

Leslie Street was a Master Mariner who attended Boulevard pre-sea training in Hull and first worked on trawlers before serving his time as a cadet with Bank Line. He progressed his career through to Master with Fred Olsen Line, Manchester Liners, Post Office Cable ships, Court Line and Blandford Shipping, serving on cargo ships, tankers, bulk carriers and passenger ships. After three years as Master with Thome Shipmanagement he came ashore and tried hotel and public house ownership without success before working in port control in Poole. Then on to Colchester as Harbour Master/Pilot before ending his career with 16 years as a Thames Pilot with the PLA, 13 of them as 1st Class. He retired in 2007 and lived with his wife Jill near Sherborne in Dorset.

Les joined the Club in 2014 and said at the time that he enjoyed being in the company of people in the same profession because hearing them talk helped to jog his failing memory. Sadly, he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2010 and became gradually without memories.

Whilst in Yeovil Hospital recovering from pneumonia he contracted Covid-19 and was then transferred to a Covid ward in Swanage Hospital where he "Went Aloft" on the 19th November 2020.

He will be greatly missed and our condolences go to his wife Jill and their family.