

## Gone Aloft

### Cdr Rupert Thomas Nicholas Best DL RN

Rupert Best, who went aloft on 3rd February, aged 77, served in the submarine service from Lieutenant (1966) to Commander (1989) and was Captain of HMS COURAGEOUS during the Falklands War. He was a Younger Brother of Trinity House and later became a Director of Portland Port and Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset.

### Robert D Seago

Bob Seago, who went aloft on Christmas Day last, served his time as an apprentice draughtsman at Swan Hunter's shipyard at Wallsend on Tyneside before being called up for National Service in the RAF. He returned to Swan Hunter and then became a Dept of Transport Ship Surveyor based in the Newcastle upon Tyne office.

After he moved south he joined The Cachalots as a Messmate in 1986. He was then Principal Ship Surveyor at the D.O.T. He served as a Harpooner on the then Church Committee until 1999.

He was for many years an active Mason in Craft and Chapter as well as being in Rose Choir and Knights Templar. He was organist in many Lodges.

Bob developed dementia in his later years and was looked after at his home in Chandlers Ford by his two daughters, Pauline and Jillian. He will be missed, particularly by his near neighbour, fellow widower and long time friend of over 60 years, Cachalot Tommy Turner.