

Activities at



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Vale Ted Montfort



Ted Montfort was President in 1986 and was elevated to Life Member in 2009. He remained involved with the Club even after he retired from full time work. Ted took over as President from Phillip Walsh and kept the seat warm for Alistair Reed who predeceased Ted in 2010.

Ted was well known and respected in the Port community during his career at H Halford Custom Agents in Market Street Melbourne [1952-1986] and was the VRTA representative on the Port's Cargo Facilitation Committee. [CFC], CFC was a dynamic committee comprising of all players in the Port and is responsible for a lot of the major procedural changes that are still operating today.

Ted died on 20th February and his funeral service was held on the 27th witnessed by an overflow crowd of friends and colleagues from a diverse community. His son Stephen and Daughter Janice gave an outstanding résumé of Ted's business, recreational and family life.

MONTFORT. — Edward (Ted) Bradish

24/03/1932 - 20/02/2020

- Beloved husband of Janice Lesley Montfort (Dec.).
- Father of Stephen Stuart Montfort and Lesley Helen Montfort
- . Father in Law of Julie Patricia Montfort and Mathew Allanson.
- Grand Father to Luke Edward Montfort and Stuart William Montfort.

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Rest in Peace

It had been a few years since Ted attended a luncheon but he always posted an apology. Generally it said "other function" or similar. We learnt at the service that one of his other functions was to visit his wife Janice in hospital every day and feed her. [Janice died on 15/05/15 which Ted thought was "neat" and hoped for the same. 20/02/20 was his departure date which would have pleased him]

His life was involved in many activities but sailing was the top of the list. The introduction to the service was Rod Stewart singing *Sailing*. Readings selected by his family were *The Mark of a Man* and *That Man is a Success*. Two more appropriate selections would be hard to find.

Ted had several serious operations for the removal of melanomas and suffered a stroke late last year that became his final health battle

What members said

John Pollock → Terribly sad to hear we've lost another one - another one of the good blokes who made an important contribution to our industry, which drives a nation.

Dia Ram Sharma Society Cofica → So sorry on the sad news our deepest condolences

Barry Keogh → I have wonderful memories of Ted from the 80's and 90's when the Taskforce on Shore-Based Shipping was underway. He was a most likeable and knowledgeable industry leader. Sad news indeed!

March meeting

The New Year commenced on Thursday 12th March at Clare Castle hotel. After many years the price was increased due to a general escalation in the costs of running a hotel.

The newly elected joint presidents Andrea and Rosie became disjointed as Andrea had taken herself to New Zealand.

We had more apologies than acceptances including Ron Hereford who was at his previous home in the Dominican Republic.

Like Captain Renault in the classic film Casablanca it was a case of "round up the usual suspects". But those who made it were networking long beyond the meal and afters.

The first meeting of the year is always a small turnout, but on the positive side, we can only get better. Unlike the wimps at the Grand Prix we did not cancel.

On current Covid 19 protocols we can only accept 499 for the May meeting so please book early.

Levity aside, like safety it is each persons' responsibility to avoid the hazards and protect others.

Good for some

Very sorry to miss the 1st meeting for 2020 but I am away starting a 3 week golfing trip along the Murray with some friends over from Thailand.

Best regards to all the other attendees, I hope to be around for the next one.

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Nigel Porteous

It has been widely reported in other media but we need to congratulate **Nigel Porteous OAM**.

Nigel has been an active member for many years and in particular the representative of Mission to Seafarers.

Adrian Sambell

Peter Bielawski Operations Manager at MSC compiled a remembrance book to present to Adrian Sambell who after 17+ years with MSC and a lifetime in the Shipping Industry and at age 76, will be retiring on 14/2.

On behalf of members this message was provided:-

Dear Adrian.

Once elected as President in some “democratic” countries you stay for life.

The same situation applies to the ISO Club of which you are recorded as a member [probably around 2004 which would fit with your time at MSC]

So, although you have not graced our table for some time we consider you as a member still, and wish you a long and comfortable retirement.

Most of us who are “retired” wonder where we got the time to go to work!

