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STAMP COLLECTING

With the recent issue of the new £1 coin, it reminded us that we had not published this year a note of the stamp issues. This Newsletter will rectify that immediately. Whilst on the subject of stamp collecting, readers may care to know that many Charities (the R.N.L.I. being one of the first that comes to mind) are grateful to receive old used stamps, both British and foreign, through which they are able to raise money. Please make sure that the stamps are not ripped and are cut from their envelopes, preferably with about a half-inch border.

Stamp issues in 1983

26th January	British River Fishes
9th March	Commonwealth Day
30th March	Definitive issue
25th May	Engineering Achievements
6th July	British Army
24th August	British Gardens
5th October	British Fairs
16th November	Christmas issue

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STAFF NEWS

BIRTHS: Our congratulations to the following seagoing staff on their recent new arrivals:

I.C. Stutt and Mrs. Stutt - a daughter Elizabeth Anne Victoria, born on 6th April, 6 lb. 6 ozs.

A.K. Smith and Mrs. Smith - a son Douglas Anthony, on 13th April, 5 lb. 7 ozs. (Mr. Smith is a former Second Officer).

Second Engineer Holbin and Mrs. Holbin - a son, Benjamin James (Pebbles) born on 3rd April, 9 lb. 2¼ ozs.

OBITUARIES: Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mr. M. Cross**, Data Processing Manager, Head Office on the passing of his father during this month.

We also offer our sincere condolences to **Mr. M. Grubb**, Technical Clerk, Head Office, on the recent passing of his mother.

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LAST WISH CARRIED OUT BY "CARDIFF CITY":

Many readers will remember news of our late Office Messenger, **Mr. George Crabbe, B.E.M.** who died last year. The wish of **Mr. Crabbe and his family** was that his ashes should be scattered from one of the Company's ships. It was felt that the m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" was an appropriate vessel to carry out this wish and, during the month, we received word from **Captain Baker** that he had been able to complete this mission. The Service was conducted by **Captain Baker** and was attended by several of the Ship's Officers and their wives. The vessel was stopped at the time, with the Ensign at half-mast and, at the conclusion of the Service, three long blasts were given on the ship's whistle, as is customary. **Mrs. Crabbe** has asked us to pass on her thanks to **Captain Baker and the Officers** and their wives who attended, to which we also add our thanks.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES:

We congratulate the following on obtaining their Certificates:

A.P. Brandram-Jones	-	Class 2 Motor	:	W.J. Lait	-	Class I Motor
E.J. Bennington	-	Class 4 Motor	:	M.R. Preece	-	Part "A" Class I
R.M. Stead	-	Part "A" Class				Motor
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EXTRACT FROM D.H.S.S. PUBLICATION N1227/JULY 1982
"EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO STATUTORY SICK PAY"

Appendix B.

Mariners, Airmen and Continental Shelf Workers.

Mariners

1. Foreign-going Mariners employed by a U.K. employer are excluded from SPP while under a Contract for which the employer pays a special rate of contribution.

All our Sea Staff are excluded under the above Clause, as the Company pays National Insurance at a special rate of contribution.

When you are required to sign-on as sick with your doctor, advise him/her that you are exempted from SSP and require a D.H.S.S. sick note as well as one for your employer. You will then claim Sickness Benefit from the State as in the past.

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LONDON MARATHON 1983

We are pleased to report that one of our **London Office Staff, Mr. Justin Murphy**, was successful in completing the 26.2 mile London Marathon course from Greenwich Park to Westminster Bridge on Sunday, 17th April. Running for The British Heart Foundation, he finished in a time of four hours, after taking into account the five minutes it took to actually cross the starting line.

Also taking part was Justin's mother, running for Action Aid (an Organisation which sponsors education in Africa). She completed the course in five hours fifty-five minutes. It was her first attempt at the Marathon. Both hope to better their times in next year's race, which is scheduled for 13th May 1984. Well done, Both, and good luck in your training for next year!
(It is understood about 17000 people started the race and 16000 completed it).

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"SKEENA" COMPLETES MAIDEN VOYAGE

The "Skeena" has now completed her fifteen week maiden voyage at Vancouver, B.C. in March. The ship sailed from Fredrikstad, Norway in November, her first cargo including nearly 3000 cars loaded in Sweden and Germany for New York and Houston. From there she went to Nanaimo, B.C. thence Vancouver, where she loaded lumber and plywood for discharge Japan. She then loaded Japanese cars for the return trip. In Vancouver, **Mr. Clive Roberts**, President of **Seaboard**, presented **Captain Robin Stuart** with a painting of the Skeena River by British Columbia artist Ron Kiss. The "SKEENA" will make about six trips a year between North America and Japan carrying Seaboard wood products on the outward voyage and returning with cars and other cargo on the West Coast of the U.S.A. and Canada.

