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Branch Master

Branch Master's Report – July 2021

On behalf of the Branch, please find below the Branch Masters report for July 2021. We continue with hosting the monthly branch general meeting followed by Key Note Speaker presentation every last Wednesday of the month. This month we changed the format and instead hosted an open forum discussion on the topic of Automated Vessels - Are they the future? Although, we are still within a pandemic, our membership has been very lucky to continue with our events as business as usual. However, we do see a downward trend in attendance this year which is somewhat understandable given the uncertainty and caution generated by almost daily COVID-19 restriction changes.

Branch Court

This month we held our court and general meeting at the “Flying Angel Club”, followed by the general meeting. The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to affect us here in Australia and globally, however, being here in Western Australia we are really quite lucky. We must still not get complacent in these times and focus on long term objectives specific to economy downturn and loss of employment that the entire industry is currently facing. We held our court meeting prior to the general meeting as always and below agenda followed.

- Review of Last Minutes - BM thanked the court for their attendance (Last Meeting June 2021).
- Review of Registrar's report / Review of Secretary's report / Review of Treasurer's Report
- Update from Federal Secretary – Next Federal Committee meeting scheduled for Sept 2021.
- Update from WA Branch Secretary – Correspondence from last month/new applications etc..
- Update from Task Force and Social Coordinator
- Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business

BM Update

Our new Task Force has been busy creating and sending out a survey to all our members which has so far generated 14 responses. I urge every member to please take some time

and take the survey so that we ‘the court’ can better support the membership and understand new ways to support our branch objectives. Special thanks go out to Capt. Peter Bartlett and Capt. David Heppingstone for speaking to Capital Radio on Saturday 10th July 2021. The discussion/topic was very well received with content on enlightening the listeners to both the plight of seafarers and the existence of marine expertise and knowledge here in WA at CoMMA.

General Meeting

We held the general meeting straight after our short session socialising at the bar, followed by our Open Forum discussion led by myself (Capt. Zubin Bhada) with support from Capt. Simon Healy. The general meeting followed the standard format.

- BM update from last month’s session
- Review of Registrar’s report / Review of Secretary’s report / Review of Treasurer’s Report
- Update from Federal Secretary, WA Branch Secretary including correspondence (in/out)
- Update from Social Coordinator – Planning for Annual Dinner celebration in Oct/Nov 2021 has begun, and WMD celebrations have been postponed to 12 March 2022.
- Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business.



Points West

Our in-house newsletter “Points West” continues to grow and deliver exceptional quality articles and information for our members. Special thanks go out to our very own “Mark Beal” (our editor of Points West) who continues to prepare and publish our great ‘Points West’ newsletter. Please do send in articles and/or stories that we can share with our membership.

General News

I would like to thank the membership for their patience and their continued support for us using the FAC as our venue to conduct our membership meetings. In other news:

- Task Group formed under the leadership of Frank K are continuing their review of the actions required to address the terms of reference items. Members reminded to please complete the survey sent out by Branch Court.
- The Federal Journal “Master Mariner” next edition will be out by Q4/2021, hence request all members to please send in articles to Carol. The theme for the next edition is “Australian Shipping and its future”. All articles / information welcome –members to please submit.
- Draft Constitution as agreed by Federal Court was sent out to all branches for their review/vote. WA Branch provided their votes to the Fed. Secretary in July 2021.
- BM along with the court team will review the potential to have virtual general meeting capability.

Open Forum Discussion (in-lieu of keynote speaker session)

Instead of inviting a Guest Speaker to address the July meeting we had an Open Forum Discussion on the topic of “Automated Vessels - Are they the future?”. A series of slides presented on Automation including the definition of Autonomous and types of autonomous process was discussed. Some questions that were asked during the session were:

1. What does Autonomous Shipping Mean for the Australian Marine Industry?
2. How will Autonomous Deep-Sea Shipping co-exist with Manned Coastal Shipping or Commercial Manned Deep-Sea Shipping and Non-Commercial Vessels?
3. Who ‘carries the can’ as Master of an Autonomous Vessel? Where does the buck stop?
4. Will Deep Sea Autonomous Shipping reduce risk of collision and other serious incidents?
5. Will there be significant cost savings by removing manning from Deep Sea vessels?
6. How will Maritime Skills be affected?
7. Will underwriters see reduced claims from an Autonomous Fleet?
8. How do Coastal states maintain vessel standards in their waters and legislate accordingly?
9. How will Maritime Safety get impacted by Autonomous Shipping?



Lots of good discussion was had and although no actions noted the discussion held were found to be informative and provided a different theme from the usual keynote speaker type presentations. The court member team and I would like to hear comments from the membership on this new form of interactive discussion.

In closing, I would like to thank all members for their continued effort and support in keeping our branch live and active through this current pandemic. Please stay safe in these challenging times of COVID and do reach out to me and/or any court member if you require any support during these times.

