



## Thurlo Haile (50-53)

Commander Thurlo Haile RD\*\* RNR died last June after being hit by a car, near his Chelmsford home. He was 74. Born in Lytham St Annes, Thurlo was an enthusiastic contributor to life aboard Conway. A keen athlete and member of the Snowden Scout group, he represented the Ship in cross-country, athletics and boxing. He flourished academically, winning the Merchant Marine Service Association gold medal for 'the greatest proficiency in all branches of training and education', as well as the Torr Prize for history and geography. Graduating as Senior CC, Hold Division, he was appointed Midshipman, RNR, and gained a Shaw Savill apprenticeship. Three OCs (K Rankin [53-55], B McAree [42-44] and the writer) saw his talents during RNR 'P' courses in 1959, when he gained close to top marks.

Married to Jean in 1961, Thurlo ended his sea career as Chief Officer *Alaric* in 1964, then worked as shipping co-ordinator for the Port of London, before moving to Ottawa in 1966 as a marine investigator for the Canadian government. 1971 saw a return to the UK as lecturer to Extra Masters at Sir John Cass College London, and eventually with London Offshore Consultants until retiring in 1999. He also joined the London Division RNR in 1971, where his huge enthusiasm and hands-on leadership brought a deserved appointment as Commander, London Division, and on retirement, the award of two clasps to his Reserve Decoration for long and meritorious service. A liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, he was a keen Freemason and Lodge Secretary.

We last enjoyed Thurlo's cheerful company at the Hobart reunion in 2010, and he will be sadly missed. He is survived by Jean, two sons and a daughter, to whom we extend our sympathies.

*Thanks to John W Perry (53-55)*

## Michael Keen (46-48)

Michael was born in London in July 1931. After Conway, he joined the Merchant Service and sailed with the Royal Mail Line. He enjoyed travelling around the world. Michael left the sea at the age of 30 and studied for a Diploma of Management. He then joined production companies, still travelling abroad to Europe and America. Before retirement, he became a self employed Management Consultant. Once again, Michael travelled and worked in Serbia and America.

Michael liked to keep close ties with OCs, attending regular social events with his wife. He died suddenly in hospital in August. His ashes were scattered at sea in the Solent. Donations were split between the RNLI and the Friends of the Conway.