

# The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc.

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## News From The Friends

### President's Report – January 2012

Welcome to the New Year, and I trust it will be a good one for us all. I look forward to an interesting year for the Friends, in the way of talks and other events as we arrange them. For a start the AGM is to be a bit different this year, combining with a barbeque at the Royal S. A. Yacht Squadron, Outer Harbor. This should make it easier for the daylight watch to attend, and also give an opportunity to socialise a little more – please come on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, don't be shy!

Our meeting last November was entertaining, to say the least, with ex-Californian Jack Curtiss telling of his adventures with ship-borne pirate radio stations off the east coast of England back in the sixties. Jack certainly had some stories to tell, and altogether it was a fun evening. As usual Fred and Sue at the Railway Hotel saw that we were well nourished.

Mike and Gay Lewis, our cruising Friends, spent Christmas at Kiribati, having made a big loop around the South Pacific. All seems to be well now after their serious knock-down somewhere near the Kermadec Islands, which caused considerable bruising and damage. I wonder when we will see them again?

The word came recently from the State Library that there is a fairly large sum of money, previously unknown to us, part of Mrs McGuire's bequest, and now available to us.

In consultation with Annette Mills and Valerie Sitters a portion of this is to be spent on a very rare book, *THULIA: A Tale of the Antarctic*. By J. C. Palmer, U.S.N., and published in 1843. It is a first edition and details the Wilkes expedition to the southern continent.

It is the sole remaining description of that expedition.

The *One and All* continues to lie idle here at the Yacht Squadron, with no apparent change in the management situation. At least she is in South Australia! I hope better news will come soon to our ears, I find it very distressing to see our fine ship languishing in this way.

Regards to you all, and see you soon.

Julian

### Next Meeting

The first meeting for 2012 will be a combined barbecue / AGM and will be held at the R.S.A.Y.S. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 from 12:00 noon.

Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Time: 12:00 noon

Venue: **Barbecue Area, R.S.A.Y.S. Outer Harbor.**

Cost: **BYO everything.**

Happy New Year Everyone!

It has been difficult finding time to put this Traverse Board together with a house move taking up much of my time so far this year. It is accordingly short.

There are 2 shipwrecks to report on: the *Rena* in New Zealand has broken in two with the stern almost disappearing. There are still many containers to be recovered if that is even possible.

The very pretty Waihi Beach has been fouled with jetsam from the ship.

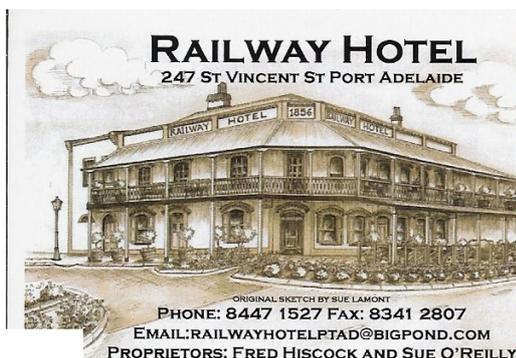
Members will be familiar with the recent grounding of the *Costa Concordia* in Italy. While most passengers and crew have been saved a number of lives were lost and there are still missing passengers.

The captain doesn't seem to be actually covering himself in glory, indeed many aspects of this grounding seem to warrant a thorough investigation and a prosecution.

Not only was "the reef that doesn't show on charts" marked with a lighthouse, no-one seemed to be in charge of the evacuation which was delayed for so long that half the lifeboats became useless when the ship started to list and finally tip over.

That only 12 are confirmed dead and around 30 still missing of the 4250 passengers and crew on board seems to be more good luck than anything else.

Neil Waller, Editor



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# AGM and Get Together

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

R.S.A.Y.S.  
12:30pm

You are invited to join us for a barbecue at the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron at Outer Harbor on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 from 12:30pm.

Turn hard right after entering the gates off Mersey Road and park in the car park on the eastern side of the slip area. We can be found at one of the barbecue areas overlooking the basin in the south eastern corner of the compound.

We will be there from 12:30 pm and at 2:00pm we will take time out for our AGM with, hopefully, time for further refreshments after.

Please BYO everything.

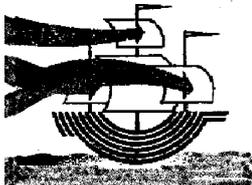


The *Peking* moored at the South Street Maritime Museum in New York.



The *Sealion 2000* approaching the Penneshaw jetty which has been earmarked for repairs in the near future. This trip was a couple of days before Christmas and had a full load of vehicles and quite a number of passengers.

Membership subs are now due. Please return the form below to the treasurer at the address shown. Alternately he will be only too glad to receive your subs on 5<sup>th</sup> February.



## The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc.

### Membership Renewal

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

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