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WINTEX/CIMEX 83 NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING EXERCISE

The above Exercise between the Royal and Merchant Navies was one in which all our ships were involved. All had been given warning they may be visited and we understand several of the Company's ships were. As a result, we have received the following letter from the Department of Trade:-

"Further to my letter of 3rd February, I am writing to thank you for your co-operation and help in the above Exercise. The Ministry of Defence (Navy), in particular, wish me to express their appreciation to you for allowing Naval Control of Shipping Officers to board your ships where possible.

For the first time in an Exercise of this nature, information on movements was used to construct a computerised shipping plot to enable us to identify shipping likely to be in the Exercise areas of the North Atlantic, North Sea and Mediterranean. Consequently, some companies may have found that neither they nor their ships became involved at all. Nonethe-less, building up data for Exercises of this kind takes time and the co-operation of all companies has helped us considerably towards improving the ship location system. You will also be interested to know that in providing a general industry reaction to the developing situation, the representatives of the General Council of British Shipping posed a number of interesting problems which will be taken further now that the Exercise is over". (Signed: B.R. Stambrey).

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VESSELS	CARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	PORT ALBERNI CITY	TACOMA CITY
Master	R.I. Crawford	J.J. Birrell	J.S. Pearsall	J.C. Lee
Chief Officer	J.P. Andrews	A. Thomson	I.M. Stewart	J.E.S. York
Second Officer	M.R. Sealey	M.R. Lovibond	T.J. Fuller	P.C. Coles
Third Officer	R.W. Eacott	I. Cowan	P.C. Weychan	J.M. Coleman
Radio Officer	V.F. Cullen	E.G. Bromham	R.G. Chugg	R.J. Preece
Chief Engineer	D. Harrison	D.N. Henry	R.G. Trigg	L.M. Williamson
Second Engineer	D.G. Wedlake	P.D. Slade	R.E. Diamond	D.C. Pulley
Third Engineer	A.M. Francis	D.B. Evans	R.E. Russell	R.M. Stead
Fourth Engineer	N.J. Millward	A. Keast	P. Collins	M.S. Duke
Electrician		F.C. Brown	K.F. Bean	K.W.B. Hampton
Catering Officer	D.C. Fernandes	E. Dias	R.A. Peach	P.D. Smith
Cadets			K.P. Deacon	A.P. Wilson
			G.P. Jones	R.A. Bracker
			A.P.J. Gaskell	

VESSELS	AMPARO	BIBI	SILVIA SOFIA
Master	R.E. Skinner	L.R. Staines	B.A.G. Boyer
Chief Officer	B.T. Hernaman	D.H. Aubrey	P.M. Baverstock
Second Officer	T.H. Jowett	N. Jerrum	J.J. Moore
Third Officer	C.G. Everett	P.A. Vaughan	D.P. Kirley
Radio Officer	P. Bradley	R.G. Miller	D.S.H. Thomson
Chief Engineer	P.W. Evans	R. Chambers	N.B. Shilstone
Second Engineer	W.M. Powell	C.J. Burton	J. Foots
Third Engineer	D.J. Coombes	R. Thomas	K.R. Negele
Fourth Engineer	W.E. Wilkins	A.J.F. Tuck	M.R. Penny
Fourth Engineer		A.J. Salter	A.R. Parker
Electrician	J. Fernandes	D.A. Williams	D.J.C. Harnett
Catering Officer	L.E. Seabrooke	L. Slawinski	F.W. Lever
Cadets	M.M. Taylor	A.M. Baker	R.P. Eastham
	E.V. Neale	N.J. Griffiths	J.C.E. Pink
	D.A. Welch	M.G. Moore	