Capt. Zubin Bhada (AFNI)
Branch Master

End of Report

NEWS AND VIEWS

Update from Branch Master – July 2021



Golden Horizon Starts Maiden Voyage Before Aussie Visit

Introducing the World's largest square-rigged sailing vessel, Golden Horizon. A near replica of the 1913-built ocean vessel, France II, she retains the charm, adventure and romance of an historic ship.

After two false starts, Tradewind Voyages' five-masted square rigger, **GOLDEN HORIZON**, embarked on its first sailing from the British port of Portland this week with Sydney still on the schedule for later in the year.

The five-night 'Dress Rehearsal', operating at 50 per cent capacity in line with England's Covid restrictions, will sail along the south coast of England to Cornwall and back before embarking on a series of voyages around England's shores. But the much-anticipated Australia circumnavigation of the world's biggest tall ship, originally built for Star Clippers but never sailing for the Monaco-based line due to a dispute with the Brodosplit shipyard in Croatia, remains on schedule...though the new wave of COVID outbreaks in NSW have sparked concerns "No update on the 2021/2022 Australian season, so all is as scheduled.

The ship uses the wind and currents and follows the sun to allow adventure seekers to travel the world in a unique way. Our philosophy is to be powered by nature whenever possible and we intend to sail, without using propulsion, for around 70% of each season.



Australian Gov't Invites Expressions of Interest for Timor Sea FPSO Decommissioning

The Australian government on July 1 released a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Phase 1 works related to decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour FPSO (built 1999) currently at Laminaria-Corallina oil fields in the Timor Sea.

After the offshore fields' owner, Northern Oil & Gas Australia (NOGA), went into liquidation in 2019, the government was left with the responsibility of removing the giant floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel and restoring the Laminaria-Corallina oil fields in the Timor Sea. Resources, Water and Northern Australia Minister Keith Pitt said the Request for Expressions of Interest was the next step in the process to disconnect and decommission the Northern Endeavour from oilfields in the Timor Sea.

The government has invited qualified and experienced organizations to demonstrate their capability and capacity to undertake the Phase 1 works to decommission and disconnect the FPSO from the related subsea equipment.

"The Australian Government committed to decommissioning the Northern Endeavour last December to remove potential future risks to the environment," Minister Pitt said. "The Department intends to use this process to shortlist organizations for a more detailed Request for Proposal stage later in the year." Responses to the REOI are due before 2:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time, 29 July 2021.



Oceania Marine Energy and Kanfer Shipping sign Letter of Intent for world's first ammonia-ready LNG bunkering vessel in Australia

Oceania Marine Energy (Oceania), an Australian company focused on connecting natural resources and energy production to shipping industry, and Kanfer Shipping AS (Kanfer), the Norway-based shipping company focusing on small-scale LNG sea transportation and LNG bunkering have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to bring the world's first ammonia-ready LNG bunkering vessel to Australia.

Oceania and Kanfer aim to build a long-term zero emission sustainable shipping industry in Australia using LNG as the transition fuel and move towards green ammonia and methanol as the targeted fuel for bunkering vessels operating in the Northwest and Eastern ports of Australia.

Oceania is progressing its LNG bunker license applications with key port authorities and is engaging in preliminary talks with Australian natural gas and green ammonia. Oceania is collaborating with energy, shipping and industry partners to realise this opportunity.

"Australia is uniquely positioned to be the world leader in providing zero-carbon fuels to the shipping industry.

Senator Ben Small, Parliament of Australia, noted: "Australia's gas-fired COVID recovery, incorporating the Morrison Government's technology-not-taxes approach to emissions reduction, is clearly paying dividends with this exciting private sector announcement.

Serco supports RAN submarine rescue exercise for more than 20 years



For more than 20 years, Serco Australia has supported the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in undertaking the Collins Class submarine escape and rescue exercise, Black Carillon.

Conducted off the West Australian coast, exercise Black Carillon tests Collins Class submarine escape and rescue capability. Following Serco's participation in last year's extensive exercise, subsequent operational activities held this year involved one of the largest Serco-operated ships – MV Stoker.

"The Black Carillon exercise is a significant event for Serco each year, and their participation for more than two decades is testament to the strong partnership that has been built with the Navy.

The escape and rescue simulation involved deploying a Submarine Rescue System submersible to rescue crew from a disabled submarine before being lifted onto the deck of the MV Stoker.

Ageing livestock carriers pose high risk!



With an average of 41 years of age, these vessels are considered to significantly contribute to sea pollution, while at the same time causing high risks for the crew and animals. **Most of them are registered under black flags of convenience and approved as seaworthy by dubious companies.**

According to the report, only five of the 78 EU-certified vessels were built for the transport of live animals, while the others were previously used as container ships, ferries, or freighters.

"The global average age for scrapping vessels is 30 years. The evaluated vessels, however, already averaged 29 years when they were converted into EU-approved livestock carriers.

