

## Mariner's Wharf

In a very pleasant and popular restaurant in Hout Bay, south of Cape Town, lies Mariner's Wharf and emporium, owned by Stanley Dorman. Stanley has gathered a significant amount of memorabilia from the mailship era and has set aside the Union-Castle Dining Room in the restaurant. This room contains a wide selection of posters and artefacts dedicated to Union-Castle, including a builder's model of Pendennis Castle.

There is also an elegy from Captain J.P. Malley of the Cape Town Master Mariners' Club recording his thoughts on the demise of the service.

It was written by him in October 1977 and appeared in the *Journal of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners*, of which he was a member.

The signed copy was presented by him in February 1988, during a visit to view the artefacts there.

No stately ships to leave our shores,  
No sumptuous dinners with 'petit fours',  
No waiting for a ship's run,  
No games on deck which were such fun,

No 'Legs eleven' or 'Kelly's eye',  
No 'Shake the bag' and give a sigh,  
No walks on deck in early morn,  
No purser's jokes tho' rather worn,

No Captain's table for the 'nobs',  
No luxury cabin for one time snobs,  
No tourist class for the hoi polloi,  
No young people for this to enjoy,

No Captain's dinner t'wards end of trip,  
No eager stewards for service to tip,  
No Southern Cross to woo the lasses,  
No cheery chink of barman's glasses,

No 'Gangway up, the ship's to sail',  
No first trippers looking pale,  
No Father Neptune crossing the Line,  
No fond memories on which to pine,

No thrill arriving at next port,  
No little gifts usually bought,  
No fond farewells, no pledge of friendships'  
No more alas-our beloved Mailships.