

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

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News From The Friends

From The President

Greetings once again, as we slide into winter, although only gently so far, and I hope you are all keeping well. I have just heard from a colleague here at the Squadron that Mike and Gay Lewis are in New Plymouth, on the North Island of New Zealand, no doubt enjoying life to the full.

At our AGM in January, the Committee remained unchanged, and the financial report was accepted; we then enjoyed a DVD, and a generally pleasant evening. Fred and Sue looked after us well at the Railway Hotel, as usual.

In March we were treated to a brilliant picture show by Bob Sexton, after his recent trip to Britain, wonderful photos from one end of the country to the other, with interesting comments from Bob. It made me think about a journey north again! The "City of Adelaide" featured in this presentation, too, for added interest.

As you read this two more young people will be sailing aboard the "One and All", thanks to your generosity. Departing Port Adelaide on Tuesday, 17th May, they will arrive at Wallaroo at the weekend, to bus home. Their names are Avalon and Leon, and they will join us for our next meeting on May 30th to tell us of their voyage. Neil has a video on sail training which he acquired in Canada, I hope we will have time to watch this as well.

I look forward to seeing you all at that meeting; remember, more is better!

Regards, Julian.



Next Meeting

The May Meeting will feature our most recent Sail Trainees recounting their experiences on board the *One And All* recently.

This will be followed by a 45 minute film, *Pacific Odyssey*, of a sail training voyage from Victoria, Canada to PNG and return.

Date: Monday **May 30th 2010**

Time: **8:00 pm**

Venue: **Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide.**

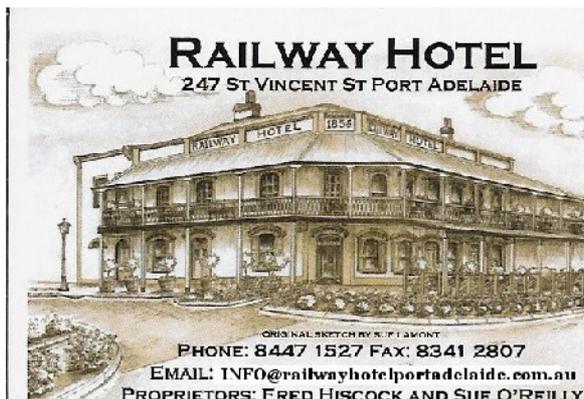
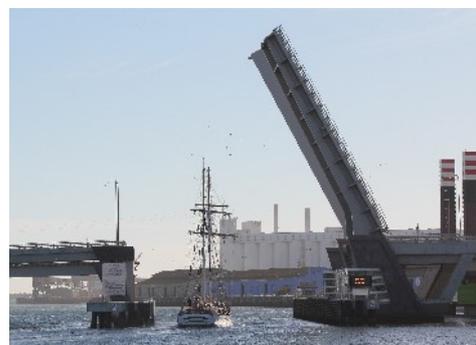
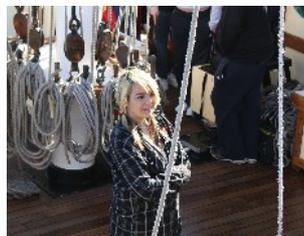
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2011 Paul and Margaret McGuire Youth Development Voyage Scholarship

It is with great pleasure that we announce Avalon Oates and Leon Kitek as our 2011 Scholarship winners.

They sailed on a 5 day voyage from Port Adelaide to Yorke Peninsula on the 17th May.

Among the other voyagers will be two young people sponsored by the Rotary Club of Adelaide.



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From the Travellers – Mike and Gay Lewis aboard *Expeditus* in New Zealand.



Late April 2011, saw Mike and Gay Lewis aboard the *Expeditus* in the beautiful Picton Harbour after having run up the coast from Akaroa near Christchurch in a 35 knot gale. The spectacular Kaikoura coastal range has a light dusting of snow. The seas are somewhat spectacular as well! By early May they were in New Plymouth at the foot of the near perfect volcanic cone of Taranaki (Mt Egmont).

Photos: Mike Lewis



Gay and Mike Lewis crossing the Tasman.

Paul McGuire – Ambassador to Ireland Italy

In late 1953 The Hon R G Casey, the Minister For External Affairs, announced the appointment of Paul McGuire as Ambassador to Ireland.

During the negotiations concerning the Letters of Credence accompanying Mr McGuire's appointment, an insoluble difference arose concerning the form of address of the Irish Head of State. Dublin was set on "The President of Ireland" while Canberra preferred "President of Eire" since it felt that the former implied sovereignty over the whole of Ireland. It was felt that asking the Queen, as Queen of Australia, to sign such a letter would put her in conflict with her role as Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in that it would imply that Northern Island was part of the republic.

So strong were the feelings that on 15th January 1954 Casey indicated the Australian Government would not proceed with Paul McGuire's appointment.

The Irish Weekly Times, published in Belfast in the North, thundered that "Australians, especially Australians named Casey, should appreciate why Irishmen hold fast by the name of Ireland. They do not want any other man's land. But they want restoration of territory which part of their island home."

In the meantime some of the good ladies of Toorak in Melbourne wrote letters urging the government not to appoint an ambassador to a country which had shown such disloyalty to the Queen.

This left Paul McGuire without an ambassador's posting though he was working in the United Nations at the time.