VESSELS	OLMECA	VICTORIA CITY	YAQUI
Master	P.J. Boroughs	M.W. Slayman	T.R. McNulty
Chief Officer	E.W. Walmsley	R.T. Alford	I. Woollard
Second Officer	P.A. Bullard	M.L. Fraser	A. Abel
Third Officer	R.B. Webb	M. Cox	C. Swindells
Radio Officer	N.C. Sanders	D.C. Short	J.A. Heslop
Chief Engineer	J. Scott	G.M. Cuthbertson	H.L. Fletcher
Second Engineer	A. Doubler	D.E. Horne	N. Nesbitt
Third Engineer	A.C. Coombs	M.G. Evans	D.E. Simons
Fourth Engineer	M.J.C. Lockwood	M.P. Owens	C.B.C. Jones
Electrician	P. Willmott	N.R. Padfield	N. Whitfield
Catering Officer	J.A. Patrick	N.H. Frost	R.G. Pierce
Cadets	D.P. Stephens	D.P. Lockett	

M.V. "SKEENA"

Ships Company: Capt. M.J. Bellamy, J. Dunk, T.A. Price, A. Williamson, B.B. Everett, G.J. Griffiths, W.R. Shannon, R.H. Reed, C.J. Brown, L. Hayward, K. Baines, M.G. Shaw, R.G. Crozier, M. Martyn-Johns, T.A. Broughton, M.P. Hudson, F. George, W. Hevern, S. Seagraves, R.A. Wilkins, J.C.A. Richards, P. Jones, M. Evans, D.H. Jones, P. Mules, P.F. Miller, D.A. Phillips.

Listed below are Officers on leave: Every effort is made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters: D.L. Bell, R.E. Baker, ~~M.C. Hurst~~, W.G. Wood, A.D. Lightfoot, W.D. Jones, K. Milburn, A.L.G. Gosset, J. Porteous, R.K. Stuart.

Chief Officers: J.S. Murray, D.C. Toon, B.R. Hopper, I.C. Stutt, J.R. Ashley, T. Haxell, R.V. Duncan.

Second Officers: A.C. Prosser, P.D. Codd, A.A. Field, P.C. Roberts, G.P. Eyles, T.L. Lawrence.

Third Officers: E.J. Naughton, J.C. Neale, G.R.J. Faulkener, N. Boyce, S.F. Broderick, A.M. Russell, S.J. Laws, J.J. Hudson, C.E. Broad, R.A. Hall, A. Morris.

Chief Engineers: D. Archbold, H.C. Convery, E.R. Morgan, G. Hughes, B.M. Draper, J.C. Cullen, K.D. Morgan, D.N. Amey, W. Gill.

Second Engineers: J.B. Hocking, K. Rowney, R.A. Rees, A. Hobin, T. Graham-Russell, A. Edwards, W.A. Bruce, P.H. Evans, P.J. Prendergast.

Third Engineers: G.E. Ashton, M.B. Perrott, P. Price, J.H. Davies, M.R. Preece, R.C. Butcher, W.J. Lait, P. John, R.M.B. Jenkins.

Fourth Engineers: A.D. Cowling, A.J. White, M.G. Adams, A.P. Brandram-Jones, D. Aldus, K.R. Warner, I.J. Morgan, H.D. McLundie, J.A. Akhurst, W.H. Tucker.

Radio Officers: W.P. Budden, R.H. Smith, C.G. Macey, D.P. Bidmead, B.J. Carter, R.W. McInnes, I.F. Bullock, M.W. Savory, J.R. Mathews, K.H. Sellar.

Electricians: E.M. Bennington, D.G. Hunt, D. Osborne, J.P. Crawford, D.G. Grant, B.R. Batey, J.A. Grainger.

Catering Officers: C.J. Harray, J. Bonner, D. Gowsell, D.R. Hartshorne, L. Surrey, A.A. Gouldie.

Officers on sick/study leave: A.M.W. Mitchell, K. Jones, M.E. Jones, A.H. Fox, R.U. Bell, M.J. Clarke, J.C. Pagler, J.M. Smith, N. Davies, R.W. Davies, C.K. Lee, P. Deschamps, M. Williamson, K.A. Velda, I.S. Exton, D.A. Roberts.

Cadets at home on sick leave, voyage leave or study leave: J.R. Greenspan, S.A. Hembury, D.J.F. Carter, D.R. Hilton, P.J. Gallie, M.A. Worsnop, T. Stanford, G. Provis, T. Short, J. Cox, D.A. Littler, R. Johnson, G. Taylor, P.C. Davies, S.J. Thomas, P.G. Tate, T. Wood, R. Williamson, P.D. Cocker, S.N. Beckett, C.D. Broughton, M.J. Hopewell, N.G. Herod, W.P. Heyman, I.J. Thomas, M.I.V. Holman, S. Rawlings, D.B. Williams.

SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 22nd April, 1983

m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Ben Line, arrived Sipitang 1139 18th April and after completion of loading Timber and Plywood, will sail 23rd April for Wallace Bay, where she arrives 25th and sails 30th. Her next port, Sandakan, will probably be cancelled and vessel will proceed direct to Singapore, arriving 3rd May, and after completion of loading, sailing 6th. She transits the Suez Canal through 27/28th May, after which vessel proceeds to her first discharge port of Sete, arriving 2nd June, sailing 4th for Liverpool 11/19th and Rotterdam, where she arrives around 21st June. After completion of discharge vessel redelivers around the 27th June, and her next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "DEVON CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Van Ommeren, sailed Dublin, after completion of discharge, 1900 17th April. Vessel arrived Rotterdam 2215 19th April, and after completion of discharge sailed 0045 21st April. On dropping outward pilot Rotterdam at 0247 21st April, vessel went Off Hire from Time Charterers Van Ommeren. Vessel arrived Flushing Roads 0730 21st April and drydocked Vlissingen 0927 same day. Vessel will probably undock 28th April and anchors off Vlissingen same day. She will then go back On Hire to Time Charterers Van Ommeren DOP Vlissingen 2nd May for one Transatlantic round voyage, loading at Sluiskil, expected to complete and sail 5/6th May, for discharge U.S. Gulf/Atlantic.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Combo Lines, this vessel sailed Singapore 1300 20th April, after loading a part cargo of Sawn Timber and Plywood. Vessel arrived Port Kelang 1309 21st April and after completion loading Timber and Plywood at this port is due to sail pm 22nd. Vessel then proceeds to the Suez Canal, transitting 8/9th May, then proceeds to her first discharge port of Nantes, arriving 19th May, sailing 22nd for Rotterdam 24/26th; Antwerp 27/29th and finally Tilbury, where she arrives 30th May and completes and redelivers 4th June. Her next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Richco, this vessel redelivered dropping outward pilot Limassol 2225 16th April. Vessel arrived Syros 1044 18th April and undocked 0944 21st. After bunkering, vessel is expected to sail Syros pm 22nd April for the ports of either Casablanca or Safi where, on arrival pilot station 28/29th, delivers under Time Charter account Star of Paris loading a cargo of Rock Phosphate in one or the other port, sailing around the 1st May for her discharge ports, which will be either Antwerp, Rotterdam or Flushing, arriving around 6th May. After completion of discharge, vessel redelivers dropping outward pilot 8th May. Her future business has not been arranged.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel, after completion of loading, sailed Hiroshima 0630 13th April and is, at present, proceeding to Honolulu, at economic speed, where her estimated time of arrival is 1600 23rd April. After completion of discharge, vessel is expected to sail around the 25th April for two further discharge ports, Los Angeles and Port Huememe and is expected to arrive Los Angeles noon 1st May, after which we have no further itinerary.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, operating under East Coast South America Service, sailed Vera Cruz 0445 16th April and is now proceeding to the port of Rio de Janeiro, where she is expected to arrive 1300 30th April. After completion of cargo operations, vessel will sail around 2nd May for Santos 3/10th; San Juan (to be confirmed) 20/21st; Houston 27/29th; Vera Cruz 31st May/2nd June and Tampico 3/5th, after which we have no further itinerary.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel arrived Osaka 1330 20th April and after completion of cargo operations sailed 1915 same day. Vessel then proceeds, under Voyage 16 Eastbound, arriving Keelung 0100 23rd April sailing same day for Busan 25/26th; Osaka 27/29th; Yokohama 30/30th; Oakland 11/11th May; Long Beach 12/12th; Manzanillo 15/16th. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 16 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 20th May sailing 22nd for Ensenada 26/26th; Long Beach 27/27th; Oakland 28/28th, after which vessel proceeds to Japan, where she is expected to arrive 9th June.

