

## **Captain A A Melia**



**Tony Melia**, who went aloft on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, aged 86, was a Master Mariner who sailed with Union Castle and Clan Line.

Cachalot Mike Morley said, “It’s been 57 years since we both sailed on the Braemar Castle from London to Durban and back, a voyage which took three months! Alan was a good friend and shipmate, always quite reserved, always a gentleman and without a blemish – all Alan’s former shipmates have exactly the same recall.”

He came ashore to work for Solent Containers in Southampton and then with the MOD at Thatcham, retiring in 1997 and moving to Itchen Abbas.

He joined the Club in 1993 and was a regular at the Sea Pie Suppers.