

newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It was a very sad moment when we had to make the announcement on 30th May that Reardon Smith Line PLC, our shipowning Company of nearly eighty years standing, was to cease trading. Those readers who have been associated with the Company for all, or the greater part of, their lives I am sure, join with us in our sadness.

I have had many kind letters from people which have been of some consolation and which have been greatly appreciated. We have fought against the severe market forces experienced over the last few years, but it proved to be a fight we could not win.

Sadly, there have been - and will be - redundancies and I would take this opportunity to express my very sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who have served the Company so loyally and conscientiously, both ashore and at sea. I feel it is fitting - and I cannot do better than - to quote from a letter received from a Stockholder:-

"R.S.L. has a marvellous history and marvellous people have been the backbone of the Company over many years, in peace-time and during the two World Wars. They contributed so much to their country through "The Firm" and although the Company may be passing from the scene, she goes with flying colours".

We now look to a continuation of our other activities, in the best interests of everyone concerned.

C.R. CHATTERTON

SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: We congratulate the following on obtaining their Certificates:

Mr. P.J. Gallie - Class 3 Deck : Mr. K. Baines - Class 2 Engine
Mr. J.R. Greenspan - Class 3 Deck : Mr. D.A. Roberts - Class 1 Engine

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NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF: We are sure readers will be interested to hear that we have recently heard from Mrs. R.B. Smith, who says her husband is just the same after suffering a stroke some years ago. We send our best wishes to both Mr. & Mrs. R.B. Smith.

Captain Picton Davies - was in touch with us a few weeks ago. He has not been well lately and had to cancel a holiday which he had arranged. We send him our best wishes and hope that he will soon be quite recovered and able to be off on his travels once again.

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"FAREWELL": As mentioned in the Chairman's Message, we have necessarily had to say "farewell" this month to a number of staff. This has caused great sadness to us all, but we do thank them all for their service to the Company - some for many years - and wish them all good fortune in the future. They are:-

Mr. R.V. Beere (Chartering Dept, Cardiff): Mr. T.A. Rosser (Travel): Mrs. M.J. Clifford (Accounts): Mr. R.A. Hudson (Purchasing): Miss A. Lansdowne (Typist - Technical Dept): Mr. A. Collett (Driver/Messenger): Miss J.P. Bannocks (Telex - London Office): Mr. P. Harding (Accounts).

Prior to Reardon Smith Line PLC ceasing to trade, we learned that Mr. C.H. Mundell, Purchasing Department, would be leaving us. We thank him, too, for his service and wish him every success in his new employment.

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LETTER FROM AN EX-APPRENTICE

It was very nice to have some news of one of our ex-Apprentices of the 1950's. Mr. J.D. Read of Ammanford, South Wales, wrote a nice letter commiserating with us on the cessation of trading of Reardon Smith Line. He said he served with us from 1955 to 1959 and that it was "hard work but a good training". Some of our longer serving and retired staff will probably remember him.

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NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter this month has, unfortunately, had to be fairly short and factual, partly due to lack of preparation time. We hope, however, that next month some further items will be included and our Newsletter will be back to normal.

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ALL AT SEA.....

EASTERN VALLEY

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officers
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

J. Porteous
K. Jones, G. Eyles, E. Neale,
D. McCrohan
N. Pickering, C. Burton, K. Rowney,
C. Lee, S. Rawlings,
E. Bennington
M. Dias.

AMPARO

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

F. Crawford.
A. Field, J. Townsend, F. Sandoval
K. Sellar
D. Harrison, R. Thomas, M. Adams,
C. Gongora, M. Carrasco.
D. Osborne,
P. Smith

WESTERN VALLEY

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Catering

J.J. Birrell.
J. Pagler, P. Codd, G. Provis,
R. Smith
W. Gill, W. Bruce, N. Millward,
W. Heyman,
O. Rebellio.

BIBI

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

A.D. Lightfoot.
T. Haxell, C. Everett, R. Eastham
C. Macey
R. Chambers, T. Graham-Russell,
K. Baines, D. Aldus, P. Crocker.
N. Padfield.
R. Peach

NORTHERN VALLEY

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

W. Jones
K. Milburn, N. Jerum, D. Littler,
R. Masters,
R. Trigg, I. Ekron,
A. Brandram-Jones, N. Griffiths,
B. Hatoy
N. Mathias.

SILVIA SOPHIA

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering Officer

B. Boyer.
D. Kitley, J. Coleman, H. Calzada
P. Bradley
D. Henry, P. Prendergast, J. Davies.
J. Alvarez, S. Delgado.
K. Bean
D. Morales.

TACOMA CITY

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering
Cadet

J. C. Lee
W. Wood, P. Rutland, A. Prosser,
R. Chapp
M. Powell, D. Simons, C. Roudhson,
M. Moore, G. Adison,
J. Crawford,
R. Pierce
D. Sturdy.