Moreover, 55 per cent of vessels sail under flags from risk and high-risk countries, according to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MoU). **53 of the vessels** have been detained multiple times by Paris MoU port state control, and more than two-thirds of the them are **classed by non-IACS class societies**. The privatized open registry of **Togo**, ranked third from the bottom of the black list, is the most popular flag service option.

Damning report emerges of the pilots onboard the Ever Given



The ship entered the canal in stormy conditions, with strong winds. A seafarer who was on a ship further ahead in the convoy told *Splash* that he experienced gusts of wind that day of up to 50 knots. The master of an LNG carrier the day prior had taken the decision to delay transiting, fearful of the inclement conditions. A few kilometres into *Ever Given's* transit, placed 13th in the 20-ship convoy, the 400 m long ship veered from port to starboard and back again. In response, according to court documents seen by *Businessweek*, the lead SCA pilot instructed the helmsman to steer hard right, then hard left.

"The *Ever Given's* vast hull took so long to respond that by the time it began to move, he needed to correct course again. When the second pilot objected, the two argued," the article states. The lead pilot then gave a new order: "Full ahead." The ship sped up to 13 knots, five knots faster than the canal's recommended speed limit. The two pilots continued to argue, with the lead pilot even threatening to leave the ship.

The increase in power created unforeseen problems in the shape of what is known as Bernoulli's principle, whereby a fluid's pressure goes down when its speed goes up. The ship's prow ended up lodged on the right bank of the canal, thrusting shipping into the mainstream media for the following week.

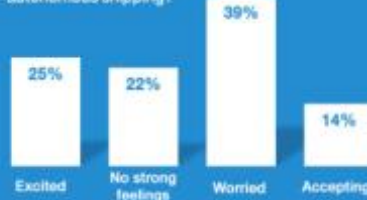
As the two SCA pilots readied to leave the ship in the wake of the accident, the pilots were heard to still be arguing between themselves. "These vessels are not supposed to enter," the lead pilot said. "Why did you let it enter?" his colleague responded.

Day of the Seafarer 25 June 2021

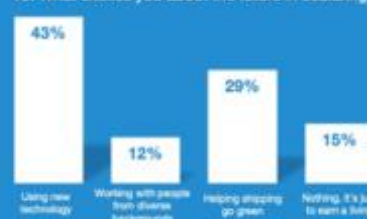
6. How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the future of seafaring?



5. How do you feel about autonomous shipping?



10. What excites you about the future in seafaring?



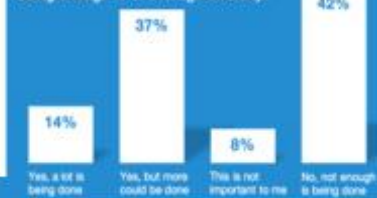
This year, Day of the Seafarer campaign calls for a fair future for seafarers.



1. What area most needs improvement to ensure a fair future for seafarers?



4. Do you think the maritime sector is doing enough to encourage diversity?



9. Do you feel adequately trained to tackle the challenges in shipping in the future?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI79z6tFUMk>

Day of Seafarer Video 2021



NOTE OF THANKS

April 2021



How will autonomy shape the shipping industry?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and autonomy are disrupting every sector including the maritime industry. However, it's no secret that it comes with its fair share of challenges – whether it's the high costs involved or the infancy of the concept.

1. Autonomy is now a necessity for the maritime industry to “remain relevant”. However, with autonomy comes the need for cybersecurity.
2. Collaboration with government will be key for autonomous trade
3. Autonomy will be an essential for reducing carbon emissions
4. Autonomy can save lives

AUTONOMOUS SHIPS OF THE FUTURE

Dr. A. B. Chary



How can we shape AI to create Autonomous Safe Shipping?

Success in automation and remote operation is achieved through continued **collaboration and partnership**. Shared learnings between industry and regulators enables success in industry and for regulatory development.

Uptake of automation and remote operation is driven by **environmentally friendly solutions and commercial efficiency**.

Proven and assured technology offers **better safety for people** and protection of Australia's marine environment.

Understanding risks and implementing risk controls for remotely operated and autonomous vessel technology is crucial to safe operations.

Building **assurance in the behaviours** and functions of a system, rather than specific technology, will define a 'safe system'.

Regulators need to **enable testing, trials and safe failure** of both technology and regulation.

Australian and international laws don't recognise remote and autonomous operation. However there is **flexibility and objective-based solutions** that allow remote and autonomous vessels to operate. These are often underutilised and present opportunities.

Automation and remote operation is happening today and **seafarers are essential** to its success. Jobs at sea are changing, with new opportunities emerging alongside technology.

Cyber security is an industry issue, but it's important to **regulate the need to detect**, respond and recover from a cyber-attack.



“Yara Birkeland” Worlds 1st Autonomous Ship.

