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INTRODUCTION

Thank you to those that provided feedback to the first edition of **All Hands!**. It started a number of discussions amongst members, which will hopefully continue to be generated.

Globally, economic uncertainty continues to feature and provide headwinds for shipping in all sectors. The ongoing “Brexit” drama; trade discussions between the US and China; US removal of waivers on Iranian oil and the impact on the oil price; and, the new sulphur cap regulations from 1 January 2020 (IMO 2020).

Closer to home, a federal election in Australia has been called for 18 May 2019 which has seen the subject of a domestic fleet back on the agenda. A Parliamentary Inquiry was established in December 2018 to examine the policy settings affecting domestic trade with a report to be delivered by August 2019. With an election now called, this inquiry has ceased to operate, however a Labor government plans to establish a strategic shipping fleet. Only time will tell which party will form the next government and what, if any, changes do come to pass in this regard.

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MEMBERSHIP

Vale **John M. Mildren, FICS (Retired)** – 11 November 1927-14 April 2019

It is with sadness that we record the passing of an old friend, Fellow of the Institute and founding member of the ANZ Branch and NZ Chapter.

John was born in Peking, China (now Beijing) during an interesting period of history, and no doubt a story in itself. The young John had returned to the UK prior to WW2, and after early schooling, signed his apprenticeship indentures with Moller Line UK Ltd in February 1945, joining his first ship, MV Empire Rabaul on 9th Feb 1945. Again, there must be story to be told of where John travelled in those last few months of the second world war.

After obtaining his 2nd Mate's certificate in April 1948, John decided on a change of tack and came ashore to take up a shipbroking career, working for Moller Line and later as Moller's representative on the Baltic Exchange, until September 1959.

John had become an Associate member of ICS in October 1952 and passed his final exams in July 1956, becoming a full ICS member in that year.

In 1959 the young Mildren family emigrated to New Zealand (John married Audrey in 1954), arriving in New Zealand in November 1959 and establishing the new family home in the then small port town of Tauranga.

John saw many changes in the shipping scene during the years while working as a shipbroker and agent, for different local companies and later establishing his own business, including a travel agency. During those early years in New Zealand, John acquired shares in a small Pacific Islands trader called MV Mamaku (927 GRT general cargo), dates unknown but probably late 1960's.

With thanks to John's son (also a mariner) for providing this brief history and condolences to his wife, Audrey and family in New Zealand.

We also welcome and heartily congratulate the following members:

Felix Van Aalst – elected to **MICS** – Auckland

James Atkinson – elected to **MICS** – Melbourne

Asoka Ranjith Munidasa – re-elected to **FICS** - Perth

RECENT EVENTS

On **Monday 25 March 2019** a committee meeting was held in Auckland at the NZ Maritime Museum. Thank you to Bob Hawkins for making all the arrangements.

L to R: Capt. Francis Castellino, Adam Kuner, Nick Vann (Chairman) and Capt. Norman Lopez.

Via Skype: Capt. Nigel D'Souza



The NZ Chapter and the New Zealand Branch of the Nautical Institute (NI) hosted a luncheon seminar on **Tuesday 26 March** which was attended by 32 ICS and NI members, together with invited guests. A buffet luncheon and drinks were served followed by an introduction to the ICS by our chairman, Nick Vann.



The guest speaker was **Diane Edwards**, Port of Auckland's Manager for Human Resources and Technical Development. An extensive role.

Diane spoke to the 30-year plan for the Port of Auckland. Being New Zealand's premier port, Auckland is important strategically for the region and for the nation. The port has grown in size over the years with reclamations and wharves extending into and along the harbour frontage however in more recent years the Auckland waterfront has become increasingly popular with the public, including tourists, with the consequent pressure on the port in respect to future development and extensions.

Talk of possible re-location of the port, either in full or in part, has become an issue for the government and the current owners, the Auckland Council.

A shift of any port is not an easy problem to solve and even a partial move will require considerable infrastructure planning, not simply for the shipping companies and the ships that visit the port but for all related service industries, importers and exporters, transport operators etc. Port of Auckland has already extended their operations beyond the port precinct, to include off-wharf hubs, two in South Auckland and a new one near Palmerston North and links with the Port of Tauranga and Northport.