You are now a member of the ISO Club “Retired Company” a name coined by the late Laurie Ogilvie

As an aside, MSC representatives have not graced our tables for many a year

Force majeure

You may hear this word a lot as freight volumes shrink

Force majeure refers to a clause that is included in contracts to remove liability for natural and unavoidable catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events and restrict participants from fulfilling obligations. ... **Force majeure** is a French term that literally means "greater force."

Much has been written debating whether the coronavirus is an event where carriers are unable to fulfil obligations because of a “greater force”. Like many events the winners are likely to be the legal practitioners.

However, force majeure is not a free-standing principle of English law. The English courts have consistently stated that commercial parties are expected to know that the future is uncertain and to make their agreements accordingly

There is no standard term for force majeure and every contract will have [or unfortunately not] a condition written in. The wording of a contract is the determinant. What were the parties’ intentions and what events were specified!

Container vessels that routinely move goods worth hundreds of millions of dollars in single shipments are being added to what is called “blank sailings”. The number of blank sailings -- where ships don’t load at a planned location -- has jumped since the outbreak began.

Would force majeure apply?

Next month



The Tas Bull Seafarers Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation established to protect, promote and improve the welfare of visiting seafarers. It aims to ensure the wellbeing of international seafarers by providing social and welfare assistance when they berth at Australian ports.

All projects undertaken have this objective at heart, and in turn, we collaborate and convene with industry partners to enhance the welfare of international seafarers.

FOR INSTANCE:-

Seafarer Connect is an initiative developed and sponsored by the Tas Bull Seafarers Foundation to provide Free WI-FI to seafarers on ships visiting Port Botany. Ships are provided a Cradle point Router on berthing at a terminal at Port Botany to be used for the ship is alongside. Routers are enclosed in a secure orange or yellow carry box to protect the devices and provide safe and easy carriage. To ensure this program is successful we rely on both the terminal operator and the responsible ships officers to ensure each router goes ashore prior to ships departure.

<https://www.seafarerconnect.com.au/>

Bernie Farrelly Projects Officer at the foundation and Mick Doleman Chair of the Melbourne Seafarers Centre will attend the May meeting [14-05-20] and give an oversight of the work done to support seafarers that come to our ports.



MAY

- ⇒ July 9th
- ⇒ September 10th
- ⇒ November 26th

Don’t let the invitation surprise you! Mark your calendar now please.

Environmentally friendly Container ships

Recently the world was introduced to a positive initiative to show that shipping is at the leading edge of reducing CO2e greenhouse gas emissions.

CMA CGM launched the *Jacques Saade* an LNG powered container ship with a capacity of over 23 thousand TEU.

LNG as a fuel has minimal effects on the environment as emissions are very much lower than ships burning fuel oil. LNG helps to reduce

- emissions of sulphur oxides and fine particles by 99%
- nitrogen oxides emissions by up to 85%
- carbon dioxide emissions by around 20%

Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris

It has been our practice to donate any residual funds to the above organisations that support seafarers that visit the Port during their ships layover.

With reduced attendance numbers the coffers are not very substantial, so a donation was not made last year.

As the year unfolds the situation will be reviewed.

Any private donations to either organisation are tax deductible. That maybe a way that we can show support!

Web site sponsor

With depleted residual in the bank due to reduced attendees over the past three years we were unable to cover the cost of renewal of the web site www.isoclub.asn.au and decided to cancel it.

Apart from the cost it was uncertain as to how many people were accessing it. Originally the cost of setting up the web site was sponsored by Michael Knowles [Continental Freight Services], Don't leap to nepotism, but the site was developed by Adam Colwell, son of Ken!

When we advised Adam that we could not afford to continue with the site he responded: - *"Please stop worrying about it. I'll cancel the invoice, please consider it a donation to the ISO Club. Have a good week!"*

So if you have any need for some internet works please keep Adam in mind. adam@adamcolwell.com will get you in touch

Meeting dates for 2020:

See note above

AND FINALLY

A politician visited a village and asked the villagers what their needs were.

"We have two basic needs honourable Sir", replied the village leader.

“Firstly, we have a hospital but no doctor”.

On hearing this, the politician brought out his phone.

After speaking for a while he told them that there’d be a doctor there tomorrow and asked for the second problem.

“...secondly Sir, there is no mobile phone coverage anywhere in this village”.



THE 2020 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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