The vessel YARA Birkeland will be the world’s first fully electric and autonomous container ship, with zero emissions. KONGSBERG is responsible for development and delivery of all key enabling technologies including the sensors and integration required for remote and autonomous ship operations, in addition to the electric drive, battery and propulsion control systems.

A 120 TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) open top container ship. It will be a fully battery powered solution, prepared for autonomous and unmanned operation. The vessel will reduce NOx and CO2 emissions by reducing diesel-powered truck transport by around 40,000 journeys per year.

The hull of the Yara Birkeland vessel was launched to sea in Romania in February 2020 and arrived at the Norwegian shipyard in May 2020 where she was to be fitted with various control- and navigation systems and undergo testing before delivery to Yara.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the changed global outlook, Yara has decided to pause further development of the vessel and will assess next steps together with its partners.



“Group Discussion”

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April 2021

Another study into an Australian ammonia fuel supply chain to get underway

AUGUST 13, 2021 BY SHIPPING AUSTRALIA



Pictured: the X-15 experimental rocket-aircraft. It used ammonia as its fuel. Photo credit: U.S. Air Force.

Interest in an Australian ammonia fuel supply chain is intensifying.

Tokyo, Japan, headquartered Mitsui OSK Lines has announced it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a joint study to build a supply chain of renewable energy-derived ammonia (green ammonia), with a major Australian energy company Origin Energy.

Origin is pursuing a number of green ammonia and hydrogen projects, including a green ammonia export project in Bell Bay, Tasmania, with first cargo targeted for 2026. MOL and Origin will complete a feasibility study on marine transportation of ammonia, demand in Japan and Asia and developing a supply chain by December of this year.

As a next-generation clean energy source that produces no carbon dioxide (CO₂) during combustion, and as a carrier for transporting hydrogen, ammonia is in the spotlight as a promising energy resource that can help meet the 2050 target set by the Japanese

government for achieving a carbon-neutral society. In addition, green ammonia-produced using a renewable energy source that emits no CO₂-can make a major contribution to reducing CO₂ in the supply chain.

Origin's general manager of future fuels, Tracey Boyes said, "Transport is one of the biggest opportunities globally to achieve emissions abatement through the use of green and renewable fuels such as hydrogen and ammonia.

"With our abundance of renewable resources and proximity to Asian markets, Australia is in the box seat to develop a world-leading hydrogen sector, exporting low emissions energy all over the world to meet demand for clean energy from our major trading partners. Many nations have committed to ambitious carbon targets, and partners such as Mitsui O.S.K Lines will be crucial to underpinning the development of a strong hydrogen sector here in Australia.

"Origin is in a strong position to leverage our expertise in LNG export and delivering complex major projects.

"We are delighted to start building a strong working relationship with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines to establish what opportunities there may be, both for future projects, or for projects that we are already investigating," Ms Boyes said.

The MOL Group aims at net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050. This is the second such study to get the green light in recent weeks. Earlier this month, a large international consortium including the Australian group, Woodside Energy, [announced that it would carry out a supply chain study](#) into ammonia as a fuel.



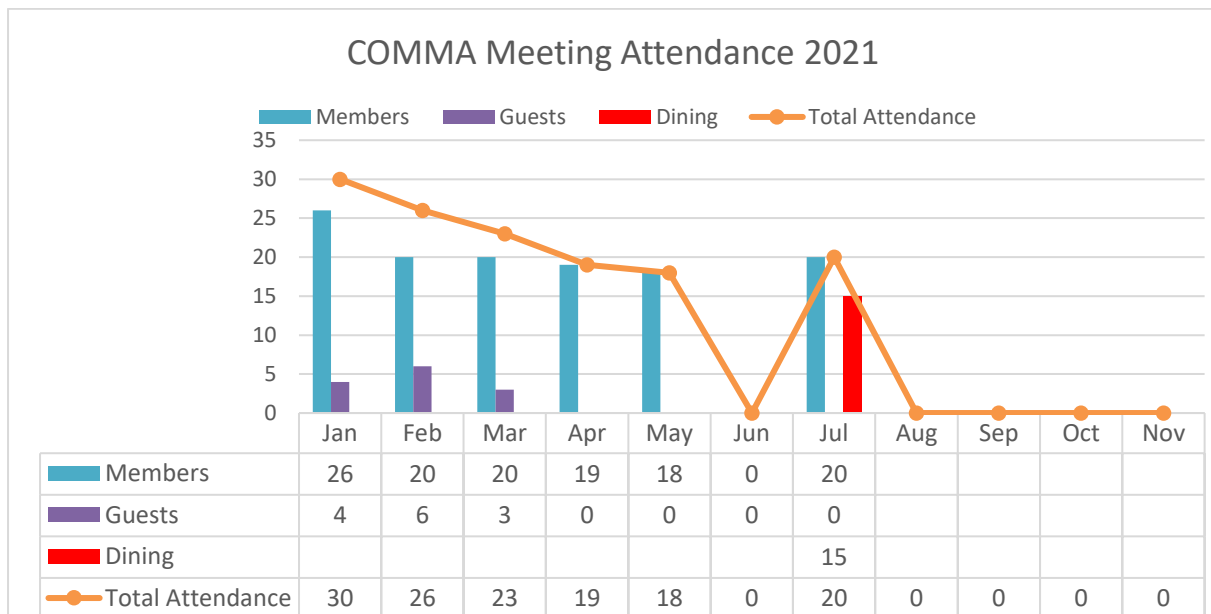
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General Meeting Minutes 28th July 2021

The BM opened the General Meeting at 1824hrs, welcoming all CoMMA members to the July 2021 Monthly meeting. He continued by saying that, whilst the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the WA Branch remains fortunate to be able to continue face-to-face meetings.

