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Zubin Bhada

Branch Master



Branch Master's Report – July 2022

On behalf of the Branch, please find below the Branch Masters report for July 2022.

This month we cancelled the General Meeting at the Flying Angel Club based on information shared by FAC management where there were four (4) positive COVID cases of seafarers residing at the club. We, however managed to hold the Court meeting via a team's session.

Branch Court

The Court meeting was held online via a team's video session.

- *Review of Last Minutes - BM thanked the court for their attendance (Last Meeting June 2022).*
- *Review of Registrar's report / Review of Secretary's report / Review of Treasurer's Report*
- *Update from Federal Secretary – Mark Pointon provided an update on his taking over as Fed Sec'y.*
- *Update from WA Branch Secretary – Correspondence from last month/new applications etc.*
- *Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business.*

BM Update

- The current status of the court indicates that the below positions remain vacant/open. Members were urged and encouraged to step up and support the court team to fill the below vacant positions:
 1. Deputy Branch Master
 2. Social Coordinator
- Urgent action required:
 - a. Need volunteers or Social Coordinator to support the planning for the annual dinner event – Oct/Nov 2022.
 - b. BM has requested the court to look for a new BM as his current work load (new role) does not allow him time to support COMMA activities.
- The Federal Journal "Master Mariner" June 2022 edition was distributed to membership with some positive comments received from membership. Special thanks go out to Carol Shannon.
- FAC management has been in direct comms with Court team to have the facilities made available for us to utilise for our monthly session including providing us with our standard curry buffet dinner. FAC management has a new manager / cook appointed (John Hague), who has been very approachable and in constant communication with the court team.
- COMMA Annual Dinner for 2023 is confirmed for ANZAC Club 12 Nov 2023.

General Meeting

The General meeting for month of July 2022 was cancelled due to positive COVID cases at FAC, Fremantle.

Points West

Our in-house newsletter "Points West" continues to improve, grow and deliver exceptional quality articles. The court appreciates the effort and time put in by Mark Beal who every month without fail deliver the publication. Mark encourages all members to please 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 in attending the monthly general meetings. In Aug 2022, (at FAC) we have our very own member Capt. Peter Bartlett along with Graham Dwyer giving us a presentation on "The History of Guitar".

Capt. Zubin Bhada (AFNI)
Branch Master

End of Report





News and Views

Australia Bans Tanker Over Crew Mistreatment

July 25, 2022



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Australia's maritime safety agency has banned a Liberian-flagged oil tanker for six months for the underpayment of seafarers and onboard welfare issues.

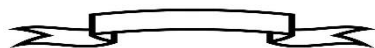
The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) said it inspected the AG Neptune in the Port of Gladstone, in central Queensland, on June 17, 2022, after receiving a complaint about multiple breaches of the Maritime Labor Convention (MLC).

During the inspection, AMSA found evidence the employment agreement with 21 seafarers on board the ship had not been met and the crew members were collectively owed approximately AUD \$123,000. Inspectors also found evidence the food and drinking water were not of appropriate quality, quantity and nutritional value for seafarers. In addition, it's understood a seafarer was not provided with adequate medical care after being injured onboard.

As a result of the MLC violations, AMSA detained the ship, and the operator has been directed to pay the outstanding wages and address the deficiencies.

AMSA's Executive Director of Operations Michael Drake said the seafarers were repeatedly not paid at regular intervals and two crew members had expired Seafarer Employment Agreements.

“Australia has zero tolerance for the underpayment of crew. This type of behavior is unethical and in contravention to the MLC. The international conventions that protect seafarers’ rights are very clear,” Drake said. “Ships visiting Australian ports are on notice that if we find deliberate underpaying of crew, they can expect penalties. AMSA takes the MLC seriously and actively ensures seafarers’ health and well-being is upheld on all ships in Australia.”



Boarding Accident Claims Marine Pilot's Life off Yalova, Turkey



Alhena (file image courtesy SETM)

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[Brief] A marine pilot at the port of Yalova, Turkey died Monday after falling from a pilot ladder into the water.

At about 1300 hours Monday, pilot Cafer Kiribrahim was out at the Ciftlikkoy anchorage area off Yalova in order to rendezvous with the tanker *Alhena*. His pilot boat came alongside the tanker and he transferred over to the pilot ladder. However, after reaching the ladder he fell into the water, according to local media.

