in April 1972. He remained with P&O GCD through to the end of 1982, taking his last command there twice to the Falkland Islands during and in the aftermath of the conflict. He then transferred to the P&O Bulk Shipping Division as Master, serving there until his retirement in 1988.

Sam was a Fellow of the Nautical Institute, having joined early in the 1970s, and was a Council member 1979 – 1985, and a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 1983 – 2003. He was a founder member of the Solent Branch in 1975, serving as Vice-Chairman (Sea) in 1978 – 1980 and then for some years on the Committee.

Sam joined the Cachalots in September 1993, though in later years his failing health prevented him from coming in to the club room and joining in the functions.

Sam is remembered by all who sailed with him as a gentleman and fun loving character.

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