Attendance

A list of attendance and apologies was organised by the Hon. Registrar and published via e-mail before the meeting.



Notes: No meetings held in June – COVID-19 precaution. Added a column to indicate number of diners each month.

Apologies & Guests

Apologies received were captured in the attendance sheet distributed before the meeting.

Open Forum Discussion:

Instead of inviting a Guest Speaker to address the July meeting we are having an open forum discussion amongst the attending members. This is being done as a trial to vary the meeting format occasionally. The topic of the discussion will be: Automated Vessels - Are they the future?

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

BM thanked the court for their continued support in this Covid-19 world and provided the following update.

- Leeuwin sponsorship for 2 individuals was approved and the process is being progressed by Carol Shannon – CEO Leeuwin Foundation. **(No update available for July)** Action: PB to check with FRS if there are any candidates that would qualify.

- Task Group formed under the leadership of Frank K are continuing their review of the actions required to address the terms of reference items. (Update under heading 'Task Group Update')
- The Federal Journal "Master Mariner" next edition will be out by Q4/2021, hence request all members to please send in articles to Carol. The theme for the next edition is "Australian Shipping and its future". All articles / information welcome – members to please submit.
- Draft Constitution as agreed by Federal Court was sent out to all branches for their review/vote. WA Branch provided their votes to the Fed. Secretary as per below.

CoMMA Constitutional Amendments July-2021 / WA Branch Voting Results

Name	Position	Vote Result
Raul Pereira	Hon. Treasurer	Accept All
Peter Bartlett	Hon. Secretary	Accept All
Zubin Bhada	Branch Master	Accept All
Simon Healy	Deputy BM	Accept All
Steve Harris	Hon. Registrar	Accept All
Stuart Davey	Fed. Secretary	Accept All
Bill Prins	Ordinary Member	Accept All

These were the only votes received in the matter of CoMMA constitutional Amendments 2021

- FAC discussion on Food cost during our monthly meetings discussed in May 2021 with new cost for dinner will be \$25/- person effective June 2021.
- **Boulton Lecture 2022:** WA Branch, to host the Boulton Lecture for Q3/2022. Court members requested to review potential keynote speakers and theme for the event.
- **Formal comms between FAC & COMMA WA Branch** – Email sent to Rev. Dennis by BM on 24 July 2021 to clarify the protocols required.

Update from BM:

The BM committed to confer with DBM to schedule future meeting guest speakers allowing for open forum discussions to be included in future plans. Additionally, the feasibility of scheduling a joint meeting with other groups is being investigated further.

- July 2021 - Focus Discussion items - Autonomous Vessels
- Aug 2021 - Possibly - joint meeting with NI and Institute of Marine Engineers / AIMPE – suggested topic 'new fuels / climate change'.
- Sept-21 Solstad Simulation Centre to host CoMMA WA Branch. Visit, meeting and meals / transport being investigated

Hon Secretary Report

The Hon. Secretary provided the following update to the court –

Court communications this month principally involved the following topics:

1. BM communications –
 - a. Comms with FAC
 - b. June meeting viability
 - c. Constitutional Amendments
 - d. Communications with Leeuwin CEO
2. The Fed. Secretary communications –
 - a. Australian Maritime Mentoring Program
 - b. AMSA Notice 4/2021 – Focused Inspection – Nav Safety
 - c. Notice of Biennial General Assembly – IFSMA
 - d. WA Branch Vote on Constitutional Amendments
3. Hon. Registrar –
 - a. Testing Skype / Apple
 - b. Comms with FAC
 - c. General discussions on FAC comms
4. Hon. Treasurer –
 - a. Monthly Fin. Report
 - b. Testing ‘Skype / Apple’
5. Task Force –
 - a. Ongoing member survey – snapshot

 - b. Trials of various ‘free’ meeting software packages underway. Fed. Secretary suggested investigating ‘FreeConferenceCall’ which is used for Federal online meetings.

Social Coordinator Update

In the absence of the Social Coordinator, the BM noted that the WMD celebrations have been postponed to 12 March 2022 as a result of maintenance/upgrades at the Victoria Quay which is the main venue for our WMD celebrations.

The annual dinner venue is still being reviewed.