A police response boat recovered Kiribrahim unconscious and brought him to shore, where he was treated by paramedics and transferred to Yalova State Hospital. Despite doctors' attempts to revive him, he passed away.

According to CNN Turkey, Kiribrahim may have suffered a heart attack while he was on the ladder, then fell into the sea.

Alhena is a 2012-built product tanker flagged in the Bahamas. A port state control inspection at Rotterdam in June found issues with her pilot ladder arrangements, according to her Equasis record (though the PSC inspection's finding may not have had a causal relationship with the accident).

The climb from a moving pilot boat up the side of a moving ship involves risk, and pilot ladder accidents are not uncommon. In an attempt to address pilot transfer safety issues, SOLAS V Regulation 23 provides specific measures for pilot ladder arrangements and equipment.

SINKEX Live Fire at RIMPAC Sinks US Guided Missile Frigate



A retired US Frigate was the target of the 2022 SINKEX (photos and video courtesy of Commander of US Pacific Fleet)

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U.S. Pacific Fleet Command released video from last week's sinking exercise (SINKEX) during which live fire is used to gain systems proficiency while sinking a retired U.S. Navy vessel during the annual Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2022 military forces exercises. This year's target was the retired guided missile frigate USS *Rodney M. Davis* which sustained multiple strikes and was ultimately sent to the bottom on July 12, in waters 15,000 feet deep, 50 nautical miles north of Kauai, Hawaii.

According to commanders overseeing this year's exercises, the live-fire events provide realistic training that refines partner nations' abilities to plan, communicate and conduct complex maritime operations such as precision and long-range strike capabilities. They provide realistic training that refines partner nations' abilities to plan, communicate and conduct complex maritime operations such as precision and long-range strike capabilities. During SINKEX they gain proficiency in tactics, targeting, and live firing against a surface target at sea.



“This exercise provided a great opportunity for the extremely talented sailors, soldiers, and aviators who comprise the RIMPAC 2022 team to hone their skills in a live-fire setting,” said Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Christopher Robinson, deputy commander of the RIMPAC Combined Task Force. “There is nothing that really replaces the training value of opportunities such as this, which enable us to test our weapons and their associated combat systems with as much realism as possible. These live fire exercises are vital for maintaining our proficiencies, building our interoperability, and increasing our readiness for future operations.”

Units from Australia, Canada, Malaysia, and the U.S. all participated in this year’s SINKEX. Among the systems deployed against the retired vessel, the Royal Canadian Navy frigate HMCS Winnipeg fired two Harpoon missiles while a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft deployed an AGM-84D Harpoon missile, and a F/A-18F Super Hornet from Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln launched a GBU-16 laser-guided bomb. In a first for the Royal Malaysian Navy, one of its vessels, the corvette KD Lekir also participated in SINKEX firing an Exocet MM40 missile.



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There was no July General Meeting. The Branch Court met via a Teams Meeting on Wednesday the 27th of July

Port Beach Nourishment Program



The Department of Transport's Maritime Division has engaged the dredge company RN Dredging, to dredge Port of Fremantle's Deep Water Channel, and to rainbow the spoils onto Port Beach as part of a beach nourishment program, with the aim to reduce erosion caused by winter storms. Above is a photo of the Hopper Suction Dredge Modi R in action.

The Company of Master Mariners WA Branch

Registrars Report

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal	0			
Resigned to Friend	0			
Transferred to Retired	0			
Resigned from COMMA	0			
Un-financial Members	6	Names known to Branch Court & Federal Court		
Membership Terminated	0			
Deceased	0			
Transferred Branch	0			
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
Federal Life Members	2			Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends	17			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	76	76	76	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members	15	15	15	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	19	19	19	+65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
Total Members	134			
Federal Levy Payable		114		
Fee Paying Members			110	
Contributing Members			91	Revenue-generating members paying full membership fee
Pending Members (Read)	2			Application received / awaiting ratification
Total incl "Read"	136			

WA Membership Applications Pending Ratification		
Name	Type	Comment
James McAULIFFE	WA (Ord)	Read 30-Mar-22 – pending ratification
Stephen FANT	WA (Ord)	Read 29-Jun-22 – pending ratification

Membership Applications Read 27 th July 2022		
Name	Branch	Comment
Nil		

Comments
There were 6 members who were "un-financial" at the time of the last Branch Court Meeting on 27 th July. Those members have been advised by email that they are considered to have 'Resigned by default'.

