

# 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 - MAY 2014

My, how the time flies by, just like a crazy spinnaker run on a yacht! Nearly time to dig out the oilies and sou'wester again, but never mind, we can always find a warm spot and a good book.

I am pleased to report that our first meeting at The British went very well, Kim and her colleagues made us very welcome, and the evening was well attended, which makes such a difference.



Our speaker was Vivonne Thwaites, whose grandfather sailed to Australia aboard the *Grace Harwar* from Finland and decided to stay.

She recently spent time in Åland to visit relatives and gave an interesting talk on life there, accompanied by some lovely slides on the screen (are they still slides, I wonder?). A very pleasant evening altogether.

I hope to see a similarly good number of Friends at our next meeting, also at the British. This time we welcome back Trevor Powell, who told us of Governor Lachlan Macquarie on his last visit. This time we shall hear and see of Trevor's doings as a Shipspotter, with some photographs of ships that no longer come this way, and I think we'll find this very interesting. Trevor is also Chieftain of the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society, by the way.

Next Saturday (17th May) will see the official welcoming to the Port of the City of Adelaide clipper, which should be a pretty lively day around the docks, with the opportunity to see on board, I believe.

The One and All is still in the process of training crew, so with luck it should be possible to send a young person away on a voyage again before too long. That is such a good opportunity for young people that I do hope we do this again.

That's it from me, I look forward to seeing you all soon (26th May)

Regards, Julian.

### Next Meeting

Local historian and photographer, **Trevor Powell**, will entertain us with images of contemporary shipping in the Port Of Adelaide.

Date: Monday **May 26th 2014**

Time: **8:00 pm (Dinner at 7:00pm)**

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

Cost: **Donation**

**Please book for dinner on 8240 2286 (the hotel)**



Samal Oceanview Marina – Photo Mike Lewis

April has been an eventful month in the world of shipping. The terrible ferry sinking in South Korea has seen many young people losing their lives in the upturned hull of the ferry. The Sewol ferry sank on a routine trip south from the port of Incheon to the traditional holiday island of Jeju. The speed of the disaster seemed to take every one by surprise. All of the crew is now in custody, and the nation's Prime Minister, Chung Hong-Won, has resigned over the matter.

Closer to home the Royal Australian Navy along with the navies and air forces of several other countries has been hard at work searching for the missing Boeing 777 MH370 in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Western Australia.

I have included some articles from *Navy Today*, published on-line by the RAN. These cover not the search but rather the logistics and people behind it.



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# Easter on task for Operation Southern Indian Ocean

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More than a thousand miles away from the nearest coast, men and women on ships deployed to Operation Southern Indian Ocean spent the traditional long-weekend 'break' scouring the ocean for missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

Despite being at sea for Easter undertaking search operations, HMAS Success ship's company paused to mark the occasion with a service and hot cross buns. Success sailed from Fremantle on 19 March to join the search and since then has been on task 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Conditions in the southern Indian Ocean have been uncompromising, but the ship's crew have not wavered in their attempts to find information for the families and friends of those lost.

Success' Commanding Officer, Captain Allison Norris, took the opportunity to reflect on the special meaning of this Easter for her crew.



Keeping it fresh: ABML-C Stephen Finnigan brings up a box of fresh vegetables for a midday meal.

"Easter represents a new beginning and the hope for fullness of life for all people," she said.

"We've been aware that many people around the world have been praying for us over the last few weeks and this service gives us the opportunity to give thanks and to pray for them too—our presence here has given hope and some healing to those who have lost their loved ones on board flight MH370."

HMA Ships Success, Perth and Toowoomba with ADV Ocean Shield and MV Seahorse Standard maintain a presence at sea for Australia alongside ships from the United States, China, Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

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ABML-C Stephen Finnigan checks on a tray of pastry in the galley of MV Seahorse Standard.