Location	September Dates	October Dates	November Dates	Comments
Swan Yacht Club	4th September 18th September	2nd October 16th October 23rd October	Nil	Alfresco area/outside on the deck overlooking the river
East Fremantle Yacht Club	11 th September 25 th September	9 th October 16 th October 23 rd October	Nil	\$500 room hire – catered by Yacht club as per the attached options list – can be sit down or cocktail
Mosman Park Lawn Bowls	11 th September 18 th September	9 th October 16 th October 23 rd October 30 th October	6 th November	More casual setting \$880 hire of entire venue including instructor for lawn bowls. Self catering

There 'appeared' to be a preference for the Mosman Park Lawn Bowls venue. We will need to ensure the membership concur & settle on a date.

Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer distributed copies of the July 2021 report

Raul provided an overview of the WA Branch accounts including the current account status as of 28-July- 2021.

Total Income	\$	349.25
Total Expenses	\$	0.00
Cash Book Balance	\$	28,692.01
Total Balance including Reserve Account	\$	79,225.50

As of today, 28 July 2021 we have 5 unfinancial members.

There being no immediate comments the report was accepted -
Proposed for acceptance by Raul P
Seconded by BM

Registrar's Report

The Hon. Registrar was unable to attend today's proceedings. The BM / Hon. Secretary presented his report and membership updates:

- Total WA Branch Members = 134
- Federal Levy Payable = 114
- Fee Paying Members = 110
- Pending Members = 3

The report also mentioned that as of July 2021, we had

New Members awaiting ratification:

Name	Branch/ Membership	Position
Mani BAJWA	WA (Ord) Marine	Commercial & Compliance Manager / Jetwave
Sam COOTE	WA (Ord)	First Officer - Skandi Singapore
Raoul GEORGE	WA (Ord)	3/O Northwest Sanderling - Trident LNG
Tim GOURLAY	WA (Associate)	Marine Consultant / Principal Perth Hydro

New Members to be read:

Suraj JOSHI WA (Ord) Coastal Operations Manager / Rio Tinto, Dampier

Capt. Joshi's details were read out and the membership asked for any comments or feedback. None was forthcoming. Capt. Joshi's application will be forwarded for ratification.

“Un-financial” Members

The Hon. Registrar noted that he has contacted the remaining 5 un-financial members regularly over the last 5 months.

He remarked that, advising them that they're now considered as '**Resigned by Default**' on Thursday, will prompt a couple more to pay.

Fed Secretary's Report

The BM provided below update on behalf of the Fed Secretary:

- Discussion on COMMA support for a marine industry mentoring program is on the AGM agenda. COMMA – is investigation joining/offering COMMA assistance to the Australian Maritime Industry mentoring programme. **No update to this item yet**
- CMMA Constitution amendments (reviewed by Federal Court) – amended sections have been distributed to all branches for their review and acceptance. Response from WA Branch will be communicated to the Federal Court.

Task Force Update

Task Group Leader unavailable –

PB updated the Court on the member survey so far.

14 responses – many areas strong positive answers

The Hon. Secretary detailed the following update provided by the Task Force Leader Frank K who was unable to attend this month:

- The group was in agreement that we elect spokespersons to comment on maritime matters, and understand how we can make them known to the media, i.e. ABC Radio, Curtin Radio, 6PR, and “The West Australian”. The selection of these persons should be considered by the Branch Court. They should be active members in the industry and need to seek permission from their respective Employers to undertake the role. In addition – this process will need approval by the Federal Court. BM sent emails to Capt. Simon Healy, Capt. David Heppingstone &, Capt. Steve Wenban – all confirmed their availability.
- The Court. Hon. Secretary – via the Hon. Registrar – circulated a survey to all members of the WA Branch. As of today 28-July-21 – there have been 14 responses only. The Hon. Secretary asked that all Court members submit their responses soonest & encourage general members to do the same. Thus far, there are several areas where the membership appears to be in overwhelming agreement and others where a particularly diverse opinion prevails.
- Repeated from the Court minutes last month – WA Branch of CoMMA participated in the Sing for Seafarers event. To listen to the final version of ‘Sailing’, go to the link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI79z6tFUMk>
- For those who may want to donate to the Marine Charities that supported the production of this song, you can get more information at - [Sing for Seafarers | Ince | In any case \(incegd.com\)](#)

General / New Business

The following items were discussed in this section:

- The next COMMA session will be 25th Aug 2021.
- Boulton Lecture to be hosted by WA branch prospectively in Q3-Q4/2022.
- Next Combined event with the Nautical Institute will be Sept 2021
- Confirmation of candidates for Leeuwin Voyage from Leeuwin & Sea Scouts will be communicated by Carol (CEO Leeuwin Foundation) – awaiting applications.
- The DBM noted that Perth Simulation Centre has generously offered to host an evening COMMA meeting. The offer will be explored, and a report given at a future meeting.
- Discussion about task force issues – attracting new & existing members. Hon. Secretary noted the second Task Group update statement above.
- The on-going curry dinner cost put up by FAC Staff is now \$25 / person. (Effective from June 2021).
- Thanks to Peter Bartlett & Dave Heppingstone for speaking to Capital Radio on Saturday 10th July 2021. The discussion/topic was very well received with content on enlightening the listeners to both the plight of seafarers and the existence of marine expertise and knowledge here in WA at CoMMA.
- 25 June 2021, was celebrated around the globe as the day of the seafarer.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdhJeK19XT0> - Video Message from Secretary General IMO (Kitack Lim)

News and Views by BM:

The BM then provided an interesting presentation of 'News & Views'.