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of August 2022. Ages are withheld to “protect the innocent”...

1 st August	Divya Bharati
3 rd August	David Jones
5 th August	Kevin Stone
6 th August	John 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 2022.

6 years	Geoff Howard
11 years	Carlo Di Meglio / Dave Kenny / Chris Payne / Royce Spencer
13 years	Bruce White
16 years	Jeff Hinnrichsen
19 years	Robert Underhill
23 years	Greg Tonnison
25 years	Bill Deacon
31 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 August.

Period	Name / Membership	Ratification Date	Years
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Retired	1 st Feb 1957	65
50+ years	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	58
	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th May 1967	55
	Capt Corney Durham / Retired	15 th May 1967	55
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19 th Jun 1967	55
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	52
	Capt “Dai” Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	52
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Retired	19 th Jun 1972	50
	Capt Mike Kiely / Retired	18 th Jul 1974	48
	Capt Paddy Eveleigh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	46
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	45
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	45
	Capt James Major / Retired	12 th Jul 1977	45
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	43
	Capt Roger Pettman / Ordinary	10 th Sep 1979	42
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Feb 1981	41
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	41
	Capt David Gardiner / Ordinary	8 th April 1981	41
30+ years	Capt Bill Prins / Ordinary	6 th Feb 1983	39
	Capt Michael Furlong / Friend	14 th Jul 1983	39
	Capt David Notman / Friend	28 th Sep 1983	38
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1985	37
	Capt Eric Barron / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	36
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	36
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1987	35
	Capt Ian Harrod / Ordinary	14 th Feb 1987	35
	Capt Alfred De Rooij / Ordinary	12 th Sep 1988	33
	Capt Richard Gordon / Ordinary	14 th Nov 1988	33
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	33
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	32
	Capt Robin Chester / Retired	8 th Feb 1990	32
	Capt Richard Court / Ordinary	11 th May 1990	31
	Capt Mike Dawes / Retired	3 rd June 1991	31
	Capt Phil Griffin / Ordinary	12th August 1991	31

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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Financial Report



COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Branch

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 29TH JUN 2022 to 27TH JUL 2022

BANKS			WESTPAC	TOTAL
CASH BOOK BALANCE as at 29TH JUN 2022			\$34,380.59	\$ 34,380.59
INCOME				
2022 Membership fees July			\$ 123.93	
Deposit Raffle monies June 2022			\$ 90.00	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME WESTPAC			\$ 213.93	
				\$ 213.93
EXPENSES				
Esplanade Hotel Meeting room hire - April 2022- Pete Bartlett			\$ 100.00	
Zubin BHADA - April Dinner Guest			\$ 22.50	
CoMMA Polo shirts - EmbroidMe/Fully Promoted			\$ 910.80	
Flying Angel Club - June Meeting			\$ 75.00	
Steve Harris - ANZAC club Dinner deposit			\$1,462.50	
2022 Federal Levy			\$ 5,800.00	
Postage, PW & Raffle Prize June - Peter Bartlett			\$ 155.13	
TOTAL EXPENSES WESTPAC			\$ 8,325.93	
				\$ 8,325.93
			Westpac	
CASH BOOK BALANCES as at 29TH JULY 2022			\$26,268.59	\$ 26,268.59
RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 31 MAY 2022				\$ 50,539.81
INTEREST EARNED ON RESERVE ACCOUNT JUNE				\$ 4.15
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT \$ 30 JUNE 2022				\$ 50,543.96
<u>Plus</u> Cheques/Cash on hand				\$ -
Adjusted Cash Balance as at 27TH JUL 2022			\$26,268.59	\$76,812.55
MEMBERSHIP.				
	PAID	DUE	RESIGNED	TOTAL
RETIRED	19	0	0	19
ORDINARY	77	0	0	77
ASSOCIATE	11	0		11
LIFE				2
HONORARY				4
FRIENDS				14
EX OFFICIO				1
TOTAL	107	0		128

Company of Master Mariners of Australia - WA Branch

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