The port has also been consolidating within its existing footprint with full utilization of berthage space in both the container area and the multi-purpose berths. The cruise sector also occupies what has become more of a public space at Queens Wharf. There is a limited expansion of existing wharves planned to accommodate the ever increasing size and number of cruise ships calling New Zealand.

Auckland is important for the tourist industry, not just as a destination but as a terminal port. With the country's largest International Airport, many cruise lines use the port as a starting or ending port for cruises, with up to 3,000 or more passengers on occasion, leaving or joining a ship in any one day.

Various innovations are under way around the port including building a multi-level car park for import vehicles. New container cranes with greater capacity and semi-autonomous operation and driverless, autonomous straddle carriers; berthing dolphins at Queens wharf to accommodate larger, longer cruise ships; deepening/widening of the approach channel to accommodate the larger container and longer passenger ships.



With the City of Auckland continually growing, an expanding port needs to keep operating and finding ways to cope while at the same time reviewing the options of moving some of the business elsewhere. Whatever happens, requires the 30-year plan to allow for all options to be properly evaluated.

L to R: Aakanskha Kavoor (student); Nick Vann (Chairman), Dianne Edwards (Port of Auckland), Bob Hawkins (NZ Chapter)

UPCOMING EVENTS/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next committee meeting will be held in the **last week of May** with a teleconference facility to be available.

The **Annual General Meeting** is to take place in the **last week of August 2019**, most likely in Brisbane. Stay tuned for details of a possible event to coincide with the AGM.

STUDENTS

The May 2019 examination period is fast approaching. On Saturday 27 April, our Branch Education Officer, Captain Norman Lopez cleverly arranged an online PREP, utilising a facility made available by ICS London. Commencing at 0900 AEST, seven (7) students were provided with a number of presentations on selected topics including exam technique, laytime, Bills of Lading, IMO 2020 (low sulphur cap), trades routes and geography and ship diagrams. All students were encouraged to ask questions and participate in general discussions, which were executed brilliantly. The quality of the content was of a high standard judging from the fact that all students stayed online until the end, shortly before 1800 AEST. A most positive outcome seemed to be that the students saw very clearly that they were being supported by the Institute and our Branch. Thank you to the students for being involved and enormous thanks to Captain Norman Lopez, who carried most of the day, together with Captain Nigel D'Souza, Nick Vann and Adam Kuner.

Key dates going forward:

13-24 May 2019: examinations

22 August 2019: May exam results released

ICS ANZ students Jessica Warren and Michelle Schoenpflug, currently completing their PQE studies, spent four days aboard the Stolt Tanker's operated chemical tanker, MT Stolt Satsuki. The ladies joined the voyage, embarking at Port Botany, BLB2 and disembarking at No. 1 Maribyrnong in Melbourne, Australia. The experience was both a combination of work experience and an opportunity for ICS student development, enabled by Stolt-Nielsen Australia Pty Ltd.

During their time on board they experienced the daily life on a vessel, interacting with the crew and officers, as well as being involved in the various vessel operations. Jessica and Michelle were exposed to various processes involved



in the discharge of a variety of chemicals, including base oils – engaging with Agents, Chief Engineers, Port Authorities, Customs and Terminal Representatives. During the voyage they had a tour of the deck, forward peak store room, viewed inside a stainless-steel tank, network of pipes, valves and manifolds. Vast amounts of time were spent shadowing the Master, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer, observing and participating in the daily operations on the Bridge, Cargo Control Room and Engine Room.

Both the students and the ICS ANZ branch are grateful to Stolt-Nielsen Australia for supporting our students' professional development as well as providing an enriching environment and opportunity to put the theoretical knowledge gained from their studies into practice.

For more details on their experience, please read refer ICS Shipping Network Magazine.

YOUNG ICS (YICS)

As a reminder for younger members and students, please note points of contact for social events and collaboration in studies, where assistance may be sought.

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BESPOKE COURSE

Details regarding this locally compiled course was included in the inaugural **ALL HANDS!** Newsletter. Some recent interest has been received from companies based in Brisbane. In order to achieve a sufficient number of attendees, if you, your colleagues or employer, or any other business contact, particularly based in Brisbane can see value in participating in such a course, please contact Nick Vann on icsanz@icsanz.com or vascoz@gmail.com.