OLIMPECA

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

P. Boroughs.
D. Aubrey, R. Hall, R. Crozier
D. Smith
R. Reed, P. Slade, A. Keast.
P. Collins
P. Willmott,
I. Rodrigues.

SKEENA

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering
Cadets

R. Baker
I. Wollard, J. Moore, S. Herdaway,
B. Everett
G. Hughes, W. Shannon,
I. Morgan, T. Broadbion,
J. Granger
I. Hayward
P. Leonard, M. Watts

VAQUI

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officers
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering
Cadet

T. McNulty.
M. Slayman, P. Coles, M. Worsnop
J. Mathews.
R. Diamond, A. Hobin, C. Jones
M. Holman,
N. Whitfield.
A. Dias
J. Phillips.

LEEMA

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

M. Bellamy
R. Duncan, A. Williamson,
S. Vazquez,
V. Cullen
D. Archbold, P. Price, A. Coombs
C. Najera, M. Valdez,
J. Atkinson
C. Harthy

LACANDON

Captain
Deck Officers
Radio Officer
Engineer Officers
Electrician
Catering

L. Staines
D. Toon, M. Sealey, A. Baker
M. Walsh
M. Green, N. Nesbitt, M. Owens,
J. Pink.
M. Burns
D. Fernandez

The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing.

SHIPS POSITIONS

AS AT 19TH JUNE, 1985.

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" On Time Charter to Sovfracht. Presently awaiting berth at Odessa to commence discharge barley cargo. Possibly sail 25th June for Ilichevsk to complete, which anticipated about early July. Then ballasts to Gibraltar to redeliver

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" Arrived Falmouth Anchorage 4th June.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" Arrived Blackwater Anchorage 3rd June.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" On Time Charter to Norbulk. Sailed Port Kelang 5th June with a lumber cargo. Calls Jeddah 20th June for bunkers en route U.K.C. Discharge ports are Rotterdam, Nantes, Antwerp, Cardiff and Brake, but rotation and dates not yet advised. If Rotterdam first port would expect arrival about 5th July.

m.v. "SKEENA" Sailed Gamagori 14th June where completed car loading schedule. First discharge port is Honolulu ETA 23rd June, then Long Beach 1st July, Los Angeles 2nd July, Oakland 3rd July to complete. Then proceeds B.C. to load arriving about 5th July.

m.v. "AMPARO" Operating under The Mediterranean Service sailed Algeciras 18th June for Bilbao to complete 21st June. Thence Houston ETA 5th July, Vera Cruz and Tampico where completes around 12th July.

m.v. "BIBI" Completed Drydocking Sakai and sailed 16th June. Called Osaka and Busan where sailed 18th June for Keelung, Busan, Osaka and Yokohama to complete. ETD Yokohama towards end of June for Oakland arriving about 7th July, then Long Beach and Manzanillo.

m.v. "LACANDON" Arrived Coatzacoalcos 4th June to discharge Phosphate and load Urea for Tampico. Latest sailing date Coatzacoalcos 19th June.

m.v. "LERMA" Sailed Oppama 4th June with cars for discharge U.S.E.C. Arrived Manzanillo 18th June for bunkers and sails 19th for Panama 24/25th June, Newark 1/2 July, Norfolk Va 3rd July and Jacksonville 5th July. Then sails for Yokohama via Panama Canal.

m.v. "OLMECA" Sailed Kobe 14th June for Manzanillo for bunkers, ETA 2nd July. Then proceeds to Tampico for discharge.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" Sailed Oakland 10th June on her Westbound voyage calling at Yokohama 22/23rd June, Osaka 14th June and Hong Kong 28th June. Then commences Eastbound voyage via Keelung, Busan, Osaka, Yokohama where completes about 7th July and sails for Oakland, Long Beach and Salina Cruz. Arrival date Oakland presently around 18th July.

m.v. "YAQUI". This vessel arrived Manzanillo 26th May to discharge Urea cargo. Expect complete 21st June. Next business not yet finalized.

POT POURRI

Answer to last month's Crossword:-

Across:

1. Sistership.
6. Flea.
10. Needs.
11. Affluence.
12. Freehold.
13. Mango.
15. Hammock.
17. Legible.
19. Pincers.
21. Reserve.
22. Radar.
24. Lifeboat.
27. King Cobra.
28. Cause.
29. Reef.
30. Tennis ball.

Down:

1. Sino.
2. Steersman.
3. Ensue.
4. Sea cock.
5. Infidel.
7. Lenin.
8. Anemometer.
9. Runnages.
14. Ship broker.
16. One track.
18. Barracuda.
20. Soluble.
21. Refrain.
23. Dunce.
25. Bucks.
26. Well.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.....

Change is not made without inconvenience,
even from worse to better.