

Michael Richard Godfrey

Mike Godfrey went to sea in Shaw Savile Line, serving on both the cargo and passenger ships, and then 1974 he moved to P&O Southern Ferries as Second Officer and then Chief Officer on the Panther on the Southampton – San Sebastian route. He also served on the Eagle on the Southampton – Lisbon route during 1975.

In the spring of 1976 he rejoined the Panther, now sailing as the Terje Vigen on charter to J A Reinecke on the Aarhus – Oslo Line route, as Chief Officer/Relief Master, and continued to the end of the charter in March 1977. He was then promoted Master on the P&O freight ferry Dorset on charter to Brittany Ferries on the Poole – Cherbourg route, serving back to back with Cachalot Captain Gordon Renshawe. When that charter ended Mike was appointed Master in the rapidly expanding P&O Ferrymasters freight ferries fleet on their North Sea and Irish Sea routes, where he remained until retirement.

Mike came from Totton and lived there and in Bishops Waltham for most of his working life. He joined the Cachalots in March 1974 and was a frequent attendee at Sea Pie Supper. His wife Liz came from Cumbria and they moved there to near Penrith to enjoy their retirement. He was a keen cyclist and was fit and well until the last three weeks and went aloft on 15th September aged 76.