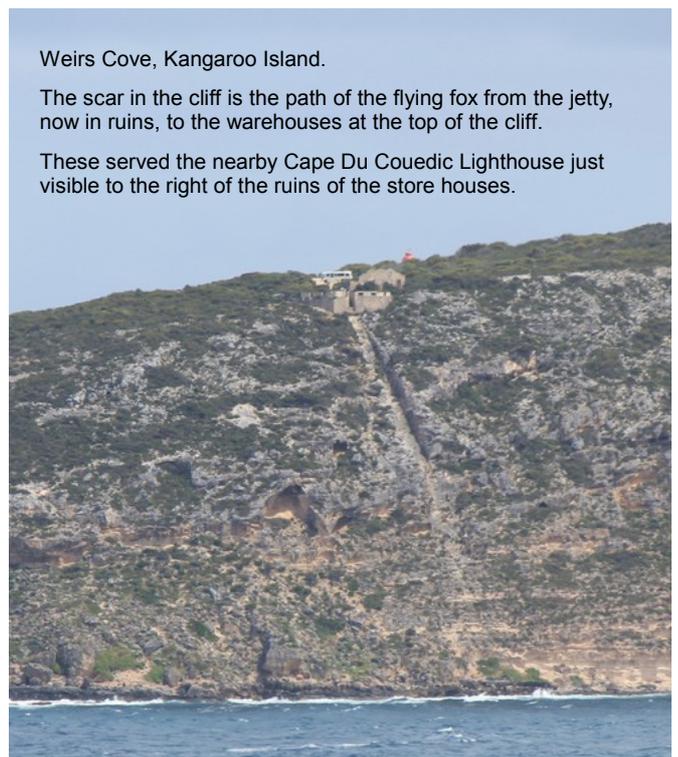


Chaplain Colin Tett, RAN of HMAS SUCCESS holds a service during the Easter period for personnel onboard whilst deployed in search of the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.

Weirs Cove, Kangaroo Island.

The scar in the cliff is the path of the flying fox from the jetty, now in ruins, to the warehouses at the top of the cliff.

These served the nearby Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse just visible to the right of the ruins of the store houses.



# HMAS Perth refuels with HMAS Success in southern Indian Ocean search zone

Published on 10 April 2014 CDR Sean Noble (author), ABIS Nicolas Gonzalez (photographer)



HMAS Perth refuelled by HMAS Success during a replenishment at sea (RAS) as part of Operation SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN, HMAS Perth has joined the search of missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370. (photo: ABIS Nicolas Gonzalez)

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) frigate HMAS Perth has been given a helping hand by the RAN supply ship HMAS Success during Replenishment at Sea (RAS) in the southern Indian Ocean.

Both ships are taking part in the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH-370. Perth has been at sea for several weeks. The refuel provided each ship with the chance to undertake a well rehearsed routine, but one which is always full of potential challenges.

A RAS takes time and the efforts of almost the entire ships' company. Sailors like Able Seaman Marine Technician Hannah Nadalini join forces to make sure the evolution was completed properly and safely.

"My place during a RAS is on the distance line," Able Seaman Nadalini said.

"Everyone at my station has done this many times but it's important to work as a team and to focus on the task at hand."

Nearby, Leading Seaman Boatswain's Mate Jenna Shiel was on the Gun Direction Platform, preparing to fire a line across to Success to begin the delicate hook-up.

"It's all about the aim!" Leading Seaman Shiel said.

"A bad shot and the entire process could be delayed – that won't go down well with my shipmates!" she said.

Throughout the process, however, the search for debris continued. Australian Army Gunner Richard Brown remained on Perth's forecastle, binoculars at the ready.

"It's a big ocean," said Gunner Brown, "but at some stage we are all hoping that something will turn up to solve this mystery."

After several hours, Perth detached from Success and both ships continued on their way.

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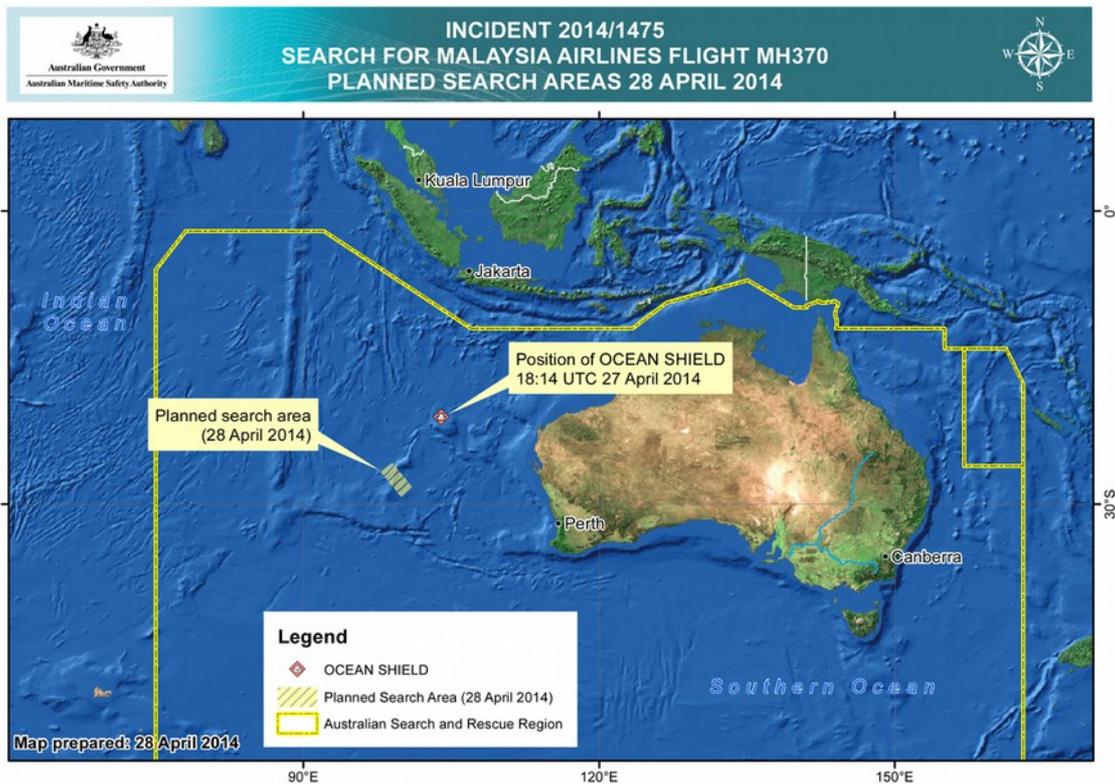
Able Seaman Marine Technician, Hannah Nadalini heaves on the distance line on the chaff deck onboard HMAS Perth during a replenishment at sea (RAS) with HMAS Success as part of Operation SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN. HMAS Perth has joined the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.



