

## **Tony White - *personal profile***

I was a boarder at Harlow from 1951 to 1956 and was in Rodney House.

On leaving Harlow attended King Edward VII Nautical College for pre-sea training.

1957 -60 served Cadetship world-wide in the tramp and liner trades.

'61 qualified with 2nd Mates certificate, and subsequently obtained 1st Mates and Master Foreign Going by 66. Continued to operate in mainly liners trading to Indian and African continents and all points in-between, with occasional diversions elsewhere.

Initially came ashore for a 2 year project in 1970 to the company's head office, having served as Port Relief Master, Chief Officer and Cadet Training Officer afloat, to administer cadet training programme and recruitment, and represent company at colleges, industry seminars and conventions.

Transferred to another company where responsible for all seafarers training programmes, and recruitment of school leavers. Involved nationally in conventions and recruitment to the industry. Seat on Merchant Navy Training Board Committee, and Board of Governors, Merchant Navy College Greenhithe ( previously the Worcester) in mid 70's.

Joined Port of London Authority in 1975; involved with operation of Royal, West India and Tilbury Docks as Dockmaster, operation of the traffic control on the river during the construction period of the Thames Flood Barrier,

from which today's control centre and operational procedures were developed.

1980 transferred to the Port's Hydrographic Department, which is responsible for all survey aspects of the Thames, including tidal monitoring, from Teddington to the outer port limits (approximately offshore off Clacton and Margate).

The dissemination of all information gathered concerning the safety of navigation to vessels, mariners and other interested parties, is published by the Port and the U.K. Hydrographic Office on Admiralty Charts and Notices.

From 1985 to retirement in 2001, main area of operation has been the outer estuary, where manual and semi automated systems have developed into modern computer driven systems, both for data gathering and craft operation as well as floating test beds for shore monitoring systems.

Now enjoying retirement and the grandchildren, while still maintaining interests through society meetings of past working life.

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