The post in Rome came up shortly afterwards and, on 15th March 1954, he was appointed to this instead.

The Shen Neng 1 Wrapup – the ATSB Report.

Watchkeeper fatigue a significant safety risk on ships, says ATSB

Date: 14 April 2011

Ship operators need to ensure that they have an appropriate process in place to properly manage the level of crew fatigue according to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).

The advice is a result of the ATSB's investigation into the 3 April 2010 grounding of Chinese bulk carrier Shen Neng 1 on Douglas Shoal, off the coast of Queensland near Gladstone.

In its final investigation report, released today, the ATSB found that the chief mate was affected by fatigue and this resulted in a decreased level of performance while he was monitoring Shen Neng 1's position. The report found that the ship did not have an effective fatigue management system in place to ensure that the bridge watchkeeper was fit to stand a navigational watch. (A watchkeeper is responsible for navigating the ship).

ATSB Chief Commissioner, Mr Martin Dolan, said Shen Neng 1's grounding provides an important safety lesson for all seagoing vessels.

"Fatigue is one of the key safety risks facing seafarers, and watchkeepers in particular. Failure to manage fatigue can lead to loss of life, damage to property and damage to the environment," Mr Dolan says.

"The ATSB urges ship operators to comply with international requirements that ensure operators properly manage the hours of work and rest of watchkeepers."

The report also identifies several other safety issues relating to the accident:

The ship's safety management system did not contain procedures or guidance in relation to the proper use of passage plans, including electronic route plans.

In the 30 minutes leading up to the grounding, there were no visual cues to warn either the chief mate or the seaman on lookout duty, as to the underwater navigation hazards directly ahead of the ship.

At the time of the grounding, the protections afforded by the requirement for compulsory pilotage and active monitoring of ships by the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Vessel Traffic Service (REEFVTS), were not in place in the sea area off Gladstone.

The report contains two safety recommendations addressed to Shen Neng 1's management company regarding the safety issues associated with fatigue management and passage planning. The report also acknowledges the safety action taken by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in relation to the extension of REEFVTS coverage to include the waters off Gladstone.

ATSB Press Release.

The ATSB Report.

At 1705 on 3 April 2010, the Chinese registered bulk carrier Shen Neng 1 grounded on Douglas Shoal, about 50 miles north of the entrance to the port of Gladstone, Queensland. The ship's hull was seriously damaged by the grounding, with the engine room and six water ballast and fuel oil tanks being breached, resulting in a small amount of pollution.

The ATSB investigation found that the grounding occurred because the chief mate did not alter the ship's course at the designated course alteration position. His monitoring of the ship's position was ineffective and his actions were affected by fatigue.



The Shen Neng 1 Aground on the Reef - ATSB

The ATSB identified four safety issues during the investigation: there was no effective fatigue management system in place to ensure that the bridge watchkeepers were fit to stand a navigational watch after they had supervised the loading of a cargo of coal in Gladstone; there was insufficient guidance in relation to the proper use of passage plans, including electronic route plans, in the ship's safety management system; there were no visual cues to warn either the chief mate or the seaman on lookout duty, as to the underwater dangers directly ahead of the ship; and, at the time of the grounding, the protections afforded by the requirement for compulsory pilotage and active monitoring of ships by REEFVTS, were not in place in the sea area off Gladstone.

The ATSB has issued two safety recommendations to Shen Neng 1's management company regarding the safety issues associated with fatigue management and passage planning and acknowledges the safety action taken by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in relation to the extension of REEFVTS coverage to include the waters off Gladstone.

Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau website 14/04/2011



The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Incorporated

resents
A Fine
Presenter

Youth Development Voyages

The 2011 McGuire Youth Development Voyage
Scholarship Winners will recount their trip on the
One and All.

This will be followed by a 45 minute Documentary
Pacific Odyssey
A Youth Development Voyage from Victoria, British
Columbia to Papua New Guinea and back.

Monday 30th May 2011
Railway Hotel
St Vincent Street
Port Adelaide
8:00 pm

Please joins us for dinner from 7:00pm –
Book with the hotel on 8447 1527

Anyone with an interest in Youth Development Voyages is most welcome

The Pacific Odyssey documentary is now the focus of
our 2011 Youth Development Voyage. It is a story of
adventure and discovery.



Advance Notice - July Meeting

July 24th 2011

2:00 pm

Railway Hotel Port Adelaide

Dorothy Heinrich will address us on the
Duke Of York and its Captain Morgan.

This talk is to mark the 175th
anniversary of the arrival of
the first official settlers to
South Australia on the 27th
July 1836.

Dorothy has researched the
life of the *Duke of York* ship,
and Captain Morgan its
captain.

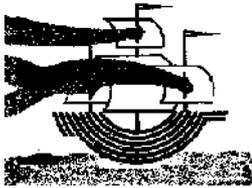


We will be joined by members of the Kangaroo Island
Pioneers Association Inc for this Sunday Afternoon
Meeting.

Please join us for lunch from 12:30 pm.

Join or Renew on line

Subs can now be paid online. Simply visit our website
<http://www.fpmml.org.au> and click the *Membership* menu
item. You will need a credit card. You won't need to
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Membership Renewal

Ordinary Memberships are all due for renewal in January each year. Please send your \$20 to

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