Gunner (GNR) Richard Brown (left) of Transit Security Element on lookout on the forecastle of HMAS Perth in search of debris from missing Malaysia Airline Flight MH370 during Operation SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN. HMAS Perth has joined the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.



Leading Seaman Boatswain's Mate, Jenna Shiel supervises on the gun direction platform of HMAS Perth during a replenishment at sea (RAS) as part of Operation SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN, HMAS Perth have joined the search of missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.



## Chinese Navy Liaison Officer farewelled after successful visit

Commander Lin Wan of the People's Liberation Army-Navy (PLA-N) was farewelled from HMAS Success on 20 April following a successful 12-day placement as part of Operation Southern Indian Ocean.

Commander Wan joined Success as a Liaison Officer for the Chinese vessels searching as part of the international fleet trying to locate Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

During his stay, Commander Wan gained a unique insight into life on board the Royal Australian Navy resupply ship.

“There are many similarities in the working and living environment on Chinese and Australian navy vessels, however there are differences in such things as daily routines,” he said.

“Our day begins at 0600, with work commencing at 0730 and finishing at 1730—following lunch, personnel not keeping watch have a designated rest time of 60-90 minutes so they are refreshed for the afternoon’s work and must turn in for the night at 2130—this difference in routine was quite surprising to members of Success,” he said.

Commander Wan commented it was the first time he had experienced western-style food and hospitality for an extended period.

“The food choices are quite varied and reflect the multicultural nature of Australia,” he said.

“The warmth and openness of the crew was evident from the moment I arrived—this has helped me to fit in and do my work whilst onboard,” Commander Wan said.

The Commanding Officer of Success, Captain Allison Norris, RAN, said the opportunity to closely coordinate search efforts with one of Australia’s international partners was valuable.

“It has been a pleasure having Commander Wan as our guest during this phase of what has been a very challenging search and recovery mission—his insight has given us a greater understanding of one of our key partners and has contributed to a cooperative effort in this important endeavour,” she said.

Success was the first ship tasked to find evidence of the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean search area when she sailed from Fremantle on March 19 and has since cooperated with ships from Australia, China, Malaysia, United Kingdom and the United States.

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The Commanding Officer of HMAS SUCCESS, Captain Allison Norris, RAN, exchanges ship's plaques with Commander Lin Wan, a Liaison Officer from the People's Liberation Army-Navy destroyer HAIKOU (DDG-171).

## Whyalla Inner harbour safety reminder

In recent months, Arrium Mining has had several instances of sailing vessels that have run in to trouble in the Spencer Gulf seeking refuge in its Inner Harbour, near Whyalla.

The company told the Whyalla News it is more than happy to provide shelter to mariners in distress but they should be very mindful of safety in and around the port.

It is an extremely busy port and can be a dangerous place for vessels unfamiliar with the safety protocols.

Ships transiting the shipping channels cannot stop or turn around and pose a significant risk to boats trying to enter the Whyalla Port simultaneously, particularly when unannounced.

Should anyone run into distress in the Spencer Gulf and be unable to make it back to the marina under their own power, the below protocols should be followed:

1. Contact Whyalla Sea Rescue on 8644 0414. They can assist and/or tow vessels back into the harbour
2. If Whyalla Sea Rescue cannot provide assistance and the only option remaining to the vessel in distress is to come into the Whyalla Port, please contact Arrium Mining security on 8640 4000.

Security will then contact the appropriate people to ensure these harbour movements are carried out in a safe manner.

Anyone with questions regarding any of the above is encouraged to contact Arrium Mining's port services manager Ashley Dean on 0408 135 355.

More general information regarding marine radio frequencies (emergency channel VHF 16), and distress, safety and urgency calls can be found on the government of South Australia's website.

