

Paul John Moodie

Captain Paul Moodie was born in Australia on 6th February 1949, and lived there until he went to sea at the age of 17 with Blue Star Line. His cadet training and all his certificates were studied at Warsash School of Navigation. He later served with Hudson Steamship Company and North Sea rig supply vessels before finally joining the then Post Office Marine Division on 11th December 1980 as a Navigating Officer on CS Iris. He was part of the relief crew for CS Iris during her service in the South Atlantic in 1982 following the end of hostilities. He remained with the cable ships through the company name changes which became Global Marine Services Ltd, serving in all ranks until being promoted to Master on 21st June 1999, once again on CS Iris.

Eventually the heart condition he had contracted some years before forced him to take early retirement from seagoing, whereupon he joined ABP as a VTS officer. When full retirement came he spent some time doing charity work for the Fire Fighters and the Southampton branch of the Mission to Seafarers, and for several years was an usher at the Shipping Festival Service.

Paul's long standing heart condition became serious in May and he spent a number of weeks in the Queen Alexandra Hospital before being moved to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice where he went aloft during the evening of Thursday 18th July.

Paul was an excellent ship handler and was liked and respected in all ranks as well as being a good shipmate. He was always cheerful with an enormous collection of jokes, and could be guaranteed to raise a laugh at any time. He will be greatly missed.