Raffle draw conducted –

There being nothing further, the meeting was closed at 1907hrs.

Following supper – an enjoyable mild curry – the BM & DBM kicked-off our first trial 'Open Forum Discussion'. The topic Automated Vessels - Are they the future? Is both topical and the cause of heated debate throughout the maritime community. Discussions ranged across the whole gambit of opinions for & against the various facets of autonomous vessel construction, operation, regulation and requirement.

Capt. Zubin Bhada
Branch Master

Peter Bartlett
Branch Secretary

Registrars Report

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal	1	Tim Gourlay		
Resigned to Friend	0			
Resigned from COMMA	0			
Membership Terminated	4	Unfinancial at 1-Jul-21 (names known to Branch Court) *		
Deceased	0			
Txfr to Branch Honorary	0			
Transferred to Retired	0			
Transferred Branch	0			
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
Federal Life Members	2			Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends	14			Over 80 years old / No voting rights / No levy / No fees
Ex-Officio Members	1			No voting rights / No levy / No fees
WA Honorary Members	4	4		Voting rights / Federal Levy Payable / No fees
Ordinary Members	74	74	74	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members	14	14	14	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	22	22	22	+65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
Total Members	131			
Federal Levy Payable		114		
Fee Paying Members			110	
Pending Members (Read)	3			Application received / awaiting ratification
Total incl "Read"	134			

WA Membership Applications Pending		
Name	Type	Comment
Mani BAJWA	WA (Ord)	Commerce & Compliance Manager / <i>Jetwave Marine</i>
Sam COOTE	WA (Ord)	First Officer - <i>Skandi Singapore</i>
Raoul GEORGE	WA (Ord)	3/O <i>Northwest Sanderling – Trident LNG</i>

Membership Applications Read 28 th July 2021		
Name	Branch	Comment
Suraj JOSHI	WA (Ord)	Coastal Operations Manager / <i>Rio Tinto, Dampier</i>

Comments
* Terminated Members will be readmitted if outstanding membership fees are paid.

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of August 2021. Ages are withheld to “protect the innocent”...

3 rd August	David Jones
5 th August	Kevin Stone
6 th August	Johnathon Willis
10 th August	Mark Gooderham
13 th August	Allan Gray
14 th August	David Aslett
19 th August	Stuart Davey

Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

The following Membership Anniversaries occur in the period until the end of August 2021.

5 years	Geoff Howard
10 years	Carlo Di Meglio / Dave Kenny / Chris Payne / Royce Spencer
12 years	Bruce White
15 years	Jeff Hinnrichsen
18 years	Robert Underhill
22 years	Greg Tonnison
24 years	Bill Deacon
30 years	Phil Griffin

Long-Serving Members

The Branch Court wishes to acknowledge and thank the following members who have achieved significant periods of COMMA membership during June.

Period	Name / Membership	Ratification Date	Years
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Retired	1 st Feb 1957	64
50+ years	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	57
	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th May 1967	54
	Capt Corney Durham / Retired	15 th May 1967	54
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19 th Jun 1967	54
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	51
	Capt " Dai " Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	51
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Retired	19 th Jun 1972	49
	Capt Mike Kiely / Retired	18 th Jul 1974	47
	Capt Paddy Evelegh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	45
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	44
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	44
	Capt James Major / Retired	7 th Mar 1978	43
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	41
	Capt Roger Pettman / Ordinary	10 th Sep 1979	41
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Feb 1981	40
	Capt David Harrod / Ordinary	9 th Oct 1980	40
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	40
30+ years	Capt David Gardiner / Ordinary	8 th April 1981	39
	Capt Michael Furlong / Friend	14 th Jul 1983	37
	Capt David Notman / Friend	28 th Sep 1983	37
	Capt Bill Prins / Ordinary	6 th Feb 1983	38
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1985	36
	Capt Eric Barron / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	35
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	35
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1987	34
	Capt Ian Harrod / Ordinary	14 th Feb 1987	34
	Capt Alfred De Rooy / Ordinary	12 th Sep 1988	32
	Capt Richard Gordon / Ordinary	14 th Nov 1988	32
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	31
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	31
	Capt Robin Chester / Retired	8 th Feb 1990	31
	Capt Richard Court / Ordinary	11 th May 1990	31
	Capt Mike Dawes / Retired	3 rd June 1991	30
	Capt Phil Griffin / Ordinary	12 th August 1991	30