DPTI On Deck

## Whale season restriction zone begins 1 May

The restriction zone in the waters around Victor Harbor is about to come into force again as whales move into our waters.



The triangular zone restricts all personal water craft, such as jet skis, from entering waters in Encounter Bay from 1 May to 30 September each year.

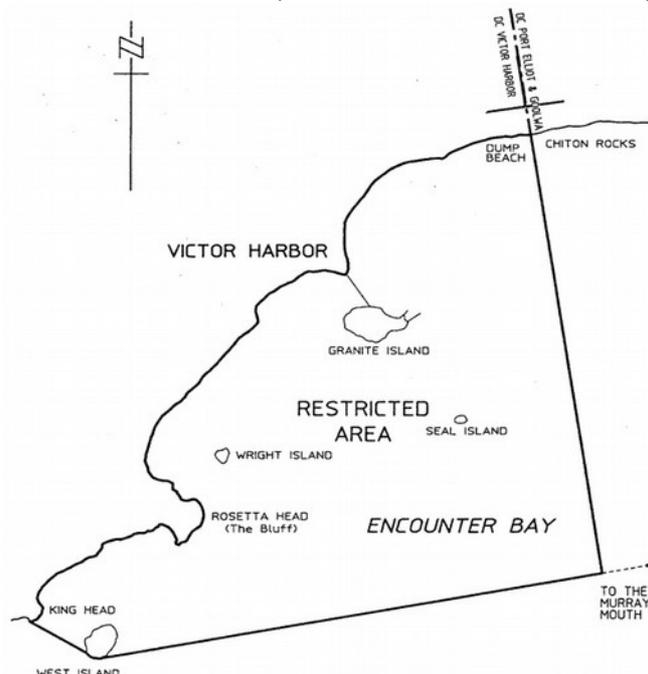
For the specific restrictions see the map outlined in the legislation. The zone is in place because of the danger posed to these craft by whales.

The creatures may not be aware of the presence of personal watercraft and may surface suddenly potentially injuring the rider, mammal and damaging the craft.

The maximum penalty for failure to comply is \$1,250. Signs at the local launching ramp highlight the restriction.

In all other parts of the state personal watercraft and other vessels must also keep a safe distance from whales and dolphins under the National Parks and Wildlife (Protection of Marine Mammals) Regulations 2010.

DPTI On Deck



## May 2014 Meeting

Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
British Hotel, Port Adelaide

This meeting is one for the ship-spotters.

Local historian and ship spotter, Trevor Powell, will show us a number of photos of ships of all kinds from his Facebook group Aussie Ship Spotters.

The meeting will be at our new venue, the British Hotel, down by the Birkenhead Bridge in Port Adelaide.

We will meet as usual for a meal from 6:30pm – 7:00pm, then enjoy Trevor's presentation from 8:00pm.

To help the hotel could you please book for dinner on **8240 2286**.



The *Island Navigator*, pictured left in Auckland in early October 2012, was built in 1990 for Kangaroo Island Sealink as their freight ferry to supplement the *Philanderer 3*, the passenger ferry.

Both ferries plied daily between Cape Jervis and Penneshaw.

Sealink's ferries can carry both cars and heavy vehicles as well as passengers.

When Sealink acquired the *Sealion 2000*, then a couple of years later, the *Spirit of Kangaroo Island*, both much larger ferries, the two small ferries were displaced.

When the *Spirit Of Kangaroo Island* was introduced in November 2003 the *Island Navigator* was transferred to Sealink's New Zealand subsidiary for service on the 4½ hour crossing between Auckland and Great Barrier Island out in the Hauraki Gulf.

The *Island Navigator* was generally a very seaworthy vessel but it was very interesting travelling on her in a heavy sea, particularly on Backstairs Passage with the wind from the north west.

Sealink New Zealand is now back in New Zealand ownership.

*MV Sealion 2000* is a steel-hulled catamaran operated from Cape Jervis, South Australia, to Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island, by SeaLink Travel Group. The trip takes approximately 45 minutes. She has a capacity for 354 passengers and 60 cars.

*SeaLion 2000* was custom designed for SeaLink services, and built in 1998 by Tenix Shipbuilding, Fremantle, Western Australia. She is 49.9 m long, and powered by two 1078 kW Caterpillar diesels engines, has an operating speed of 16 knots.

The ferry went back to Fremantle for a major refit including new engines and transmission in 2013.

The ferry is shown approaching the Penneshaw jetty on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012.



Dawn on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 sees the *Sea Princess* approaching the passenger terminal in Auckland, New Zealand.



While the passengers were enjoying the many delights of the Auckland area during the day the *Sea Princess* was serviced.



6:00 pm: The *Sea Princess* sets sail for the next port.



The *Sea Princess* sails back up Waitemata harbour to the open sea to resume its cruise.