m.v. "OLMECA" Operating under Voyage 1 Eastbound, this vessel sailed Kobe 1600 30th March after loading 1286T Cargo. Vessel arrived Manzanillo 1415 19th April and after completion of bunkering and discharge, sailed 1800 21st with cargo ROB 3817MT. Vessel is expected to arrive Lazaro Cardenas early am 22nd April and after completion of cargo operations sails 23rd for Acapulco 24/25th; Champerico 27/28th; Puntarenas 30/30th; Acajutla 1/2nd May and Manzanillo, where she is expected to arrive 6th May and sail 7th, after which vessel proceeds to Chartering Division.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, operating under Voyage 13 Eastbound, sailed Yokohama 2200 20th April, after loading 813MT Cargo and discharging 40MT Cargo. Her ETA Oakland is around the 1st May, sailing 2nd for Long Beach 3/3rd; Manzanillo 6/7th; after which vessel proceeds under Voyage 13 Westbound arriving Salina Cruz 9th May, sailing 10th for Long Beach 14/14th; Oakland 15/15th; after which vessel proceeds to Japan, where she is due to arrive around 27th May and complete around the 30th May.

m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" This vessel, presently loading a Cargo of Copper Concentrates and Cotton at the port of Champerico, is expected to sail around the 23/24th April for Corinto. After completion loading at Corinto, vessel will sail for the Panama Canal and then proceed to her discharge ports of Huelva (Spain) and Genoa (Italy). We are awaiting dates and further itinerary from TMM.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel sailed Guaymas 1057 13th April, after loading a Cargo of 10800MT Copper Concentrates and Cotton for discharge Onsan (Korea) and Hibi (Japan). Vessel arrived Manzanillo 1125 15th April and after completion of bunkering sailed 1906 same day. Her present ETA Onsan is around the 7th May and after completion of discharge will sail 10th for Hibi, arriving 12th and sailing 14th. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 1 Eastbound arriving Busan 16th, sailing 17th May, Japan Mill Port 19/20th; Kobe 23/24th; Yokosuka 26/27th; Yokohama 28/28th; after which vessel proceeds to Mexico, arriving around the 17th June.

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THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING?.....

It is not often we receive a reaction to the recipes which we publish, but the following verdict was much appreciated.

"As a pineapple addict, the recipe in last month's issue was duly noted and executed. The verdict was unanimous by all who tasted - ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS! Anymore pineapple delights?

(Come on, now, ladies - and gentlemen - send in your culinary "delights" - pineapple or otherwise).

NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF

We, at Head Office, recently received a visit from **Captain J.H.J. Thornhill**, in the Cardiff area visiting his sister. He looked extremely fit and well and enjoying his retirement. **Captain and Mrs. Thornhill** live in Radlett, Herts, and we always look forward to him dropping in when in this area. If any of our retired Staff are able to call to see us when in the area, they are assured of a welcome.

H.M.S. "CARDIFF"

News from this ship is rather spasmodic, but we were pleased to hear that she was one of the ships which escorted the "CUNARD COUNTESS" into Port Stanley, when the relatives of those who died visited the Falkland Islands recently. H.M.S. "CARDIFF", you may remember, saw action in the South Atlantic last year.

SPORTS PAGE

Spring is here, and so is Cricket. The 1983 Season for RSCC starts on 8th May at Llandaff Fields in a friendly match against Jonwindows. The League programme commences two days later against the 1982 Champions, CRO, at St. Fagans Cricket Club ground.

The Reardon Smith Invitation League is trying a new venture in 1983, with a match on 3rd May at St. Fagans, between CRO, as last years Champions, and the Rest of the League. The Reardon Smith official representatives in the League XI are Graham Johnson and Dennis Matthews. The side will be led by John Radcliffe exercising his unofficial prerogative as the 1983 Secretary of the League - what a way to claim to have played for the League XI!

The two official representatives have been, over the years, amongst RSCC's most consistent performers, with Graham Johnson a fine attacking bat and Dennis Matthews capable of shattering the opposition with some fine attacking bowling.

The Gower Cup match has been fixed this year for 27th May in Wokingham. No doubt this early date gives scope for re-arrangement as last year, despite several attempts, the Cup Match was not played.

1983 may well be a difficult year for RSCC with Frank Leavers defection to the SDP leaving a difficult gap to fill. Hopes of his occasional appearances are dependent on Mrs. Thatcher, and we will see little of him up to 2nd June, the date of the Cardiff N.W. by-election.

As usual, the Club would welcome new players, and seagoing personnel on leave should contact John Jones (1983 Captain) or Colin Mundell (Secretary). We are always open to discover another David Horne.

Important dates for the diary of the irregular cricketer and "follower"!

27th May	Gower Cup at Wokingham Head Office v London Office.
21st June	Bar-B-Q at St. Fagans
26th June	Single Wicket competition at Blackweir
2nd August	B.B.C. (to be confirmed) at St. Fagans.