Updating Contact Details

Members are asked to please update the Registrar with changes of residential address, email address, or phone numbers when they occur. Contact details follow: -

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COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Branch

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 30TH JUN 2021 to 28TH JUL 2021

BANKS			WESTPAC	TOTAL
CASH BOOK BALANCE as at 30 JUN 2021			\$28,342.76	\$ 28,342.76
INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP FEES			\$ 349.25	
RAFFLE			\$ -	
INTEREST WESTPAC CHQ ACC MAR			\$ -	
REPLACEMENT NAME BADGE			\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME WESTPAC			\$ 349.25	
				\$ 349.25
EXPENSES				
RAFFLE PRIZES			\$ -	
FLYING ANGEL CLUB -			\$ -	
POSTAGE POINTS WEST			\$ -	
ALLSPORTS NAME BADGES & REPLACEMENTS			\$ 60.00	
REPAY OVERPAID FEES			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES WESTPAC			\$ 60.00	
				\$ 60.00
			Westpac	
CASH BOOK BALANCES as at 28TH JUL 2021			\$28,632.01	\$ 28,632.01
RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 30 JUN 2021				\$ 50,533.08
INTEREST EARNED ON RESERVE ACCOUNT - JUN				\$ 0.41
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENTS 28 JULY 2021				\$ 50,533.49
Plus Cheques/Cash on hand				\$ -
Adjusted Cash Balance as at 28TH JULY 2021			\$28,632.01	\$79,165.50
MEMBERSHIP.				
	PAID	DUE	RESIGNED	TOTAL
RETIRED	22	0	0	22
ORDINARY	74	0	0	74
ASSOCIATE	14	0		14
LIFE				2
HONORARY				4
FRIENDS				14
EX OFFICIO				1
TOTAL	110	0		131

**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA – WESTERN AUSTRALIA
BRANCH**

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Joining the Company of Master Mariners of Australia

<p style="text-align: center;">The Company of Master Mariners of Australia</p> <p>is an independent association established to promote the interests and status of the Merchant Navy generally and of Master Mariners in <u>particular</u>.</p> <p>The Company was founded in 1938 by Capt. A. N. Boulton, MBE, VRD, <u>B.Com</u>, Ex-C and became an incorporated body in 1988.</p> <p>The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited is a not-for-profit professional association that is limited by guarantee.</p> <p>The Company has FIVE (5) Branches based in Adelaide, Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne and Sydney.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinary Membership</p> <p>A person may be admitted as an Ordinary ("full") Member if he or she holds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an AMSA Master over 3000 grrt Certificate of Competency ("Class 1"); or • an AMSA Master under 3000 grrt Certificate of Competency for Unlimited Trading ("Class 2"); or • an overseas equivalent Certificate of Competency recognised by AMSA; or • is an RAN Officer of Lieutenant Commander (Executive Branch) rank or <u>above</u>. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Associate Membership</p> <p>A person may be admitted as an Associate Member if he or she is not otherwise eligible for Ordinary membership but wishes to be associated with the activities of the Company and <u>is seen as</u> having qualifications or expertise conducive to furthering the objectives of the Company.</p> <p><i>Examples of this membership could be someone who holds:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deck Watchkeeper Certificate; 2. Master <24m <35m <80m 3. Marine Engineer qualifications 4. Naval Architect qualifications
<p style="text-align: center;">Objectives</p> <p>The principal aims, among other things, are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide in Australia a unified body of Master Mariners capable of collective representation on all occasions and in all matters affecting their interests or the status of the Merchant Navy and its Officers; • carry on its activities to maintain an apolitical and non-industrial emphasis; • create and sustain a social organization of privileges within which members, either alone or in association with others, can be afforded facilities, and occasion, to discuss matters of mutual interest connected with the Merchant Navy or any related aspect of maritime concern; • establish scholarship grants for young seamen at and ashore 	<p style="text-align: center;">Why Join the Company of Master Mariners of Australia?</p> <p>The Company works to educate and advocate on issues that are important to the MARITIME INDUSTRY. We <u>organise</u> and attend events that recognize achievements as a Master Mariner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Socialising and networking – Branch Membership</p> <p>Equally important is the social and networking advantages of meeting our fellow Master Mariners.</p> <p>Real Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to hear and meet monthly Guest Speakers – on Fantastic Marine Related TOPICS. <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting & <u>Socialising</u> with Senior & Prominent Master Mariners who are either in active service and/or retired. <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in supporting Sea Scouts. <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in Memorial Services like ANZAC Day, Merchant Navy Memorial, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in World Maritime Day. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide feedback to industry via consult process for Marine Legislation. <input type="checkbox"/> Avail the benefits of International Federation of Shipmasters' Association (IFMSA). 	

